

***ILLEGAL
DUMPING***

***A PUBLIC
NUISANCE***





- # OVERVIEW
- Increased illegal dumping of trash & debris throughout community has created a need for the City to adapt and respond.
 - When not addressed, it degrades the appearance of our community's image.
 - Given this ongoing issue, the City continues to seek ways to deter individuals from illegally dumping

OVERVIEW

- The Visalia Municipal Code was in need of a definition for the act of illegal dumping. The approved amendment accomplishes this.
- Illegal dumping is a public nuisance, and the approved amendment declares it.
- A specific fine of \$1000 is established to deter illegal dumping and hold violators accountable.





PROPOSED AMENDED CHANGES TO VMC

- One effort to address this issue is to amend portions of Chapter 8.40 “Nuisances”.
- A definition of “illegal dumping” will be codified in Section 8.40.020.
- The approved definition is commonly used in other jurisdictions ordinances.



AMENDMENTS

CONT.

- Additional amendment to this section is to establish a fine for illegal dumping.
- Penalty fee is currently assessed per the “General Penalty” under Section 1.12.
- A fine of \$1,000 will be established.
- This is accomplished under Section 1.13.050(D) of the

CONCLUSION



- Illegal dumping is a Public Nuisance.
- Creates visual blight & becomes a community issue.
- Staff believes enforcement of the increased penalty represents clean up costs that should be an available alternative utilized by Code Enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION



- Move to introduce the first reading of Ordinance No. 2024-14.



Questions?