



## Colonial Heights City Council Meeting Agenda Item Executive Summary

### City Council Meeting

**MEETING TYPE:** City Council Regular Meeting

**MEETING DATE:** March 14, 2023

**ITEM:** ORDINANCE NO. 23-2 (First Reading)

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Community Development Department

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Hold a public hearing to consider approval of Ordinance No. 23-2 on first reading, to amend § 244-5.1, 244-6, 244-8, 244-9, 244-10, 244-11.1, and 244-12 of Chapter 244, Solid Waste, of the Colonial Heights City Code, to define “clutter”; to prohibit clutter; to change the method of giving real property owners written notice of violations regarding exterior storage of certain objects and tall grass, weeds, or other foreign growth; reducing from ten to seven days the time period to remedy such violations; providing for a \$100 administrative charge per violation and a \$100 civil penalty on property owners with two or more tall grass, weeds, or other foreign growth violations in a growing season; and establishing liens on real estate for charges that remain unpaid 20 or more days after notice of a violation is given. Also, deleting § 244-11 of Chapter 244, which has language that is duplicative of amended § 244-10.

**BACKGROUND:** During their annual retreat on February 3, 2023, City Council discussed various Code Enforcement-related topics that included the issue of “clutter”, and the administration and enforcement of the City’s ordinance regarding tall grass/foreign growth. City Council provided staff direction on desired revisions. Revisions included in Ordinance No. 23-2 are summarized in the Proposed Action section above. Action by City Council is necessary for the proposed revisions to be adopted for enforcement.

As this section of City Code is not within the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 286), a hearing before the Planning Commission is not required.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this item was:  included  not included in the current-year budget  N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 23-2 on first reading.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Ordinance No. 23-2

- Staff will be making a detailed presentation on this agenda item at the meeting.
- Staff will provide brief comments and answer questions on this item at the meeting.
- This is a routine procedural item and no presentation is planned for the meeting.

*Councilmembers who have any detailed questions or would like to request additional information regarding this item are encouraged to contact the City Manager at their earliest convenience.*