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Subject: Adoption of 2023 Fire Code Updates

Good morning:

Some of you brought to my attention that the fire code we just adopted at the County was already slightly out of date due to a further update on the federal level this year. I brought this up with the Fire Marshall and the Fire Chief.

As a result, we will begin the process of adopting the most up to date section on battery safety at a special Board of County Commissioners meeting this Friday November 17th. The meeting was originally called to certify the recent election. The update for the fire code was added.

There is no agenda item for public comment on Friday and our action that day merely will authorize the staff to publish the title and general summary of the ordinance updating the fire code in the newspaper and to schedule a public hearing. Once the hearing is scheduled, we will send notice to everyone on my email list. I do not expect there will be any opposition.

Here is the language of the agenda item for Friday:

"Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2023-06, the Santa Fe County Fire Code, to Adopt Current NFPA 855 Stationary Energy Storage Systems Standards. (Public Safety Department/Jaome Blay) (Action Item)"

I am only emailing the few of you that I remember talking about this issue to me. Feel free to share it as you see appropriate. As I said above, once the public hearing is scheduled, we will get the word out to everyone on our list.

Thanks for your advocacy.

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