



CITY OF CONCORD

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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Carlos P. Baía, Deputy City Manager-Development

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SUBJECT: Housekeeping Amendments to Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances

Recommendation

Accept this report and set the attached ordinance amendments for public hearing.

Background

In reviewing the City's ordinances to prepare amendments to Chapter 15 (separate report), other regulations were discovered in Chapter 14 that warranted housekeeping. Those proposed changes are outlined below.

Morals and Conduct: Articles 14-1-1 through 14-1-5

Fiscal Impact of Proposed Change: None

These sections are being recommended for removal in their entirety.

These sections appear to date, at least, to the 1950's and prohibit public dancing, horse racing, prize fighting, wrestling, pool and billiard on the "Lord's Day." The law also allowed the City Council to regulate the time, manner and areas of play, games, and sports on the Lord's Day. For example, no play, sports, or games involving physical skill to which admission is charged can start earlier than one o'clock on the "Lord's Day."

Other parts of this section regulated the showing of "moving pictures and theatricals" only after 2pm on the Lord's Day as well as what retail products could be sold and stores could be open on said day.