

**Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Referral Submittal Form**

Referral No. 2023.20
Assignment Date: 11/07/23
(Completed by CAO's Office)

SUBMITTAL - Completed by referring Board office and returned to CAO no later than 10:00 AM on Wednesday prior to Board meeting:

Date: 7 November 2023	Submitted By: Supervisor Glenn Church	District #: 2
Referral Title: Littering Fines		
Referral Purpose: Amend County code 10.41.040 to establish clear and significant penalties for littering and dumping by adopting fines parallel to that of San Benito County		
Brief Referral Description (attach additional sheet as required): Unincorporated areas of Monterey County have observed an increase in littering and dumping of furniture, tires, garbage, e-waste, and agricultural materials. Unlawful dumping and littering may lead to soil and water contamination, air quality concerns, habitat destruction, and vector attraction that pose significant risks to public health, environmental quality, and local wildlife. While the County of Monterey and residents have undertaken initiatives to clean up refuse, unlawful dumping and littering persist. California penal codes 374.3 and 374.4 state it is unlawful to litter or dump waste matter upon public or private property or roads. The maximum fine structure for unlawful dumping allowed by California law is \$3,000 for individuals and \$20,000 for businesses. On August 22, 2023, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to increase its illegal dumping fines to \$2,500, \$5,000, and \$10,000 to deter illegal dumping. Since the County of Monterey shares approximately 100 miles of county boundary with San Benito County, adopting similar fines could help combat littering offenses in the tri-county area. Due to the severity of the issue, it is recommended that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors consider amending county code 10.41.040 to establish clear and significant penalties for littering and dumping by adopting fines parallel to those of San Benito County.		
Classification - Implication		Mode of Response
☐ Ministerial / Minor ☐ Land Use Policy ☐ Social Policy ☐ Budget Policy ☒ Other: Code Enforcement		☐ Memo ☒ Board Report ☐ Presentation
		Requested Response Timeline
		☐ 2 weeks ☒ 1 month ☐ 6 weeks ☐ Status reports until completed ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Specific Date: _____

ASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO at Board Meeting. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s) Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s): Health Department	Referral Lead: Elsa Jimenez	Board Date: 11/7/23
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REASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s). Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s):	Referral Lead:	Date:
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ANALYSIS - Completed by Department and copied to Board Offices and CAO:

Department analysis of resources required/impact on existing department priorities to complete referral:	
Analysis Completed By:	Department's Recommended Response Timeline

_____ Date: _____	☐ By requested date ☐ 2 weeks ☐ 1 month ☐ 6 weeks ☐ 6 months ☐ 1 year ☐ Other/Specific Date: _____
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REFERRAL RESPONSE/COMPLETION - Provided by Department to Board Offices and CAO:

Referral Response Date:	Board Item No.:	Referrals List Deletion:
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Note: Please cc Claudia Escalante and Karina Bokanovich on all CAO correspondence relating to referrals.