

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Arvin Municipal Code Amendment – Chapter 17.46 Oil and Gas Production
Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 2017-04

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Arvin, California, will conduct a public hearing, at which time you may be present and be heard to consider the following:

- Recommendation to the City Council regarding Code Text Amendment to Title 17-Zoning, Chapter 17.46 Oil and Gas Production - Repealing existing chapter 17.46 Oil and Gas Production and adoption of a new Chapter 17.46 – Oil and Gas Production (Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 2017-04); and
- Recommendation of Adoption of Categorical Exemption under CEQA Section 15308 – Actions by regulatory agencies for protection of natural resources, for the proposed text amendments.

Arvin Planning Commission Hearing Information

Date: June 12, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM or as the Agenda permits

Place: City of Arvin Council Chambers

200 Campus Drive, Arvin, CA 93203

The City is proposing a comprehensive update of Title 17.48 Oil and Gas Production due to the age of the existing ordinance, 1965, and at that time the State Division of Oil and Gas was also actively regulating oil production, as well as the site redevelopment process, such that there was no role for a City inspection process. The city's population has grown from 5,000 plus to over 20,000 plus and lands have been developed with residential units and commercial structures where once open fields existed. The proposed oil code amendments deal with not only the changing character of Arvin, but changes in the science and technology of oil production in the last half century. Important regulations have been developed in other jurisdictions to address issues such as decommissioning of oil facilities once they have reached the end of their economic life and appropriate clean up and remediation to allow for appropriate future use of the land. In addition, regulations have evolved to address the potential change of ownership that could occur at oil fields and the importance of addressing such changes to protect the local jurisdictions in matters of financial responsibility and insurance.

Additional information on the proposed project, including a copy of the proposed environmental findings as a hard copy or in electronic format, may be obtained from the City of Arvin, City Hall, 200 Campus Drive, Arvin, California, 93203, or the City's web site at www.arvin.org.

All persons interested in this topic who have questions, would like to provide feedback, or ask questions are invited to attend. If you challenge the approval or denial of these matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council, at or prior to, the public hearing. Address any communications or comments regarding the project to Jake Raper, Community Development Director, City of Arvin, Community Development Department, 141 Plumtree Drive, Arvin, CA 93203, (661) 854-2822, jraper@arvin.org.

Cecilia Vela, City Clerk

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