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**To:** Mayor Hall  
**From:** Sanya Vitale  
**cc:** City Council  
**Date:** July 11, 2023  
**Re:** Proposed Codification Ordinance Amendment

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The City Attorney, as part of his review of the City's Code of Ordinances, is recommending that the Council consider amending the Ordinance Codification Ordinance to support efforts to codify the Council's Code of Ordinances.

The City Attorney provides the following guidance and the attached proposed amended Ordinance:

*(The draft ordinance) repeals the existing Section 10.17, which requires that every time the Commission amends an ordinance, the document has to restate the entire section that's being amended (rather than being able to amend individual subsections or definitions). In other words, even when you're only changing a few the ordinance document can end up being dozens of pages long. This requirement will make it very difficult to do the various "cleanup" ordinance amendments that are being contemplated.*

*After repealing the existing 10.17, it replaces it with new text that authorizes the clerk to take various actions to codify existing "free form" ordinances into a unified code. This will be very helpful in reviewing and compiling the various different ordinances (approved but not yet codified) .*