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## Staff Report

**To:** Lemoore City Council **Item # 5**  
**From:** Judy Holwell, Project Manager  
**Date:** March 12, 2013  
**Subject:** Ordinance 2013- 02 Adding Item Q to Title 4, Chapter 4,  
Section 3 – Property Standards – Prohibiting the  
Placing, Blowing, Raking or Sweeping  
of Yard Debris onto a Public Right-of Way

### Discussion:

At the February 19, 2013 Council Meeting, staff was asked to bring back for consideration a modification to our existing Lemoore Municipal Code to reflect a proposed addition to our Property Maintenance Ordinance (Ord. 9606, 5-21-1996) that would prohibit individuals and/or businesses from blowing, raking, sweeping, or placing debris (grass trimmings, planter bed trimmings, leaves, branches, dirt, woodchips, etc.) onto City streets and other public right-of-way. Item Q has been added to Title 4, Chapter 4, Section 3 to address this concern.

## Chapter 4 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

### 4-4-3: PROPERTY STANDARDS:

Unless expressly allowed by the zoning regulations, it is unlawful for any landowner or person leasing, occupying or having charge or possession of any real property in the city to keep, maintain, deposit or perform on such property any of the following and existence of any of the following is hereby declared a public nuisance:

- Q. Place, blow, rake or sweep debris (including grass trimmings, planter bed trimmings, leaves, branches, woodchips, or other forms of debris) onto a public right-of-way (including sidewalk, curb, gutter, and/or street), except during times of special noticed collection, such as the annual leaf pick up program.

The intention of the proposed addition is to eliminate debris from being abandoned in the public right-of-way and to minimize the amount of debris that eventually finds its way

into the City's storm drain system. It is not intended to prohibit any person or business from briefly accumulating such debris into a small pile for collection prior to depositing it into an appropriate refuse container. Additionally, this new standard would be handled on a complaint basis only, with the Code Enforcement Officer following up to assess the amount of debris in the public right-of-way and issuing a violation notice only for egregious cases.

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Recommendation:**

That Council, by motion, wave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2013-02, adding Item Q to Title 4, Chapter 4, Section 3 prohibiting the placing, blowing, raking, or sweeping of debris of any kind onto a public right-of-way, and pass it to a second reading.