

Item# 23B

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: June 9, 2009

Agenda Date Requested: June 18, 2009

Time Requested: 45 minutes

To: Mayor and Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works - Planning Division

Subject Title: Action to introduce, on first reading, Bill No. _____, an ordinance amending the Carson City Municipal Code Title 18 Zoning, Chapter 18.03, Definitions, Section 18.03.010, Words and Terms Defined, to modify the definition of "Wind Energy/Conversion Facility" to "Wind Energy Conversion System, Private Use" and to add a definition for "Wind Machine"; and amending the Carson City Municipal Code Title 18 Zoning, Chapter 18.05, General Provisions, by adding Section 18.05.080, Private Use Wind Energy Conversion Systems to set forth specific standards and criteria for these systems, and other matters properly related thereto. (ZCA-08-127)

Summary: The proposed ordinance would create standards for the placement and use of small wind turbines for personal use in all areas of Carson City, including residential and commercial areas. Small wind turbines are only for personal use to offset the cost of electricity to a home or business. There are currently no specific standards for such devices in the Carson City Municipal Code.

Type of Action Requested:

- Resolution
- Ordinance-First Reading
- Formal Action/Motion
- Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Planning Commission Action: Recommended approval on January 28, 2009 by a vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay and 1 absent. Recommended approval on May 27, 2009 by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent.

Prior Board Action:: Introduced Bill No. 103 on March 5, 2009, with a vote of 3 ayes and 2 nays. Referred back to Planning Commission for further review on April, 2, 2009.

Recommended Board Action: I move to introduce, on first reading, Bill No. _____, an ordinance amending the Carson City Municipal Code Title 18 Zoning, Chapter 18.03, Definitions, Section 18.03.010, Words and Terms Defined, to modify the definition of "Wind Energy/Conversion Facility" to "Wind Energy Conversion System, Private Use" and to add a definition for "Wind Machine"; and amending the Carson City Municipal Code Title 18 Zoning, Chapter 18.05, General Provisions, by adding Section 18.05.080, Private Use Wind Energy Conversion Systems to set forth specific standards and criteria for these systems, and other matters properly related thereto, based on the findings contained in the staff report.