



# County of Fresno

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### ORDER TO REMOVE ANIMAL CARCASSES

#### HEALTH OFFICER ORDER FOR COUNTY OF FRESNO TO REMOVE ANIMAL CARCASSES LOCATED AT 3022 E. MT. WHITNEY AVE LATON, CA 93242

Please read this Order carefully. Violations of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. Violators are also subject to civil enforcements actions including civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation per day, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs. (Health and Safety Code Section 120275; Penal Code Section 19; Government Code Section 25132.

Under the authority of California Health and Safety Code Section 120175, and 120275; Title 17 California Code of Regulations Section 2501; and Article XI of the California Constitution, The Health Officer of the County of Fresno ("Health Officer") Orders:

1. The residential property located at 3022 E. Mt. Whitney Ave. Laton, CA 93242 ("Property") in the County of Fresno, contains animal carcasses that are a public nuisance and hazard to public health and are hereby ordered to be removed from the property.
2. This Order will permit the Fresno County Department of Public Health or its designee to remove all animal carcasses kept on premises to ensure humane housing of live healthy animals. Action may be taken on May 3, 2024, or thereafter upon appropriate resources being obtained. The Order shall stay in effect through May 17, 2024.
3. This Order is issued based on evidence obtained by the Fresno County Sheriff's Department and the arrest of Carl Joseph Mendes, property owner at this address.
4. This Order is made in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws, including but not limited to: Health and Safety Code Sections 101030, et seq.; Health and Safety Code Sections 120100, et. Seq.; and Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations Section 2501.
5. To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code Sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code Section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order. Violators are also subject to civil enforcement actions including civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation per day, injunctive relief, and attorneys' fees and costs.
6. Copies of this Order shall promptly be (1) made available at the County of Fresno Department of Public Health office located at 1221 Fulton Mall, Fresno, CA 93721; (2) posted on the County of Fresno Public Health Department's website; and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

***Promotion, preservation and protection of the community's health***

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7. Language Assistance Rights:

The contents of this letter involve your property and may impact your legal rights. Your response to this letter is very important, failure to respond may have legal consequences. If you need language assistance to understand the contents of this letter, please immediately contact the County of Fresno – Department of Public Health by phone at (559) 600-3200 or by email at [dph@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:dph@fresnocountyca.gov) to be connected with a translator.

Derechos de Idioma:

El contenido de esta notificación involucra su propiedad y puede afectar sus derechos legales. Su respuesta a esta notificación es muy importante, la falta de respuesta puede tener consecuencias legales. Si necesita ayuda con el idioma para comprender el contenido de esta notificación, por favor comuníquese de inmediato con el Condado de Fresno– Departamento de Salud Pública por teléfono al (559) 600-3200 o por correo electrónico al [dph@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:dph@fresnocountyca.gov) para asistirle con un traductor.

8. The following shall constitute the notice of rights:

- a. If you object to this Order, you have a right to arrange for your own legal representative.
- b. You have a right to also file for judicial relief to seek release from the Order.
- c. All requests to contact the County Health Officer will be through FCDPH at (559) 600-3200 during normal business hours. After hours, weekends, and holidays notify FCDPH On-Call staff at (559) 352-7067. If no response, contact County Sheriff Dispatch at (559) 600-3111.

*Rais Vohra MD*

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(Signature of Health Officer or Deputy Health Officer)

5/3/2024

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(Date of Issuance of Order)