

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, INCREASING AND ADJUSTING FEES FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, PERMITS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PERMIT SONOMA DEPARTMENT TO RECOVER THE COST OF PROVIDING THESE SERVICES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section I. The California Constitution, Government Code, Health and Safety Code and Sonoma County Code Chapters 1, 7, 11, 15, 24, 25 and 26 authorize the establishment of fees to recover the reasonable cost of providing services for land use planning, development applications and permits.

Section II. To recover the reasonable cost of providing services through the Permit Sonoma and charges imposed as conditions of property development, it is necessary to add and adjust fees as set forth attached hereto and incorporated herein, commencing July 01, 2026, or sixty (60) days from passage of this ordinance, whichever is later. The fee increases include fee increases to all existing fees, to recover the reasonable cost of providing services, where no fee is increased in excess of 100% of the cost to provide the service, as follows: Planning Fees 7%, Engineering & Survey 15%, Well and Septic 3%, Building 3%, Fire Prevention and Hazardous Materials 12%, Customer Service 3%, Code Enforcement Services 3%. In addition, a new fee for Professional Geologist services is established at a rate of \$252 per hour.

Section III. The Board hereby finds that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to the changes pursuant to this ordinance as such fees are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(8); 14 CCR §15273).

Section IV. Based on information presented to this Board, this Board finds that the proposed fees, identified in Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference, comply with all legal requirements, including Art. XIII C of the California Constitution.

Section V. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section VI. This Ordinance shall be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and effect from and after sixty (60) days after the date of its passage or July 01, 2026 and shall be published once before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after said passage, with the names of the Supervisors voting for or against the same, in *The*

Press Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sonoma, State of California.

In regular session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, introduced on the 24 day of March 2026, and finally passed and adopted this 14 day of April 14, 2026, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared the above and foregoing Ordinance duly adopted and

SO ORDERED.

Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Sonoma

ATTEST:

Christina Rivera,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors