

ORDINANCE NO. ()

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE SONOMA COUNTY CODE AND ADDING NEW CHAPTER 7E TO THE SONOMA COUNTY CODE

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

Section I. Purpose and Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to California Government Code Sections 25123 and 25131 in order to update certain provisions of Chapter 7 of the Sonoma County Code, add a new Chapter 7E to the Sonoma County Code, and to partially facilitate meeting the County and the State's waste diversion, recycling, and methane emissions reduction goals.

Section II. Chapter 7 Amendment. Section 7.3 of Chapter 7 of the County Code is amended to read:

There is created the local appeals board and housing appeals board as provided in section 1.8.8.3 of the California Building Code, consisting of seven (7) members appointed by the board of supervisors. The housing appeals board may be made up of the same members as the local appeals board. The term of office of each shall be four (4) years or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Vacancies other than upon the conclusion of a term shall be filled for the remainder of the predecessor's term. Members shall be qualified by experience and training to rule upon matters pertaining to building code interpretation, fire code interpretation, and suitability of alternate materials and types of construction. It shall be the policy of the board of supervisors to appoint as members at least one (1) registered civil engineer, one (1) registered fire protection engineer, one (1) licensed architect, and one (1) contractor with at least a Class B license, but this policy shall in no way deprive the board of supervisors of its full discretion in the appointment of otherwise qualified persons. Each member shall receive payment for each meeting attended at an amount set by the Board of Supervisors by resolution. The local appeals board and housing appeals board shall by resolution fix regular times and places for its meetings. Except where inconsistent with the provisions of this section, Section 7-4, Section 13-11 or Section 13-12 of this code, the duties of the local appeals board and housing appeals board shall be as prescribed in Section 1.8.8.3 of the California Building Code.

Section III. Adoption of Chapter 7E. A new Chapter 7E is added to the Sonoma County Code to read as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section IV. Environmental Determination. Adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 and 15308 for Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources and the Environment because the amendments are regulatory in nature and are designed to protect natural resources and the environment.

Section V. Severability. 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. Effective date. This Ordinance shall be and the same is hereby declared to be in full force and effect from and after thirty (30) days after the date of its passage 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. Pursuant to Government Code section 25124, complete copies of Exhibit "A" are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 575 Administration Drive, Room 100A, Santa Rosa.

In regular session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, introduced on the 12th day of March, 2024, and finally passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

Gorin: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

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