



SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 8/18/2020

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Permit Sonoma

Staff Name and Phone Number: Tyra Harrington, Code Enforcement Manager. (707) 565-1280

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): All

Title:

Code Enforcement Amendments to Sonoma County Code Chapters 1 and 26

Recommended Action:

Adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 1 to consolidate enforcement provisions, establish new civil penalties, address environmental damage, align the violation correction period with state law, make other technical and clarifying changes, and amending related provisions of Cannabis Enforcement and Vacation Rental Enforcement, Chapter 26 (Zoning Code). (Second Reading)

Executive Summary:

This is the second reading of an Ordinance (Item 2020-0792) introduced by the Board on August 11, 2020, wherein Permit Sonoma recommended approval of amendments to Chapters 1 (General Provisions) and 26 (Zoning Regulations) of the Sonoma County Code.

Discussion:

On August 11, 2020, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors introduced, read the title of, and waived further reading of the Ordinance with certain modifications to the proposed changes to Chapter 1. Specifically, these changes included:

- A. Decreasing the low end of the civil penalties range for residential violations from 3 times the standard permit fee to 1.5. (See Attachment 2 Section 1-7.1(a)(2)(iii).)
- B. Not adding a per plant penalty for cannabis cultivation. (See Chapter 1 redline attached to August 11 item Section 1-7.1(a)(4)(iii).)

These changes are incorporated into Attachment 2 "Ex. A: Draft Chapter 1 Amendments."

Prior Board Actions:

- A. August 11, 2020: Adopted a Resolution introducing, reading the title of, and waiving further reading of an Ordinance amending Chapters 1 and 26 to improve code enforcement.
- B. October 16, 2018: Final adoption of Phase 1 of the updates to the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance
- C. July 24, 2018: Final adoption of Administrative Citations and Chapter 1 amendments (Ordinance No. 6236)
- D. December 20, 2016: Final adoption of Cannabis Land Use Ordinance

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FISCAL SUMMARY

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Not applicable.

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

Not applicable.

Attachments:

ATT 1: Draft Ordinance amending Chapters 1 (General Provisions) and Chapter 26 (Zoning Code)

ATT 2: Ex. A: Draft Chapter 1 Amendments

ATT 3: Ex. B: Draft Cannabis (Sec. 26-88-252) Amendments

ATT 4: Ex. C: Draft Vacation Rental (Sec. 26-88-120) Amendments

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

None