

# ORDINANCE NO. (       )

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE SONOMA COUNTY CODE TO CONSOLIDATE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS, ESTABLISH NEW CIVIL PENALTIES, ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE, ALIGN THE VIOLATION CORRECTION PERIOD WITH STATE LAW, AND MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES, AND MAKING RELATED AMENDMENTS TO THE CANNABIS ENFORCEMENT AND VACATION RENTAL ENFORCEMENT SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 26**

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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 simplify, clarify, and update the county code as it relates to administrative abatement, civil penalties, and civil abatement actions, to establish new penalties for unpermitted grading and unpermitted cannabis activities for more effective enforcement, to require environmental remediation in the event of violations that cause environmental damage or degradation, and to align the violation correction period with state law.

**Section II. Chapter 1 Amendments.** Chapter 1 (General Provisions) of the Sonoma County Code Sections 1-7, 1-7.1, 1-7.2, and 1-7.3 are amended and Section 1-7.4 is added to read as set forth in Exhibit A, and Subsection 1-7.6(c) is repealed.

**Section III. Chapter 26 Amendments.** Chapter 26 (Zoning Code) of the Sonoma County Code Section 26-88-252 and Subsection 26-88-120(g) are amended to read as set forth in Exhibits B and C respectively.

**Section IV. Environmental Determination.** Adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15321 (Class 21) as an action to enforce violations of county code, ordinances, or other requirements and permits or approvals issued by the county, and pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that adoption of this ordinance to improve ongoing enforcement efforts may have a significant effect on 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 Exhibits “A,” “B,” and “C” to this Ordinance 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, and finally passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

**SUPERVISORS:**

Rabbitt:            Zane:            Gore:            Hopkins:            Gorin:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

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

**SO ORDERED.**

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Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Sonoma

ATTEST:

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Sheryl Bratton,  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors