



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: March 7, 2023

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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4/5 Vote Required

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Granting the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures  
Limited Settlement Authority in Code Enforcement Actions**

**Whereas**, the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures, with the advice and assistance of County Counsel, has responsibility for managing the prosecution of civil code enforcement actions on behalf of the County;

**Whereas**, occasionally, a compromise settlement is appropriate in a civil code enforcement action;

**Whereas**, most compromise settlements currently entail only a minor discount on the payment of costs or penalties, conditioned upon full code compliance within a time certain;

**Whereas**, the Board of Supervisors now finds it appropriate to grant the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures limited authority to approve compromise settlements;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma County hereby authorizes the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures, with the advice and consent of County Counsel, to settle any code enforcement action in which it is determined the property owner has a colorable defense or counterclaim, by discounting costs and/or penalties assessed pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Sonoma County Code, up to \$75,000 for each violation provided that any settlement exceeding \$300,000 total shall require Board approval.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:                      Rabbitt:                      Gore:                      Hopkins:                      Coursey:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**