



Urgency Ordinance: COVID-19 Health Order Compliance & Administrative Citation / Civil Penalties

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

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Discussion Points / Presenters

Background

- Sundari Mase, MD MPH Public Health Officer, Dept. of Health Services

Urgency Ordinance and Compliance Program

- Paul Gullixson County Communications Manager
- Tyra Harrington Code Enforcement Manager, Permit Sonoma
- Debbie Latham Chief Deputy County Counsel



Background

- Current status
- Public Health Officer Orders
- Sonoma County on State Watch List
- Compliance efforts to date



Proposed Health Order Education and Compliance Program

1. Enhanced Education and Outreach
2. Compliance Hotline
3. Hotline and Inspection Team Staffing
4. Administrative Citation and Civil Penalty Ordinance



1. Enhanced Education and Outreach

- Efforts to date
- Expansion of '*Safe Sonoma*' Campaign
- Latinx outreach
- Requested budget: \$143,142



2. Health Order Compliance Hotline

- One contact for County and cities
 - Phone: 1-833-SAFE707
 - Email: safe707@sonoma-county.org
 - SoCo Report It
- County staff triage and forward



3. Hotline and Inspection Staffing

- Permit Sonoma
 - Code Enforcement Inspector (Extra-hire)
 - Senior Office Assistant (Extra-hire)
- District Attorney's Office support
- Requested budget: \$151,907



4. Administrative Citation and Civil Penalty Ordinance

- Citations
- Civil Penalties
 - Non-commercial: \$100 each violation
 - Commercial: 1x=\$1,000 2x=\$5,000 3x=\$10,000
- Potential referral for criminal enforcement
- Counsel could file civil action
- Cities can participate



Administrative Citation and Civil Penalty Ordinance

- Summary of Fines in Neighboring Counties

	<i>Sonoma (Proposed)</i>	Marin	Mendocino	Napa	Yolo
Commercial	\$1,000 \$5,000 \$10,000	\$250 to \$10,000	\$10,000 max	\$200 to \$5,000	\$250 to \$10,000
Non-Commercial	\$100	\$25-500	\$500 max	\$25 to \$500	\$25 to \$500
Other Penalties	If not corrected, can issue additional citations	Commercial fines double each day up to max	Refusal to wear a facial covering: \$100-200-500	If not corrected, can issue additional citations	

Fiscal

- Community Education/Outreach \$143,132
- Hotline / Compliance Staff \$151,907
- Total \$295,039

- CARES Act and Contingencies



Questions / Discussion

