

Report required by Government Code § 65858(d) for Ordinance No. 6377, Establishing a Moratorium on Vacation Rental Permits Countywide

On May 10, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted an interim urgency ordinance (Ordinance No. 6377) enacting a temporary moratorium on vacation rental permits in the inland unincorporated County. Adoption of interim Ordinance No. 6377 is intended to allow County staff the time needed to bring forward comprehensive amendments to the existing vacation rentals zoning ordinance and the vacation rental exclusion combining zone, and to present a new vacation rental license ordinance. County staff have held several public hearings before the Planning Commission and received a formal recommendation on zoning code amendments as well as feedback on the vacation rental license ordinance. The comprehensive amendments to the vacation rental program are expected to be before the Board on August 2, 2022.

Under Government Code section 65858, the initial term of an interim urgency ordinance is 45 days. After notice pursuant to Government Code section 65090 and a public hearing, the Board of Supervisors may extend the interim urgency ordinance for up to 10 months and 15 days. The action to extend the moratorium on vacation rental permits will be considered by the Board on June 13, 2022.

Government Code section 65858 further requires that 10 days prior to the expiration of an interim urgency ordinance, that the Board issue a written report describing the measures being taken to alleviate the condition which led to the adoption of the interim urgency ordinance. This memo serves as the report describing what is currently taking place to address the need for the moratorium on vacation rental permits. This memo will be published with the agenda materials for the Board's June 13, 2022, meeting, more than 10 days in advance of the expiration of Ordinance 6377, and will also be posted on the Permit Sonoma website, fulfilling the requirements of Government Code section 65858.