

Resolution Number

County of Sonoma  
Santa Rosa, California

March 2, 2023  
ORD22-0006

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SONOMA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE 88 (GENERAL EXCEPTIONS AND SPECIAL USE STANDARDS), TO ADD TEMPORARY HOUSING USE STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, at the December 6, 2022 meeting of the County Board of Supervisors, the Board provided direction to Planning staff to develop standards and requirements for temporary housing in trailers, temporary housing units, and recreational vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of law, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 2, 2023, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the project is exempt from further review under the that the project is exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21080.17 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15282(h) of the CEQA Guidelines (Other Statutory Exemptions) for adoption of an ordinance regarding second units in a single-family or multifamily residential zone by a city or county to implement the provisions of Sections 65852.1 and 65852.2 of the Government Code; Guidelines § 15301, maintenance, operation and/or permitting of existing facilities.; CEQA Guidelines § 15302, exempting specified replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities; CEQA Guidelines § 15303, exempting conversion of existing small structures from one use to another; and, CEQA Guidelines § 15305, exempting minor alterations in land use limitations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the ordinance amending Chapters 26, Article 88 to add standards for temporary housing, as shown in the draft ordinance attached to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission adopts the recommendation pursuant to the following findings:

1. The proposed modifications to Chapter 26, Article 88 for temporary housing are necessary and appropriate for the following reasons:
  - a. Sonoma County continues to experience a housing crisis, exacerbated by recent wildfires. County residents continue to need diverse, low-cost housing options; and
  - b. The amendments support low-cost, alternative housing on a temporary basis to prevent people from becoming unhoused, provide options to those developing permanent housing, provide care for the ill, convalescent, or disabled, and farmworkers of Sonoma County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission designates the Secretary of the Planning Commission as the custodian of the documents and other material which constitute

the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was introduced by Commissioner Carr, who moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Gilardi, and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

Commissioner Carr	Aye
Commissioner Gilardi	Aye
Commissioner Ocana	Aye
Commissioner Koenigshofer	Aye
Commissioner McCaffery, Chair	Aye

Ayes: 5    Noes:    Absent:    Abstain:

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared the above and foregoing Resolution duly adopted; and

SO ORDERED.