ORDINANCE NO. ( )

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SONOMA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 TO CHANGE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORITY FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, ordains as follows:

Section I. Sonoma County Code Section 2-79 (Zoning Administrator—Appointment, designation, and authority) is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The amendments assign the authority of the Zoning Administrator to review discretionary telecommunications permits. These amendments are intended to align telecommunications permit review with the County's broader use permit framework while maintaining flexibility for Planning Commission review of projects with greater potential impacts.

Section II. 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 III. The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that this ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3), because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable physical environmental impact. The proposed ordinance will not authorize any development projects and any future projects under the ordinance will be required to undergo CEQA review prior to authorization . Alternatively, if adoption of the proposed ordinance constitutes a project, this would be exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the proposed ordinance will have no significant effect on the environment. The proposed ordinance clarifies existing regulations and adopts new standards for restoration of sites to pre-project conditions upon abandonment of facilities, and does not authorize any development projects.

Section IV. 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.

In regular session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, introduced on the 7th day of July, 2026, and finally passed and adopted this 4th day of August, 2026, on regular roll call of the members of said Board by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

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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David Guhin,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors