

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following Resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE SECTION 16.20.180- GRADING ORDINANCE
DESIGN STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE ROADS, DRIVEWAYS AND BRIDGES

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Planning Department in conjunction with the County Public Works Department and the Fire Chiefs Association of Santa Cruz County is proposing amendments to County Code Section 16.20.180 – Grading Ordinance Design Standards for Private Roads, Driveways and Bridges; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments would ensure that firefighting and other emergency service trucks/equipment can safely and effectively use the County’s rural private roads built or improved under the proposed guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments would make the Grading Ordinance Design Standards for Private Roads, Driveways and Bridges consistent with the County Fire Code and the County General Plan/Local Coastal Program (GP/LCP); and

WHEREAS, this amendment is intended to reduce the deterioration of private roads and the resultant erosion problems; and

WHEREAS, the proposed minimum roadway widths have been increased, to 18-feet for more than two habitable structures and 12-feet for two or fewer habitable structures, to allow fire apparatus to gain access to the structures in the event of an emergency while allowing residents to exit the area, with an exception clause that allows for the reduction to 12-feet (with approved turn-outs) in cases where there would be significant environmental impacts resulting from meeting the full width standard; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2001, the Board of Supervisors gave preliminary approval to the proposed changes and directed staff to formally process the amendment through the environmental review and Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors public hearing processes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, on August 8, 2001, following a duly noticed public meeting recommended that the proposed amendments to the Grading Ordinance, as set forth in Exhibit 1-A, and the CEQA Categorical Exemption, incorporated herein by reference, be approved by the Board of Supervisors and submitted to the Coastal Commission as part of the Local Coastal Program Update; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, on November 6, 2001, following a duly noticed public meeting, considered the amendments to the Grading Ordinance, as set forth in Exhibit 1-A, and the CEQA Categorical Exemption, incorporated herein by reference, the staff report, and all testimony and evidence received at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with the California Coastal Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Grading Ordinance have been found to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), consistent with the provisions of CEQA and the County of Santa Cruz Environmental Review Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors approves amendments to the Grading Ordinance's Design Standards for Private Roads, Driveways and Bridges (Section 16.20.180), as set forth in Exhibit 1-A, and the CEQA Categorical Exemption, incorporated herein by reference, and authorizes their submittal to the California Coastal Commission as part of the next round of LCP Amendments.

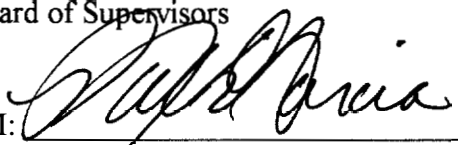
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that these amendments will become effective upon certification by the California Coastal Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2001 by the following vote:

- AYES: SUPERVISORS
- NOES: SUPERVISORS
- ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
- ABSTAIN:** SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 

County Counsel

cc: County Counsel
Planning Department