

**ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 2.124 OF
THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE ENTITLED
“THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ”**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Chapter 2.124 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby added to read as follows:

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**THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY
COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

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2.124.010 Established--Statutory authority.

The In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Commission of the County of Santa Cruz is established under the authority of Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 12301.3 and 12301.6.

2.124.020 Definitions.

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this chapter, shall have the meanings set forth in this section:

- A. “IHSS” means the In-Home Supportive Services of the County of Santa Cruz.
- B. “The Commission” means the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Commission of the County of Santa Cruz.
- C. “Board of Supervisors” means the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz.
- D. “County” means the County of Santa Cruz.
- E. “Contract Mode” means the State-sanctioned service delivery system for in-home supportive services whereby the County contracts with a home care vendor to provide authorized in-home supportive services. Under this mode, authorized in-home supportive services are provided by employees of the contractor.
- F. “Independent Provider Mode” means the State-sanctioned provider mode whereby the in-home supportive services consumer selects, hires, schedules, trains and supervises a home care provider of his or her own choosing.
- G. “Provider” means a person who provides in-home supportive services to a recipient using the independent provider mode. For purposes of this chapter, “Provider” does not mean a person who provides in-home supportive services under the in-home supportive services Contract Mode.
- H. “Recipient” means a person eligible and authorized to receive in-home supportive services under Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 12300 et seq.
- I. Unless otherwise specified, “Code” means the Santa Cruz County Code.

2.124.030 Purpose.

The purpose of the Commission shall be to provide ongoing advice and recommendations regarding the IHSS to the Board of Supervisors and any administrative body in the County that is related to the delivery and administration of the IHSS.

2.124.040 Membership.

A. The Commission shall consist of eleven (11) at-large voting members and shall include the following representation:

1. Six (6) current or former users of personal assistance services paid for through public or private funds (including representatives from the Independent Provider Mode and from the Contract Mode);
2. Three (3) persons from existing County advisory bodies, or two (2) persons from existing County advisory bodies and one representative of County staff; and
3. Two (2) current or former providers of in-home supportive services (one each from the Independent Provider and the Contract Care modes of service delivery).

2.124.050 Term of office.

The majority of the members shall serve for a term of four years, commencing on April 1st of the year in which the fourth district supervisor begins a full term. The remaining members of the Commission shall serve for a term of four years commencing on April 1st of the year in which the fifth district supervisor begins a full term.

2.124.060 Organization and procedures.

- A.** General Organization. The Commission shall comply in all respects with Chapters 2.38.10 through 2.38.250 of the Santa Cruz County Code, unless otherwise provided herein.
- B.** Staff. The County Human Resources Agency Administrator or designated representative shall serve as the Administrative Secretary to the Commission. The Administrative Secretary shall provide staff support for the Commission. The Administrative Secretary shall provide copies of all reports and recommendations submitted to the Board of Supervisors, prepare and mail the agendas, take minutes at each meeting, and perform

other duties as directed by the Commission.

2.124.070 Powers and duties.

The Commission shall exercise the following responsibilities in its efforts to obtain the highest quality and most effective in-home supportive services within the County:

- A. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors, as the governing body of the IHSS Public Authority, and any administrative body in the County related to the delivery and administration of the IHSS;
- B. Review policies related to the delivery of in-home supportive services and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding any proposed changes;
- C. Review pending state and federal legislation that may impact the IHSS program, consumers, and/or providers and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding any proposed changes;
- D. Stay informed and educated on in-home supportive services and public authority issues;
- E. Provide a forum for consumers and providers of personal assistance services, advocates and other interested parties to participate in IHSS policy and program development.

SECTION II

Subsection 2.121.030(e) of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby deleted.

SECTION III

This ordinance shall take effect on the **3** 1st day after the date of final passage.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2002, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

Jan Beautz
Chairperson of the
Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Gail Borkowski
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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