

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM INTRODUCTION, THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT, ACCESS + MOBILITY ELEMENT, AND AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES + CONSERVATION ELEMENT; AMENDMENTS TO SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE CHAPTERS 12.10, 13.10, 13.20, 14.01, 15.10, 16.42, 18.10; AND AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF PARCEL APN 070-281-01 TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW AND TO IMPROVE CLARITY, ACCURACY, AND CONSISTENCY WITHIN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE**

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Code is periodically amended to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws, correct inconsistencies, improve the clarity, accuracy, and overall effectiveness of the Code; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the County Code may be required from time to time to address technical corrections, update references, and provide necessary improvements to the legal and regulatory framework within Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz (the “County”) last updated the County Code in 2024 resulting from the recently adopted General Plan (Sustainability Update) which resulted in minor amendments being necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on April 9, 2025, to consider an ordinance implementing the proposed amendments to Santa Cruz County Code (the “Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments to the Santa Cruz County General Plan/Local Coastal Program, including the Built Environment Element, Access + Mobility Element, and Agriculture, Natural Resources + Conservation Element, in accordance with the goals of enhancing the community's long-term growth, sustainability, and development; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed County Code amendments and found that the proposed changes are in the best interest of the County, are consistent with

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applicable laws, and will improve the clarity and effectiveness of the Santa Cruz County Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed rezoning request for APN 070-281-01, and finds that the current zoning does not adequately support the desired land use or development potential for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning of APN 070-281-01 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the General Plan and aligns with the surrounding land uses, ensuring compatibility with neighboring properties and promoting sustainable development in the area.

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the General Plan/LCP, County Code, and Zoning Map are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense" exemption, because the amendments and rezoning are minor in nature and will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors confirm that a Notice of Exemption is appropriate under CEQA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed amendments to the General Plan/LCP Built Environment Element, Access + Mobility Element, and Agriculture, Natural Resources + Conservation Element, Santa Cruz County Code Chapters 12.10, 13.10, 13.20, 14.01, 15.10, 16.42, 18.10, and Zoning Map, as presented on this date and described in Exhibits C and E.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission finds that the proposed zoning map amendments are consistent with the findings of Santa Cruz County Code Section 13.10.215 and recommends changes to the Zoning as indicated below on the following parcel:

Parcel Number	Address	Existing General Plan/Zoning	Proposed General Plan/ Zoning
070-281-01	458 Lockhart Gulch Rd	General Plan: R-MT Zoning: M-1	General Plan: R-MT Zoning: RA

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission finds the proposed amendments are internally consistent with the Santa Cruz County General Plan/LCP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission finds that the proposed Ordinance, if adopted, would constitute part of the County’s Local Coastal Implementation Plan, is consistent with the California Coastal Act, and recommends that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to submit the General Plan/LCP amendments and the local coastal implementing ordinance to the California Coastal Commission for certification.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:                      COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: COMMISSIONERS:  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:  
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS:

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Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by:  
  
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ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL

cc: County Counsel  
Community Development & Infrastructure Department

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