

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 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE USE CHARTS  
13.10.312, 13.10.322, 13.10.332, 13.10.352, 13.10.362, 13.10.372, AND  
SECTIONS 13.10.689, 13.10.690, 13.10.694, AND 13.10.700 TO REPEAL  
THE HOSTED RENTAL AND VACATION RENTAL ORDINANCES AND  
ADOPT THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Code ("County Code") is periodically amended to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws, correct inconsistencies, improve the clarity, accuracy, and overall effectiveness; 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, on September 24, 2024, the Board of Supervisors formed a temporary Short-Term Rental Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to develop proposed revisions to the County's Hosted Rental and Vacation Rental regulations; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2025, the Short-Term Rental Ad-hoc Subcommittee presented their findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, which included repealing the Hosted Rental and Vacation Rental Ordinances and implementing the Short-Term Rental Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, following the presentation from the Short-Term Rental Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, the Board of Supervisors directed the Community Development and Infrastructure Department to process the proposed revisions, present them to the Planning Commission for a recommendation, and return to the Board with the proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on May 14, 2025, to consider the Ordinance; 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 applicable laws, and will improve the clarity and effectiveness of the County Code; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the County Code are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the “common sense” exemption, because the amendments are relatively minor adjustments to existing regulations and implement additional limitations and enforcement provisions related to short-term rentals, an already permitted use in the County Code. The regulations included in the ordinance function to limit the impacts of the allowed uses, and therefore no significant environmental impacts are reasonably foreseeable; 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 Santa Cruz County Code Use Charts 13.10.312, 13.10.322, 13.10.332, 13.10.352, 13.10.362, 13.10.372, and Sections 13.10.689, 13.10.690, 13.10.694, 13.10.700, as presented on this date and included as Exhibit A.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 14th day of May, 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