

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 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
OF SANTA CRUZ AMENDING SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE
SECTIONS 13.10.327 AND 13.10.328, BASED ON CALIFORNIA
COASTAL COMMISSION FEEDBACK, ALLOWING TWO-UNIT
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND URBAN LOT SPLITS IN
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, AND
DIRECTING STAFF TO TRANSMIT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE
COASTAL COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority delegated to the County of Santa Cruz by the California Coastal Commission, the County of Santa Cruz regulates development in the portion of the coastal zone that lies in the unincorporated area of the county and that is outside of the original jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County's General Plan is also the Local Coastal Program (LCP) Land Use Plan, and Santa Cruz County Code (SCCC) Chapter 13.10 is an implementing ordinance of the LCP and is also part of the LCP Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 29 and December 10, 2024, at duly noticed public hearings, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance implementing Senate Bill (SB) 9 to allow two-unit developments and urban lot splits in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to submit the proposed amendments to the sections of the SCCC that are LCP-implementing to the Coastal Commission for certification, as provided in SCCC Chapter 18.60; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2025, the Coastal Commission held a public hearing on the amendments to the LCP adopted by the Board of Supervisors and certified them with suggested modifications; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated April 16, 2025, the County received the Coastal Commission's Resolution of Certification and adopted findings approving the proposed amendments to the LCP, if modified as suggested; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearing on June 24, 2025, to consider the California Coastal Commission's suggested modifications to the LCP Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Certification requires the County, by action of the Board of Supervisors, to acknowledge receipt of the resolution of certification, including the suggested modifications, accept and agree to the modifications, and incorporate the modifications into the SCCC; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the amendments for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and found that, with the required regulations proposed therein, the Ordinance is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Government Code Sections 65852.21(j) and 66411.7(n). Additionally, the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA because there is no reasonably foreseeable significant impact on the environment, and staff prepared and filed a Notice of Exemption for the project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15251(f), the Coastal Commission's LCP amendment certification process is the functional equivalent of the environmental review required by CEQA and the Coastal Commission found that the proposed LCP amendments, as modified, will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects for which feasible mitigation measures have not been employed, consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21080.5(d)(2)(A).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Acknowledges receipt of the resolution of certification from the Coastal Commission, including the suggested modifications.
2. Accepts and agrees to each of the suggested modifications and incorporates them into the SCCC by ordinance.
3. Directs staff to transmit this acceptance to the California Coastal Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this ____ day of _____ 2025, by the following vote:

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

Felipe Hernandez
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Juliette Rezzato
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by:


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Natalie Kirkish
ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL

cc: County Counsel
Community Development & Infrastructure Department

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