



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Clerk of the Board

Subject: Resolution Approving 2024-25 Bail Schedule

Meeting Date: January 28, 2025

Formal Title: Adopt resolution approving the updated County Bail Schedule for 2024-25, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Adopt resolution approving the updated County Bail Schedule for 2024-25, as outlined in Exhibit 1;
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward the final resolution with Exhibit 1 to the Santa Cruz County Superior Court; and
3. Direct staff to conduct annual reviews and return each November, or as necessary, with updates for Board approval.

Executive Summary

The bail schedule is a list of Santa Cruz County Code section numbers and associated penalty amounts for violations that is utilized by the Superior Court to populate their database, and by the Sheriff and other County enforcement officers as a reference tool when issuing tickets and seeking orders of restitution for violations.

The Clerk of the Board reviews code amendments adopted by the Board that impact the penalty amounts for violations of the County Code since the last update and compiles them into the updated County Court Bail Schedule. The updated bail schedule will be provided to the Superior Court to be included in its consolidated database of bail (violation/penalty) amounts set by local jurisdictions.

Discussion

On November 14, 2023, the Board adopted Resolution No. 204-2023 approving the 2023-24 Court Bail Schedule update, and directed staff to return with annual updates each November as necessary. Staff have reviewed ordinances adopted since the last update to compile the attached updated County Bail Schedule for 2024-25.

During 2024, the Board adopted various ordinances affecting violation penalty amounts and wording in the schedule. The Clerk of the Board incorporated these changes and made edits to correct minor errors and add pertinent citations previously omitted from the schedule. The changes are identified in the attached strikeout-underline copy of Exhibit 1.

The bail schedule does not preclude County Counsel, Code Compliance Administrative Hearing Officers, or Code Compliance Investigators from setting and recovering administrative or civil penalties to address abatement of violations of the County's land use codes. Similarly, it does not supersede penalties collected directly through the Santa Cruz County Animal Services Authority's administrative citation program.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety, Operational Excellence

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.