



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Community Development and Infrastructure

Subject: SB 9 Implementing Ordinance - Coastal Modifications

Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

Formal Title: Schedule a public hearing on June 24, 2025, at 9:00 AM or thereafter, to consider Coastal Commission modifications to the Senate Bill 9 implementing ordinance, which includes adding Santa Cruz County Code Sections 13.10.327 and 13.10.328, allowing two-unit residential developments and urban lot splits in unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Schedule a public hearing on June 24, 2025, at 9:00 AM or thereafter, to consider Coastal Commission modifications to the Senate Bill 9 implementing ordinance, which includes adding Santa Cruz County Code Sections 13.10.327 and 13.10.328, allowing two-unit residential developments and urban lot splits in unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County, approved by Resolution No. 263-2024 and Ordinance 5464;
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a notice of the date and time for the scheduled hearing in the newspaper at least 10 days prior to the hearing date; and
3. Direct the Community Development and Infrastructure Department (CDI) staff to mail notice of the date and time for the scheduled hearing to those required by Santa Cruz County Code Section 18.10.118.

Executive Summary

This is a request to set a public hearing to review the Coastal Commission modifications to the Senate Bill 9 implementing ordinance, which includes adding Santa Cruz County Code Sections 13.10.327 and 13.10.328, allowing two-unit residential developments and urban lot splits in unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County.

Discussion

Senate Bill (SB) 9 (Chapter 162, Statutes of 2021) requires ministerial approval of a housing development with no more than two primary units on parcel in a single-family zone, the subdivision of a parcel in a single-family zone into two parcels, or both. SB 9 facilitates the creation of up to four housing units in the lot area typically used for one single-family home. On December 10 and December 17, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved the Senate Bill 9 implementing ordinance and directed staff to submit the amendments to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for certification.

Financial Impact

The adoption of this Ordinance will not have a financial impact to the County budget. Future development projects will pay applicable permitting and impact fees.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Attainable Housing

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

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