



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Community Development and Infrastructure

Subject: Defer Public Hearing on ADU Ordinance Changes

Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

Formal Title: Defer to on or before March 11, 2025, public hearing on ordinance adopting County Code amendments regarding regulations for accessory dwelling units

Recommended Action

1. Defer to on or before March 11, 2025, the public hearing on Ordinance amending County Code Section 13.10.681 regarding accessory dwelling units.

Executive Summary

The public hearing on this item was originally scheduled for January 14, 2025, with the expectation of receiving feedback on the proposed amendments from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). However, since HCD feedback has not been received in a timely manner, it is appropriate to defer the public hearing to a later date.

Discussion

The County is required to submit a copy of an adopted ADU ordinance to HCD for a determination as to whether the ordinance complies with state ADU law. HCD will review and comment on draft ordinances prior to adoption by a local jurisdiction and County staff has pursued this option to ensure HCD finds the adopted ordinance in compliance with state law. The proposed amendments were submitted to HCD on October 3, 2024. More recently, staff at HCD has informed County staff they estimate completing their review by early February 2025.

The proposed amendments were submitted to HCD prior to the Planning Commission public hearing on October 23, 2024. The Planning Commission recommended the Board adopt the proposed amendments. Because proposed amendments are intended to comply with recent changes to state law, staff does not anticipate feedback from HCD that would require any substantial changes from those recommended by the Planning Commission.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the County related to this item.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - Plans, Policies & Budgets

Operational Plan - Attainable Housing

Climate Action - Energy, Transportation

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

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