

29. Adopt an "Ordinance Amending Sections 1.13.070(A)(3), 7.20.220(B), and 7.20.440(A) of the Santa Cruz County Code Regarding Fines for Illegal Dumping," (Approved in Concept May 20, 2025) ()



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Clerk of the Board

Subject: Adopt an "Ordinance Amending Sections 1.13.070(A)(3), 7.20.220(B), and 7.20.440(A) of the Santa Cruz County regarding fines for Illegal Dumping"

Meeting Date: June 10, 2025

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Recommended Action

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Executive Summary

N/A

Discussion

On May 20, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance in concept and scheduled it for second reading/final adoption on June 10, 2025.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with the recommended actions.

Strategic Initiatives

N/A

Submitted By:

Juliette Rezzato, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

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

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1.13.070 (A)(3), 7.20.220(B), AND
7.20.440(A) OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE REGARDING FINES FOR
ILLEGAL DUMPING**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz (the “Board”) hereby finds and declares the following:

WHEREAS, various departments, including the Community Development and Infrastructure (CDI) Department, administer penalties assessed under Santa Cruz County Code (SCCC) 1.13.070; and

WHEREAS, the CDI Department administers the County’s Illegal Dumping Ordinance under SCCC 7.20.220; and

WHEREAS, in administering SCCC 7.20.220, the CDI Department conducts inspections, investigations, and enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, these amendments to SCCC Sections 1.13.070(A)(3), SCCC 7.20.220(B) and SCCC 7.20.440(A) help ensure that the CDI Department has the ability to designate personnel as needed to administer and enforce SCCC 7.20.220;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Section 1.13.070(A)(3) of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.13.070 Penalties assessed.

(3) With the exception of cannabis licensing offenses (see SCCC 7.128) and illegal dumping violations (see SCCC 7.20.220), the administrative penalties assessed for each violation, or repeated violation, of a provision of this code unrelated to building or safety shall not exceed the following amounts:

- (a) First violation: \$100.00.
- (b) Second violation within a one-year period: \$200.00.
- (c) Third or subsequent violation within a one-year period: \$500.00.

The penalties for cannabis licensing offenses are set forth in SCCC 7.128.210(B). The penalties for illegal dumping are set forth in SCCC 7.20.220.

SECTION II

Section 7.20.220(B) of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

7.20.220 Enforcement actions.

(B) Any person who violates the provisions of this article is subject to the enforcement actions specified in Article X of this chapter. The Director is responsible for the enforcement of this article and shall act as the enforcement officer for the purposes of this article. Administrative penalties assessed for each illegal dumping violation, or repeated violation, are as follows:

- (1) First violation: \$2,500.00;
- (2) Second violation within a one-year period: \$5,000.00;
- (3) Third or subsequent violation within a one-year period: \$10,000.00.

SECTION III

Section 7.20.440(A) of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

7.20.440 Violations and penalties.

(A) In the event that any County officer with responsibility to enforce any provision of this chapter determines that any act or omission that constitutes a violation of the provisions of this chapter exists, that officer may proceed to issue citations, assess penalties, or conduct other enforcement actions in accordance with the provisions of SCCC 1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 7.20.220, and 14 CCR, Division 7, Chapter 12, Article 14 and Article 16.

SECTION IV

If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION V

This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day after the date of final passage.

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

AYES:

NOES:

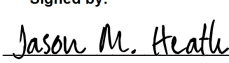
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Felipe Hernandez
Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Juliette Rezzato
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Signed by: _____ 5/14/2025


Jason M. Heath (05/14/2025, 25-1832)
County Counsel

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