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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Susan Ingalls for Robert Westmeyer - County Counsel
County Counsel
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SUBJECT: Adoption of Process Improvements Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION

Second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending various sections in Chapters 17.02 (Definitions), 17.26 (Map Corrections And Amendments), 18.10 (Zoning Administrator), 18.104 (Additional Zoning District Regulations), 18.106 (Viewshed Protection Program), 18.112 (Road Setbacks), 18.116 (Signs), 18.124 (Use Permits), and 18.132 (Legal Nonconformities) of the Napa County Code to improve processing procedures with the Conservation, Development and Planning Department.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: It has been determined that this type of project does not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The project will not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern, has no cumulative impact, there is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, will not result in damage to scenic resources, is not located on a list of hazardous waste sites, cause substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource or extract groundwater in excess of the Phase 1 groundwater extraction standards as set by the Department of Public Works. [See Class 5 ("Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations") which may be found in the guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act at 14 CCR §15305; see also Napa County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, Appendix B.]

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached ordinance is designed to improve various procedural and administrative practices designated in the Napa County Code, including those dealing with political signs, parcel design, fences, entry structures, parking requirements, certificates of extent of legal nonconformities, and expiration of site plan approvals.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On October 11, 2005, the Board opened the public hearing on a proposed first reading and intent to adopt the ordinance. During the hearing the Board directed staff to increase the square footage for political signs from 80 square feet to 128 square feet in Section 18.116.020. Subsequent to that action, the Board introduced the ordinance, waived the reading of the balance of the ordinance, and declared its intention to adopt the ordinance as amended. The ordinance is now before the Board for formal adoption. County Counsel recommends adoption of the Ordinance.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Tracked Ordinance
- B . Final Ordinance

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lynn Perez