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Agenda

Permit Sonoma Hearing Room
2550 Ventura Ave.
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Meeting No.: 26-04

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Roll Call

Commissioner Kapolchok, District 1

Commissioner Reed, District 2

Commissioner Bahning, District 3

Commissioner Koenigshofer, District 5

Commissioner McCaffery, Chair, District 4

Staff Members

Cecily Condon, Deputy Director - Planning

Doug Bush, Planner III

Ross Markey, Comp Planning Manager

Stacie Groll, Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Klein, Chief Deputy County Counsel

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Materials

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1:00 PM Call to order, Roll Call

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Items scheduled on the Agenda

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Item No.: 1
Time: 1:00 PM
File: ORD26-0001 (Telecommunications Ordinance Update)
Applicant: County of Sonoma
Owner: County of Sonoma

Cont. from: N/A
Staff: Doug Bush
Env. Doc: Categorical Exemption
Proposal: Proposed ordinance amending Sonoma County Code Chapter 26 (Zoning). The proposed ordinance would update and clarify regulations for wireless telecommunications facilities. The amendments would not approve any specific facility or change zoning, land-use designations, or allowable uses. The updates include modernized definitions, clarify permit pathways required under federal law (including ministerial processing for Eligible Facilities Requests), strengthen standards for alternatives analysis and visual review, and establish clear requirements for decommissioning and removal of abandoned facilities.

Recommended

Action: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission:

- Find the proposed ordinance updates consistent with the General Plan and Zoning Code;
- Find the proposed ordinance updates exempt from CEQA; and
- Adopt a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed updates to the County's telecommunications ordinance.

Location: Countywide outside Coastal Zone

APN: N/A

District: All

Zoning: Various

Action:

Appeal Deadline:

Resolution No.: 26-0_

Vote:

Commissioner Kapolchok

Commissioner Reed

Commissioner Bahning

Commissioner Koenigshofer

Commissioner McCaffery

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

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Public Appearances for Agenda Items: PC hearings begin at 1:00 PM and are recorded. Agenda items begin on or after the time stated on the agenda. After a county staff project presentation and commission questions, the public hearing is then opened. The applicant may then give a 10-minute project presentation followed by public comments. The time limit for public comments is at the Chair's discretion and is typically three minutes per speaker. Please state your name for the record when you are called upon. Questions raised by the public may be answered after all public comments are given. The Commission may request staff or the applicant to answer questions, and the applicant is given the opportunity to respond to any public comments. The public hearing is then closed, and no further public comments are received. The commissioners discuss the project and make a decision by motion and roll call vote.

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Uncontested Calendar: All items listed on the uncontested calendar are considered to be routine. The Chair will open the public hearing on all items simultaneously. If no one from the public addresses the PC, the hearing will be closed, and the items may be acted upon with a single majority vote.

Public Comments

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Mail Public Comments: Address letters to: Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Attn: Planning Agency Secretary, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and include the project number. **This is not the location of the hearing.**

Email Public Comments: Email comments to: PlanningAgency@sonoma-county.org. Please provide your name and the project number. It is advised to email comments (no later than the day before) prior to the hearing date to give commissioners and staff review time.

Public Comments Using Zoom

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Please Be Courteous turn off cell phones and pagers while the meeting is in session.