

**ATTACHMENT C: COUNTY LUDC RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDING TO THE BOARD )  
OF SUPERVISORS THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT )  
TO SECTION 35-1, THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY )  
LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE, OF CHAPTER 35, )  
ZONING, OF THE COUNTY CODE, AMENDING ARTICLE ) RESOLUTION NO.: 23 - 02  
35.8, PLANNING PERMIT PROCEDURES, AND ARTICLE )  
35.10, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE ) CASE NO.: 23ORD-00000-00001  
ADMINISTRATION, TO EXTEND REGULATIONS )  
REGARDING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF )  
COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF )  
APPROVED PERMITS, LEGAL NON-CONFORMING USES, )  
AND TIME EXTENSIONS DUE TO HARDSHIPS RELATED )  
TO COVID-19 )

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. On November 27, 2007, by Ordinance 4660, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Santa Barbara County Land Use and Development Code, Section 35-1 of Chapter 35 of the Santa Barbara County Code.
- B. On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency related to conditions caused by COVID-19; and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic.
- C. On March 12, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Santa Barbara determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Barbara, and proclaimed a Local Health Emergency.
- D. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors ratified the Local Health Emergency proclamation.
- E. On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home except as needed to facilitate authorized, necessary activities or to maintain the continuity of operations of critical infrastructure.
- F. On May 21, 2020 a new County of Santa Barbara Health Officer Order No. 2020-8.2 was issued allowing the County of Santa Barbara to begin to reopen businesses that qualify under Stage 2 (e.g., retail, dine-in restaurants). Additional businesses and community entities will be allowed to reopen in later phases.

- G. On June 16, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted the COVID-19 Temporary Development Standard Suspension Ordinance Amendments (Case Nos. 20ORD-00000-00005, 20ORD-00000-00006, and 20ORD-00000-00007) to implement regulations regarding the temporary suspension of compliance with certain requirements of approved permits, legal non-conforming uses, and a hardship time extension in order to protect public health and support a phased re-opening of Santa Barbara County in a manner that effectively limits the spread of COVID-19 to be operative until December 16, 2020 or when the proclaimed Santa Barbara County Local Emergency from the COVID-19 virus is terminated, whichever is earlier.
- H. On November 10, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance Amendments (Case Nos. 20ORD-00000-00008, 20ORD-00000-00009, and 20ORD-00000-00010) to extend the expiration date for the Temporary Development Standard Suspension Ordinance to the earlier of when the Board of Supervisors declares the proclaimed Santa Barbara County Local Emergency from the COVID-19 virus terminated, or when the COVID-19 provisions are terminated by ordinance amendment.
- I. On January 25, 2021, the California Department of Public Health ended the State's Regional Stay At Home Order and the Limited Stay At Home Order. As of June 15, 2021, the Governor terminated the executive orders that put into place the Stay Home Order and the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.
- J. On September 14, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance Amendments (21ORD-00000-00005, 21ORD-00000-00006, 21ORD-00000-00007) to extend the expiration date for the Temporary Development Standard Suspension Ordinance to October 31, 2023 or when the COVID-19 provisions are terminated by ordinance amendment.
- K. On February 28, 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution to terminate the local emergency related to COVID-19 as well as adopted a resolution to terminate the health emergency related to COVID-19. The response and coordination to the COVID-19 incident, and the conditions of extreme peril no longer exist, therefore signifying the end of the local emergency and local health emergency. In addition, the State of California terminated its proclamation of emergency on February 28, 2023.
- L. The County Planning Commission now finds that it is in the interest of the orderly development of the County and to support ongoing economic recovery efforts of the County to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt an ordinance (Case No. 23ORD-00000-00001) amending Article 35.8 (Planning Permit Procedures) and Article 35.10 (Land Use and Development Code Administration) of Section 35-1 of Chapter 35 of the Santa Barbara County Code, the Santa Barbara County Land Use and Development Code, to further extend the regulations to October 31, 2024 or when the COVID-19 provisions are terminated earlier by ordinance amendment.

Said Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

- M. The proposed Land Use and Development Code ordinance is consistent with the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan including the community and area plans, and the requirements of the California planning, zoning, and development laws, as discussed in Section 7.0 of the staff report, dated April 4, 2023 and incorporated herein by reference.
- N. The proposed ordinance is in the interest of the general community welfare since it will continue to protect public health and provide other forms of relief to support economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 by extending the expiration date of the COVID-19 temporary ordinance amendments to October 31, 2024 or when the COVID-19 provisions are terminated earlier by ordinance amendment.
- O. The County Planning Commission has held a duly noticed public hearing in compliance with Government Code Section 65854 on the proposed ordinance at which hearing the proposed ordinance was explained and comments invited from the persons in attendance.
- P. Whereas Section 65855 of the Government Code requires inclusion of the reason for the recommendation, which is to amend the expiration date of the COVID-19 temporary ordinance amendments to October 31, 2024 or when the COVID-19 provisions are terminated earlier by ordinance amendment, which is hereby identified as consistent, as stated in Section 5.0 of the staff report, dated April 4, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. In compliance with the provisions of Section 65855 of the Government Code, the County Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, following the required noticed public hearing, approve and adopt the above mentioned ordinance Case No. 23ORD-00000-00001, based on the findings included as Attachment A of the County Planning Commission Staff Report dated April 4, 2023.
3. The County Planning Commission endorses and transmits a certified copy of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors in compliance with Government Code Section 65855 and Section 2-25.2 of the County Code.
4. The Chair of this County Planning Commission is hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify all documents, and other materials in accordance with this resolution to show the above described action by the County Planning Commission.

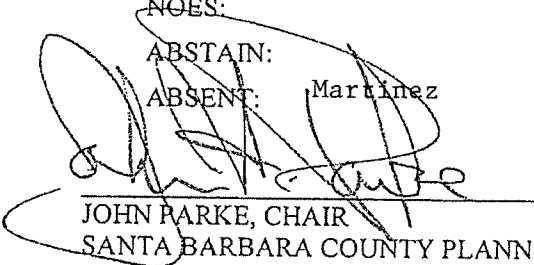
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this April 12, by the following vote:

AYES: Cooney, Bridley, Parke, Ferini

NOES:

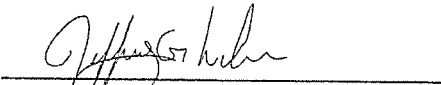
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Martinez



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JOHN PARKE, CHAIR  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

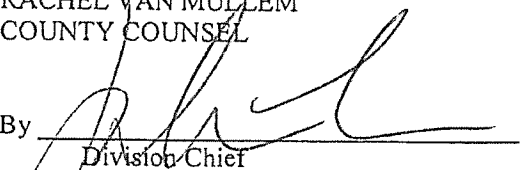
ATTEST:



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JEFFREY WILSON  
SECRETARY TO THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RACHEL VAN MULLEM  
COUNTY COUNSEL



By \_\_\_\_\_  
Division Chief

EXHIBITS:

1. LUDC Ordinance Amendment (Case No. 23ORD-00000-00001)

**EXHIBIT 1: LUDC ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 35-1, THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE, OF CHAPTER 35, ZONING, OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE (CLUDC), TO EXTEND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF APPROVED PERMITS, NONCONFORMING USES, AND TIME EXTENSIONS DUE TO HARDSHIPS RELATED TO COVID-19 TO SUPPORT RE-OPENING OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY THAT SUPPORTS ONGOING ECONOMIC RECOVERY EFFORTS FROM THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 BY AMENDING: ARTICLE 35.8, PLANNING PERMIT PROCEDURES; AND ARTICLE 35.10, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE ADMINISTRATION.

Case No. 23ORD-00000-00001

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1:**

ARTICLE 35.8, Planning Permit Procedures, of the LUDC, is hereby amended to revise Subsection D.8, Time extensions due to hardship related to COVID-19, of Section 35.84.030, Time Extensions, of Chapter 35.84, Post Approval Procedures, to read as follows:

**D. Processing.**

**8. Time extensions due to hardship related to COVID-19.** In addition to the Time Extensions provided in Subsection D.1 through Subsection D.6, above, the Director may for good cause extend the expiration of a planning permit for one additional 24 month period in compliance with the following:

- a. The Director has determined that a Time Extension is necessary due to a hardship resulting from COVID-19 and/or the associated economic downturn.
- b. The application for the Time Extension is filed with the Department in compliance with the following:
  - (1) The application shall be filed in compliance with Section 35.80.030 (Application Preparation and Filing).
  - (2) The application shall be filed prior to the expiration of the planning permit that is the subject of the Time Extension request and before ~~October 31, 2023~~ October 31, 2024 or when the COVID-19 provisions (Sections 35.84.040.A.1, 35.84.030.D.8, 35.84.040.F, 35.101.020.B.4, and 35.108.090.C) are terminated earlier by ordinance amendment.
- c. Notice of the application shall be given in compliance with Section 35.106.075 (Time Extensions Under the Jurisdiction of the Director).
- d. A Time Extension application shall be approved only if the Director first finds that applicable determination or findings for approval required in compliance with Chapter 35.82 (Permit

Review and Decision) that were made in conjunction with the initial approval of the planning permit for which the Time Extension is requested can still be made.

e. The action of the Director is final and not subject to appeal.

## **SECTION 2:**

ARTICLE 35.10, Land Use and Development Code Administration, of the LUDC, is hereby amended to revise Subsection B, Expansion or Extension, of Section 35.101.020, Nonconforming Uses of Land and Structures, of Chapter 35.101, Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots, to amend Subsection 4 to read as follows:

### **B. Expansion or extension.**

1. An existing nonconforming use may be extended throughout or relocated within an existing structure; provided, no structural alterations are made except those required by law or ordinance (e.g., Building Code regulations).
2. No existing nonconforming use shall be extended to occupy any land outside of the structure.
3. No existing nonconforming use of land outside structures, or not involving structures, shall be enlarged, extended, or increased to occupy a greater area of land than was occupied at the time the use became nonconforming, or moved to any portion of the lot not currently occupied by the nonconforming use.
4. In order to protect public health and support the reopening of the Santa Barbara County in a manner that effectively limits the spread of COVID-19 by allowing for the use of outdoor areas to ensure that physical distancing and/or other public health requirements can be met and to provide other forms of relief to support economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19, the following provisions apply for the temporary time period specified below and take precedence over subsections 1, 2, and 3 included above, if the below provisions are applicable to a particular nonconforming use.
  - a. **Temporary time period.** This provision shall take effect on June 16, 2020 and shall expire the earlier of ~~October 31, 2023~~ October 31, 2024 or when the COVID-19 provisions (Sections 35.84.040.A.1, 35.84.030.D.8, 35.84.040.F, 35.101.020.B.4, and 35.108.090.C) are terminated by ordinance amendment.
  - b. **Development standards.** For nonconforming uses, this section authorizes the temporary expansion or extension of a nonconforming use related to the following standards provided the requirements of Subsection B.4.c, below, are met:
    - i. Setbacks.
    - ii. Site coverage maximums.
    - iii. Minimum open space.
    - iv. Parking and loading standards.
    - v. Signs.
    - vi. The requirement that uses shall occur within a completely enclosed building.
    - vii. Limitations on food service at wineries and tasting rooms.
    - viii. Restrictions on uses in the right of way.
    - ix. Other development standards as determined to be necessary by the Director for the protection of public health related to COVID-19 and/or to support economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19.

- c. **Requirements.** To be eligible for this temporary expansion or extension, all of the following requirements must be met:
- i. The temporary expansion or extension of aspects of the nonconforming use related to development standards listed in Subsection B.4.b, above, are necessary to ensure physical distancing, comply with other public health requirements put in place by federal, State, or local public health officials to limit the spread of COVID-19, and/or to support economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19.
  - ii. The owner/applicant must follow all applicable State and local directives regarding reopening of businesses or community entities during the COVID-19 pandemic response, including certification or attestation and COVID-19 protection plan. Public health restrictions related to COVID-19 are subject to rapid change and nothing in this Subsection B.4 is intended, nor shall it be construed, to allow nonconforming uses to operate in violation of any federal, State, or local public health orders, rules, or regulations.
  - iii. Any State or local permit or approval required by regulations other than this Development Code is obtained (e.g., a business purposes encroachment permit, health permit, alcoholic beverage control license, fire department authorization).
  - iv. The nonconforming use is non-residential.
  - v. The expansion or extension of the nonconforming use does not occur within environmentally sensitive habitat. No native vegetation or environmentally sensitive habitat would be removed to accommodate the use of outdoor areas.
  - vi. No permanent structures are proposed, constructed, or erected (temporary coverings, such as canopies or umbrellas, to shade occupants from the sun and/or weather are allowed).
- d. **Submittal of Checklist.**
- i. Prior to implementation of the temporary expansion or extension, the owner/applicant may, and is encouraged to, submit a completed checklist, revised site plan, photos, and description of proposal describing the temporary expansion or extension and how the requirements of Subsection 35.101.020.B.4.c (Requirements) will be met.
  - ii. Within 30 days of implementing a temporary expansion or extension, the owner/applicant shall submit a completed checklist, revised site plan, photos, and description of proposal describing the temporary expansion or extension and how the requirements of Subsection 35.101.020.B.4.c (Requirements) have been met.
- e. **Enforcement.**
- i. If a completed checklist, revised site plan, photos, and description of proposal are not submitted pursuant to Subsection B.4.d, or upon submittal the Director determines, in the Director's sole discretion, that the requirements of Subsection B.4.c, above, are not satisfied, the Director may notify the owner/applicant that the suspension of compliance to protect public health and/or to support economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 are not applicable and the Director may initiate enforcement action. The Director's action is not subject to appeal.
  - ii. If a completed checklist, revised site plan, photos, and description of proposal are submitted pursuant to Section B.4.d and the requirements of Subsection B.4.c, above, are met, as determined in the sole discretion of the Director, the temporary expansion and/or extension of the nonconforming use shall not constitute a violation subject to penalties, for the time period specified in Subsection B.4.a, above. The Director's action is not subject to appeal.

### **SECTION 3:**

ARTICLE 35.10, Land Use and Development Code Administration, of the LUDC, is hereby amended to revise Subsection C, Temporary suspension of compliance in order to protect public health, of Section 35.108.090, Penalty for Violation of Conditions, of Chapter 35.108, Enforcement and Penalties, to read as follows:

- C. Temporary suspension of compliance in order to protect public health and/or to Support Economic Recovery from the impacts of COVID-19.** In order to protect public health and support the reopening of the Santa Barbara County in a manner that effectively limits the spread of COVID-19 by allowing for the use of outdoor areas to ensure that physical distancing and/or other public health requirements can be met and to provide other forms of relief to support economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19, the following provisions apply for the temporary time period specified below.
- 1. Temporary time period.** Subsections 35.84.040.A.1, 35.84.030.D.8, 35.84.040.F, 35.101.020.B, and 35.108.090.C (ordinance amendments related to COVID-19) shall take effect on June 16, 2020 and shall expire the earlier of ~~October 31, 2023~~ October 31, 2024 or when the COVID-19 provisions (Sections 35.84.040.A.1, 35.84.030.D.8, 35.84.040.F, 35.101.020.B.4, and 35.108.090.C) are terminated by ordinance amendment.
    - a. The expiration date of these temporary amendments may be extended or revised by the Board of Supervisors by adoption of future ordinance amendments. Unless otherwise extended or amended by the Board, upon expiration this ordinance, shall be repealed and shall be of no further force or effect.
  - 2. Development standards.** For approved projects, this section authorizes the temporary suspension of compliance with the project description and/or conditions of approval related to the following standards provided the requirements of Subsection C.3, below, are met:
    - a. Setbacks.
    - b. Site coverage maximums.
    - c. Minimum open space.
    - d. Parking and loading standards.
    - e. Signs.
    - f. The requirement that uses shall occur within a completely enclosed building.
    - g. Limitations on food service at wineries and tasting rooms.
    - h. Restrictions on uses in the right of way.
    - i. Other development standards as determined to be necessary by the Director for the protection of public health related to COVID-19 and/or to support economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19.
  - 3. Requirements.** To be eligible for the temporary suspension of compliance, all of the following requirements must be met:
    - a. The temporary changes to an approved project that render the project unable to strictly comply with its project description, conditions of approval, and/or the development standards listed in Subsection C.2, above, are necessary to ensure physical distancing, and/or comply with other public health requirements put in place by federal, State, or local public health officials to limit the spread of COVID-19, and/or support economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19.



- b. The owner/applicant must follow all applicable State and local directives regarding reopening of businesses or community entities during the COVID-19 pandemic response, including certification or attestation and COVID-19 protection plan. Public health restrictions related to COVID-19 are subject to rapid change and nothing in this Subsection C is intended, nor shall it be construed, to allow approved projects to operate in violation of any federal, State, or local public health orders, rules or regulations.
- c. The project otherwise complies with its project description, conditions of approval, applicable development standards, and Comprehensive Plan policies.
- d. Any State or local permit or approval required by regulations other than this Development Code is obtained (e.g., a business purposes encroachment permit, health permit, alcoholic beverage control license, fire department authorization).
- e. The approved project is non-residential.
- f. The use does not occur within environmentally sensitive habitat. No native vegetation or environmentally sensitive habitat would be removed to accommodate the use of outdoor areas.
- g. No permanent structures are proposed, constructed, or erected (temporary coverings, such as canopies or umbrellas, to shade occupants from the sun and/or weather are allowed).

#### **4. Enforcement.**

- a. If a completed checklist, revised site plan, photos, and description of proposal are not submitted pursuant to Subsection 35.84.040.A.1, or upon submittal the Director determines, in the Director's sole discretion, that the requirements of Subsection C.3, above, are not satisfied, the Director may notify the owner/applicant that the suspension of compliance to protect public health and/or support economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 are not applicable and the Director may initiate enforcement action. The Director's action is not subject to appeal.
- b. If a completed checklist, revised site plan, photos, and description of proposal are submitted pursuant to Section 35.84.040.A.1 and the requirements of Subsection C.3, above, are met, as determined in the sole discretion of the Director, strict compliance to the applicable portions of the project description, conditions of approval, and/or the development standards listed in Subsection 2, above, is not required and the temporary changes to the project shall not constitute a violation subject to penalties, for the time period specified in Subsection C.1, above. The Director's action is not subject to appeal.

#### **SECTION 4:**

All existing indices, section references and numbering, and figure and table numbers contained in the CLUDC are hereby revised and renumbered as appropriate to reflect the revisions enumerated above.

#### **SECTION 5:**

Except as amended by this Ordinance, the LUDC shall remain unchanged and shall continue in full force and effect.

#### **SECTION 6:**

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force 30 days from the date of its passage and shall remain in effect and operative according to the time periods set forth in the ordinance. Before the expiration of 15 days after its passage a summary of it shall be published once together with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same in the *Santa Barbara News-Press*, a

newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara. Unless otherwise extended or amended by the Board, upon expiration this ordinance, it shall be repealed and shall be of no further force or effect.

**SECTION 7:**

Even if the Board of Supervisors adopts this Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors retains all of its statutory planning and zoning authority. For example, the Board of Supervisors may still take action(s) later to change or remove the temporary suspension of any provisions and may do so without the temporary changes to a project receiving: 1) an amortization period prior to removal; and/or 2) legal nonconforming use status.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

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DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:

MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RACHEL VAN MULLEM  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division Chief