

Attachment A: Findings for Approval

Case No. 14ORD-00000-00007
County Land Use and Development Code

1.0 CEQA FINDINGS

1.1 CEQA Guidelines Exemption Findings

1.1.1 The Board of Supervisors find, that the proposed project, 14ORD-00000-00007, was examined in the Summerland Community Plan EIR (91-EIR-07) and Summerland Community Plan Update Supplemental EIR (13EIR-00000-00003), and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, no new effects could occur and no new mitigation measures are required, and therefore no new environmental document is required.

1.2 Location of Record of Proceedings

The documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based are in the custody of the Clerk of the Board located at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

In compliance with Section 35.104.060 (Findings Required for Approval of Amendment) of the County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC), prior to approval or conditional approval of an application for an Amendment to the Development Code the review authority shall first make all of the following findings:

2.1 The request is in the interest of the general community welfare.

The proposed ordinance is in the interest of the general community welfare since the amendment will serve to clarify and update the development permit process without compromising community values, environmental quality, or the public health and safety. The proposed ordinance amendment will restore a previous ordinance provision exception for attached garages on lots 12,000 square feet or greater in the Summerland Community Plan area, which will enhance existing permit process clarity and efficiency while minimizing potential adverse impacts to the community.

2.2 The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the Local Coastal Program, the requirements of State planning and zoning laws, and the Land Use and Development Code (LUDC).

Adoption of the proposed ordinance will provide more effective implementation of the State planning and zoning laws by providing a clearer and more efficient permit process that will benefit both the public and staff. The proposed ordinance will not result in any inconsistencies with the adopted policies and development standards of the

Comprehensive Plan including the Summerland Community Plan. The proposed amendment is also consistent with the remaining portions of the County Land Use and Development Code that would not be revised by this ordinance. Therefore, this ordinance may be found consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including the Summerland Community Plan, the requirements of State Planning and Zoning Laws, and the County Land Use and Development Code.

2.3 The request is consistent with good zoning and planning practices.

The proposed ordinance is consistent with sound zoning and planning practices to regulated land uses for the overall protection of the environment and community values since it will enhance existing permit process clarity and efficiency while minimizing potential adverse impacts to the community. As discussed in Finding 2.2, above, the amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan including the Summerland Community Plan, and the County Land Use and Development Code.