

## ATTACHMENT A: FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

Case Nos. 24ORD-00015, -00016, -00017, -00018, -00019, -00020, and -00025

### 1.0. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS

#### 1.1 State CEQA Guidelines Exemption Findings

- 1.1.1 Case Nos. 24ORD-00016, -00019.** The Santa Barbara County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) finds that the proposed amendments to the County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) (Case Nos. 24ORD-00016, -00019) are exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15268, 15282(h), and Government Code (GC) Sections 65852.21(j) and 66411.7(n).
- 1.1.2 Case Nos. 24ORD-00017, -00020.** The Board finds that the proposed amendments to the Montecito Land Use and Development Code (MLUDC) (Case Nos. 24ORD-00017, -00020) are exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15268, 15282(h), and GC Sections 65852.21(j) and 66411.7(n).
- 1.1.3 Case Nos. 24ORD-00015, -00018, -00025.** The Board finds that the proposed amendments to Article II, the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (CZO) (Case Nos. 24ORD-00015, -00018, -00025), are exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), 15265, 15268, 15282(h), and GC Sections 65852.21(j) and 66411.7(n).

Please see the Notice of Exemption (Attachment B, incorporated by reference) for more information.

### 2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

In compliance with CZO Section 35-180.6, LUDC Section 35.104.060.A, and MLUDC Section 35.494.060, the following findings shall be adopted by the Board in order to approve a text amendment to the CZO, LUDC, and MLUDC:

#### 2.1 The request is in the interests of the general community welfare.

The Board finds that the proposed amendments are in the interest of the general community welfare since the amendments will revise the LUDC, MLUDC, and Article II to: (1) add provisions and development standards in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 9 regulations (Government Code (GC) Sections 65852.21 and 66411.7); (2) revise existing development standards and permit procedures for Wireless Telecommunication Facilities; (3) process other minor ordinance amendments to update existing text provisions, including updating allowed uses in the C-1 zone district in Article II and M-2 zone district in the LUDC, and implementing clarifications and necessary revisions to the existing Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) Ordinance to align with changes to State law. These updates will ensure compliance with various state and federal laws, while enabling more streamlined infill housing development, increasing commercial opportunities in the C-1 and M-2 zones, and establishing clear and effective objective design standards for small wireless facilities, all of which is in the general community welfare.

**2.2 CZO: The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the Coastal Land Use Plan (CLUP), the requirements of State planning and zoning laws and this Article [Article II, the CZO].**

**LUDC: The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the requirements of the State planning and zoning laws, and this Development Code [LUDC].**

**MLUDC: The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the requirements of the State planning and zoning laws, and this Development Code [MLUDC].**

The Board finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, Coastal Land Use Plan (CLUP), Article II, LUDC, and MLUDC. They implement Programs 10 and 11 of the *2023-2031 Housing Element Update* (Housing Element), which directs the County to develop an ordinance that implements SB 9 and update County regulations to comply with state ADU law. The amendments to the existing Telecom ordinances will update existing standards to comply with federal and state law and streamline the permit process to enable the County to meet federal shot-clock requirements more efficiently. The proposed ordinance amendments are also consistent with the remaining portions of Article II, the LUDC, and the MLUDC that would not be revised by these ordinances.

Therefore, and as discussed further in Section 6.2 of the Montecito Planning Commission Staff Report, dated November 12, 2024, and Section 6.2 of the County Planning Commission Staff Report, dated November 26, 2024 and incorporated by reference, these ordinances are consistent with the Coastal Land Use Plan and the Comprehensive Plan, including applicable Community Plans, the requirements of State planning and zoning Laws, and Article II, the LUDC, and MLUDC.

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

The Board finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with sound zoning and planning practices to regulate land uses for the overall protection of the environment and community values since they will revise Article II, the LUDC and MLUDC to be consistent with State regulations regarding SB 9, provide clear and efficient permit processes to comply with federal law regarding Telecommunication facilities, and continue to support the development of ADU and JADUs in the County. Additionally, the changes to the C-1 and M-2 zones are part of an ongoing effort to ensure allowed uses within the County's commercial and manufacturing zones are aligned with current industry and community needs. As a result, the changes are consistent with good zoning and planning practices and will benefit the public. As discussed in Finding 2.2, above, the proposed amendments are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including applicable Community Plans, CLUP, Article II, the LUDC, and MLUDC.