

Resilient City Development Measures Ordinance Extensions

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Zoning Code text amendment to extend the Resilient City (-RC) Combining District (Code Section 20-28.100) and the Resilient City Development Measures (Code Section 20-16) for a period of one year.

December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024

- The Resilient City (-RC) Combining District was adopted to facilitate and expedite the rebuild process after the 2017 & 2020 wildfires.
- The Resilient City Development Measures were adopted to address housing needs and economic development within the City following the fires and the COVID-19 pandemic with permit streamlining and a variety of other provisions for Citywide development.
- Additional time allows staff the ability to complete a comprehensive update and recommendations to Council for codification of both Ordinances into appropriate sections of the Zoning Code, with no sunset date.

Resilient City (-RC) Combining District adopted in October 2017

- Further amended for technical updates, impacts related to Glass Fire, and a previous extension

Resilient City Development Measures adopted in April 2018

- Further amended for technical updates, COVID-19 pandemic, and a previous extension.

Ordinance Language

The December 31, 2023, expiration date is referenced two times within the current code language and will be amended to reflect the one-year extension:

- **Zoning Code Section 20-16.020, Application of this Chapter**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the City Code, the following provisions are effective until December 31, ~~2023~~ 2024, unless otherwise amended by subsequent action of the Council.

- **Zoning Code Section 20-28.100(K), Duration of -RC Combining District**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the City Code, the provisions of the -RC combining district shall control and prevail until expiration on December 31, ~~2023~~ 2024 unless otherwise amended by subsequent action of the Council.

Environmental Review

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Adoption of this Ordinance is Exempt

- "Common sense exemption" - CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)
 - CEQA applies only to projects having the potential to cause a significant effect on environment
- Exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(3) regarding repairs and replacement work after a state-declared disaster and Section 21080(b)(4) regarding actions to mitigate or prevent an emergency, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a) regarding maintaining, repairing, restoring, demolishing, or replacing property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code, and Section 15269(c) regarding specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency

Recommendation

The Planning and Economic Development Department recommends that the Council, introduce an ordinance amending Title 20 of the Santa Rosa City Code to extend the expiration date of Zoning Code Chapter 20-16, Resilient City Development Measures, and Zoning Code Section 20-28.100, Resilient City (-RC) Combining District, by one year, from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

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