

City of Santa Rosa



Legislation Details

File #: 24-0022 **Version:** 1 **Name:** Vacant Lot Ordinance
Type: CC- Public Hearing **Status:** Agenda Ready
File created: 12/5/2023 **In control:** City Council
On agenda: 2/13/2024 **Final action:**
Title: PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AND ASSOCIATED COMPLIANCE PROGRAM PERTAINING TO THE INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REGISTRATION OF REAL PROPERTIES WHICH EXIST AS UNMAINTAINED VACANT LOTS OR WHICH CONTAIN VACANT OR ABANDONED BUILDINGS

BACKGROUND: The proposed ordinance will amend Titles 9 and 18 of the Santa Rosa City Code to repeal obsolete COVID-19 public health order regulations within Chapter 9-24, add a new Chapter 9-24 establishing a comprehensive regulatory framework for unmaintained vacant lots and properties with vacant or abandoned buildings and amend Section 18-20.302.4 of the Santa Rosa Municipal Code clarifying language regarding the definition of weeds.

The Planning and Economic Development Department is also proposing that the Council amend the City Classification and Salary Plan to add 1.0 FTE, three-year limited term Code Enforcement Officer and 2.0 FTE, three-year limited term HCS (Code Enforcement) Technicians to the Code Enforcement Section to operate a Vacant Building and Lots Program for a three-year period. The purpose of the program is to address the pressing issues associated with neglected vacant properties, including unmaintained buildings and lots and their adverse impacts on the community.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council 1) introduce an ordinance amending Titles 9 and 18 of the Santa Rosa City Code by repealing Chapter 9-24 pertaining to Administrative Enforcement of COVID-19 Public Health Orders, adding a new Chapter 9-24 pertaining to the Inspection, Maintenance and Registration of Real Properties and amending Section 18-20.302.4 and 2) approve a resolution amending the City Classification and Salary Plan to add 1.0 FTE, three-year limited term Code Enforcement Officer and 2.0 FTE, three-year limited term Housing and Community Services (Code Enforcement) Technicians to the Code Enforcement Section and appropriating \$134,148 from the General Fund reserves and 3) set an annual registration fee to recover staffing costs associated with program implementation.

Sponsors: Planning and Economic Development
Indexes: Not a Project
Code sections: 15061(b)(3) - General Rule Exemption, 15378 - Not a Project

Attachments: 1. Staff Report, 2. Resolution, 3. Exhibit A - Staff Costs, 4. Ordinance, 5. Presentation, 6. Public Hearing Notice, 7. Resolution - Final RES-2024-019.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
2/13/2024	1	City Council	to waive reading of the text and introduce	Pass
2/13/2024	1	City Council	to waive reading of the text and adopt	Pass
2/13/2024	1	City Council	approved	Pass