

RESOLUTION NO. PC-2024-022

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A GENERAL PLAN
AMENDMENT TO MODIFY THE NOISE AND SAFETY ELEMENT OF GENERAL PLAN
2035- FILE NUMBER GPAM24-001

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2006, the Governor of California signed Assembly Bill 2140 (AB 2140), which allows California cities to be considered for additional state cost-share on eligible Public Assistance projects by adopting current, FEMA approved LHMPs into the Safety Element of its General Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2009, the Council adopted General Plan 2035, which includes the Noise and Safety Element as one of the eight State mandated elements; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2021, the Council adopted Volume 1 of the Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) and updated the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan by adopting the City of Santa Rosa Annex to Volume 2 of the MJHMP dated October 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) area was developed in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) and followed FEMA's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan guidance. The LHMP incorporates a process where hazards are identified and profiled, the people and facilities at risk are analyzed, and mitigation actions are developed to reduce or eliminate hazard risk. The implementation of these mitigation actions, which include both short and long-term strategies, involve planning, policy changes, programs, projects, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, AB 2140 (codified in Government Code § 65302.6) allows jurisdictions to be eligible for consideration for state funding to cover the local match (6.25%) of public assistance costs for recovery activities after hazard events, if the local jurisdiction incorporates their LHMP into the safety element of the general plan; and

WHEREAS, a General Plan Amendment to modify the Noise and Safety Element of the General Plan is necessary for the City to be eligible for consideration for state funding to cover the local match of public assistance costs for recovery activities after hazard events; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2024, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing in compliance with Chapter 20-66 of the Zoning Code (Public Hearings) in consideration of a General Plan Amendment to incorporate by reference the City's current Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the staff report and the attachments including the attached Exhibit A which identifies recommended changes to the Noise and Safety Element; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that a General Plan Amendment to

incorporate by reference the City's current LHMP is justified to achieve the objectives and policies of the General Plan in that:

- A. The proposed amendment ensures and maintains internal consistency with the goals and policies of all elements of the General Plan in that the amendment incorporates a reference to the City's adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and no goals or policies within the General Plan are proposed for amendment.
- B. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City in that the amendment consists of minor text changes to the City's Noise and Safety Element to be eligible for additional state funding after hazard events.
- C. The site is physically suitable (including absence of physical constraints, access, compatibility with adjoining land uses, and provision of utilities) for the requested/anticipated land use developments in that the changes apply citywide and impacts on specific sites would be negligible because the text changes amplify existing policy.
- D. The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The General Plan 2035 Environmental Impact Report was certified by the Council on November 3, 2009. While the proposed General Plan text amendments involve minor changes to the text, they are within the scope of the General Plan EIR because the proposed changes do not affect expected land uses and the revised General Plan will remain consistent with the development density established by the existing general plan policies for which the EIR was certified. Based on this analysis, staff has concluded that the project does not require further environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Rosa is recommending approval by the City Council of a General Plan Amendment to incorporate by reference the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as identified in the attached Exhibit A.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Rosa on this 12th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED: _____
CHAIR

ATTEST: _____
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENTS:
Exhibit A – General Plan Text Amendment