



**ORDINANCE NO. 5505**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ ACCEPTING CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION MODIFICATIONS TO SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE SECTION 13.20.040 AS ADOPTED IN THE 2025 MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority delegated to the County of Santa Cruz by the California Coastal Commission, the County of Santa Cruz regulates development in the portion of the coastal zone that lies in the unincorporated area of the county and that is outside of the original jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County Code (SCCC) Chapter 13.20 is an implementing ordinance of the adopted Local Coastal Program (LCP) and part of the LCP Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2025, at a duly noticed public hearing, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2025 Miscellaneous Amendments, consisting of amendments to the SCCC; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to submit the proposed amendments to the sections of the SCCC that are LCP-implementing to the Coastal Commission for certification, as provided in SCCC Chapter 18.60; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2025, the Coastal Commission held a public hearing on the amendments to the LCP Implementation Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors and certified them subject to the Board of Supervisors accepting certain suggested modifications to the amendments; and

WHEREAS, in a letter dated November 7, 2025, the County received the Coastal Commission's resolution of certification and adopted findings approving the proposed amendments to the SCCC, if modified as suggested; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearing on January 27, 2026, to consider the California Coastal Commission's suggested modifications to the SCCC; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the amendments for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and found that the proposed amendments to the General Plan/LCP and County Code are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense" exemption, because the amendments are minor in nature and will not have a significant effect on the environment, and staff prepared and filed a Notice of Exemption for the project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15251(f), the Coastal Commission's LCP amendment certification process is the functional equivalent of the environmental review required by CEQA and the Coastal Commission found that the proposed LCP amendments, as modified, will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects for

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which feasible mitigation measures have not been employed, consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21080.5(d)(2)(A);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz hereby ordains as follows:

**SECTION I**

Section 13.20.040 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended, to read as follows:

**13.20.040 Definitions.**

“Timber harvest plan” means a commercial plan to harvest timber pursuant to the provisions of the Z’berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (commencing with Public Resources Code Section 4511).

**SECTION II**

The Board of Supervisors further finds and determines in its reasonable discretion on the basis of the entire record before it that the proposed amendments to the Santa Cruz County Code are consistent and compatible with and will not frustrate the objectives, policies, general land uses, and programs specified in the General Plan and Local Coastal Program.

**SECTION III**

Should any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

**SECTION IV**

This ordinance shall take effect after the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission reports to the Commission their determination that the County’s actions are legally adequate, and the Commission does not object to the Executive Director’s determination, and notice of the certification of the LCP amendment is filed with the Secretary of the Resources Agency or on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after final adoption, whichever date occurs later.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

- AYES: Supervisors Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Hernandez and Martinez
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

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 CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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