

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of April 21, 2026

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF ADOPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE COASTAL SAFE PARKING – SAFE SHELTER PILOT PROGRAM ORDINANCE ALLOWING AN EXTENSION OF THE ORDINANCE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2036, UPDATING BUILDING CODE REFERENCES (BUILDING CODE APPENDICES Q AND CJ), AND ADDING A PROVISION TO RESTRICT THE DISPOSAL OF GREYWATER OR BLACKWATER FROM RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AT SITES WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONE

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65850, et seq. authorizes counties to regulate land use and to adopt and amend general plans and zoning and building ordinances for such purposes and sets forth procedures governing the adoption and amendment of such ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County initiated the zoning ordinance changes herein to implement its General Plan Housing Element, which through Implementation Measure H-IM56 directs the County to fund and implement a safe parking pilot program, and adopt an enabling ordinance or resolution for the pilot program; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Chapter 7.8, Shelter Crisis Section 8698.4 allows the use of Emergency Housing building standards to be applied under this ordinance during an active shelter crisis declaration; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2018, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors declared a local shelter crisis; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter sites would be classified as emergency shelters under Government Code Section 65583(a)(4), and would be principally permitted in designated zones; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2022, the Humboldt County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Ordinance, and with a 7-0 vote recommended the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2022, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the proposed Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance, and with a 4-0 vote approved the Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance; and

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WHEREAS, on March 19, 2026 the Planning Commission held a public hearing and voted 5-0 to approve the minor amendments and an extension of the Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance until January 1, 2036, in line with Senate Bill 1395 and the State’s decision to extend the provisions of Government Code Chapter 7, Shelter Crisis Section 8698.4 until January 1, 2036; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2026, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the minor amendments and an extension of the Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance until January 1, 2036, in line with Senate Bill 1395 and the State’s decision to extend the provisions of California Government Code Chapter 7.8, Shelter Crisis Section 8698.4 until January 1, 2036. The coastal ordinance still requires certification from the California Coastal Commission before becoming effective.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors makes all the following findings:

1. FINDING: **Record Description:** Amendments to the Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance allowing an extension of the ordinance until January 1, 2036 in line with SB 1395, identifying current Building Codes within the ordinance, and adding a provision to restrict the disposal of greywater or blackwater from recreational vehicles at sites within the Coastal Zone.

EVIDENCE: a) Record File: PLN-2023-18813

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2. FINDING: The proposed project is exempt from environmental review.

EVIDENCE: a) The ordinance is exempt from environmental review under Section 21080(b)(4) of the Public Resources Code, specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, and is exempt from Section 15269(c) of the CEQA Guidelines, actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The proposed amendment only extends the previously approved Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance and includes updated language to require the compliance with current Building Code standards for emergency housing.

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- b) The ordinance amendments will not change the density requirements within the General Plan. Extending the provisions for Safe Parking – Safe Shelter sites will continue to allow a government agency, religious institution, non-profit charitable organization, or private non-profit organization to operate a Safe Parking – Safe Shelter site to provide homeless individuals and families living in a vehicle or outside a safe place to park or sleep at no cost while accessing services and would therefore have no possibility of causing a significant effect on the environment.

The ordinance amendments are further exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines section 15265 because they will be submitted to the Coastal Commission for certification.

PUBLIC INTEREST

3. FINDING:

The amendments are in the public interest. Extending the Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance to match the terms of California Government Code Section 8698.4 and amending the language in the ordinance to include the requirements of current California Building Code and California Residential Code for Emergency Housing standards is consistent with the purpose of the Zoning Ordinance.

EVIDENCE:

- a) The intent of the ordinance amendment to extend the allowance of streamlined temporary emergency housing standards for Safe Parking – Safe Shelter sites during a declared shelter crisis would allow for shelter and services to be provided to persons experiencing homelessness and is therefore in the public interest.
- b) Amending the language in the ordinance to include the requirements of current California Building Code and California Residential Code for Emergency Housing standards would ensure that emergency housing provided in Safe Parking – Safe Shelter sites comply with the building code and is in the public interest because it helps to ensure public safety.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE COASTAL ACT

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4. FINDING: The proposed Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance will not adversely affect Coastal Access, Recreation, Marine, or Land Resources, cause new development that may affect scenic resources, public works facilities, safety, and priority of coastal dependent developments or interfere with or allow industrial development. Further, these amendments conform to Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, and the proposed Zoning Regulations will be carried out in accordance with the Coastal Act.

EVIDENCE: a) The proposed Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance will not result in any development that is not already mandated by California Health and Safety Code. Additionally, the proposed amendment is still subject to the Coastal Act for permitting purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the above findings and evidence, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors does hereby:

1. Find that the proposed amendments to the Coastal Zoning Regulations conform to and appropriately carry out the policies of each of the Humboldt County’s six Coastal Plans and Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act, and further finds that the proposed Zoning Regulations will be carried out in accordance with the Coastal Act; and
2. Find that the changes to the Coastal Zoning Regulations will become effective only upon certification by the Coastal Commission; and
3. Certify that this amendment is intended to carry out the provisions of the local coastal program adopted by the County and certified by the California Coastal Commission per public resources code 30510.
4. Direct Planning and Building Department staff to transmit the Coastal Safe Parking – Safe Shelter Pilot Program Ordinance (26-), including all necessary supporting documentation, to the California Coastal Commission as an amendment to the certified Local Coastal Program for their review and certification in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 30514.

Dated: _____

Supervisor Mike Wilson, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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Adopted on motion by Supervisor _____, Seconded by Supervisor _____,
and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors: --

NAYES: Supervisors: --

ABSENT: Supervisors: --

ABSTAIN: Supervisors: --

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Humboldt

I, Tracy Damico, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

By Kaleigh Maffei
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California