



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ORDINANCE:

Case Number PLN-2021-17452

Humboldt County

The proposed ordinance affects all unincorporated areas of Humboldt County. The purpose and intent of this Telecommunications Ordinance is to provide a uniform and comprehensive set of standards for the development, siting and installation of wireless telecommunications facilities. These standards do all the following: protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the unincorporated areas of Humboldt County; protect aesthetic values in accordance with the guidelines and intent of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; encourage siting in preferred locations to help preserve the County's rural character, including the protection of scenic, natural and cultural resources; and minimize the intrusion of these uses into residential areas. The proposed ordinance uses a tiered approach to permitting communication facilities: the lowest tier ("Tier 1") applies a streamlined permit process to easily allow telecommunication facilities least likely to have any impacts. Conversely, the highest tier ("Tier 3") requires a public review process through conditional use permits for projects most likely to have impacts. Since this is a public workshop, no action will be taken by the Planning Commission. Instead, the Planning Commission will be asked to take public comment and provide informal feedback that will be used to develop a public hearing draft for review by the Planning Commission at a later date.

Adopt the Resolution recommending that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors find that the proposed ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to §15307 and §15308 of the State CEQA Guidelines and adopt the proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facilities ordinance (as modified by the Planning Commission) along with its related zoning code amendments.