



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Amendment to Eureka Municipal Code Chapter 150 for Efficiency Dwelling Units

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

PREPARED BY: Cristin Kenyon, Principal Planner

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Waive full reading, read by title only and adopt Bill No. 1026-C.S., an ordinance of the City of Eureka amending Eureka Municipal Code Title 15, Chapter 150, Section 150.016, pertaining to efficiency dwelling units.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

Strategic Goal: Maximize all levels of housing stock within City limits

DISCUSSION

At the March 21, 2023, meeting, Council introduced a bill to allow efficiency dwelling units to have a 150-square-foot minimum floor area as allowed by Health and Safety Code Section 17958.1, and to allow partial kitchen and bathroom facilities, when appropriate. The purpose of the amendment is to help reduce regulatory barriers to housing development. In particular, this could facilitate the conversion of small existing non-residential building spaces to housing units, such as motel room conversions.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Amending the text of the Eureka Municipal Code is a “project” for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). However, pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061, there is a general rule CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the Text

Amendment only sets forth regulations regarding the allowed size of a dwelling unit, the Text Amendment will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION

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SUGGESTED MOTION

“I move the City Council waive full reading, read by title only, and adopt Bill No. 1026-C.S., an ordinance of the City of Eureka amending Eureka Municipal Code Title 15, Chapter 150, Section 150.016, pertaining to efficiency dwelling units.”

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bill No. 1026-C.S.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

City Attorney

- City Clerk/Information Technology
- Community Services
Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Police
Public Works