

ATTACHMENT 1:

DRAFT PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2026—

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EUREKA
RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE 2026 INLAND ZONING CODE
UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the City of Eureka's Inland Zoning Code (Eureka Municipal Code [EMC] Chapter 155) regulates development in areas of the City located outside the Coastal Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Inland Zoning Code was comprehensively updated in 2019 to implement the City of Eureka 2040 General Plan, followed by a series of targeted amendments and general cleanup updates; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the City Council, City staff initiated the 2026 Inland Zoning Code Update to update the City's design standards and design review process, and to incorporate targeted zoning amendments responding to State law, City Council direction, Planning Commission input, and implementation experience since the 2019 comprehensive update; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2026 Inland Zoning Code Update includes amendments to various existing sections of the Inland Zoning Code, adoption of two new sections regulating large site development (EMC §155.314) and wireless telecommunication facilities (EMC §155.348), and repeal of the existing inland wireless telecommunication facility regulations (EMC Chapter 159); and

WHEREAS, EMC §155.432 (Zoning Code and General Plan Amendments) regulates Inland Zoning Code amendments, and requires the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment for the purpose of recommending action to the City Council based upon the findings specified in §155.432.070 (Findings for Approval); and

WHEREAS, the City Council's pending decision to adopt the proposed amendment (a decision for which the Planning Commission is providing a recommendation) is a discretionary action subject to environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Eureka did hold a duly noticed public hearing at City Hall in the City of Eureka on February 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., both in-person in the Council Chamber and via Zoom, to consider the proposed 2026 Inland Zoning Code Update; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Eureka has reviewed the proposed amendment in accordance with EMC §155.432, and after due consideration of all testimony, evidence, and reports offered at the public hearing, does hereby find and determine the following facts:

1. The proposed 2026 Zoning Code Update is consistent with the General Plan; is internally consistent with the remainder of the Zoning Code; and will not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare.
2. The proposed 2026 Zoning Code Update is exempt from further environmental review

pursuant to: (1) CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) (the Common Sense Exemption), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the amendment may have a significant effect on the environment; and (2) CEQA Guidelines §15183, as the proposed 2026 Zoning Code Update is consistent with the City of Eureka's 2040 General Plan, for which a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2016102025) was certified, and the amendment does not increase allowable development density, modify land use designations, or authorize development beyond that analyzed in the prior EIR.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of Eureka does hereby recommend the City Council adopt the 2026 Inland Zoning Code Update.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Eureka in the County of Humboldt, State of California, on the 11th day of February, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS
NOES: COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

Meredith Maier, Chair, Planning Commission

Attest:

Cristin Kenyon, Executive Secretary