

## **RESOLUTION NO. 256-49**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA AUTHORIZING A SUBMITTAL OF THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION FOR CERTIFICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arcata includes portions of its boundaries inside the Coastal Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Act of 1976 (the “Act”) authorizes coastal jurisdictions to implement its provisions through a Local Coastal Program, which includes land use plans, zoning maps, zoning ordinances, and other implementing actions deemed consistent with the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arcata operates a Certified Local Coastal Program comprised of the Coastal Land Use Element, adopted in 1989, and the Land Use and Development Guide, adopted in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s policy and regulatory strategies have changed dramatically since certification and sea level rise policy is absent from the current Local Coastal Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has been involved in the public process of updating the Local Coastal Program since 2010 and has engaged the community in each stage of the development of the comprehensive update to the Program. The draft Local Coastal Program has been available to the public on the City’s website since at least January of 2025 in compliance with the Coastal Act and State law. Engagement included multiple duly noticed public hearings pursuant to Coastal Act Sec. 30514 et seq. before the Planning Commission and the Council, including most recently February 24, and March 4, 2026, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Coastal Element is a comprehensive update to the previously certified Coastal Land Use Element, contains policies consistent with the Act specific to the City’s Coastal Zone, and, together with the Coastal Zoning Ordinance, will constitute the City’s Local Coastal Program upon certification and Council acceptance; and

**WHEREAS**, Planning Commission Resolution No. PC-25-04 adopted on February 24, 2026, is the Planning Commission’s recommendation for adoption of the Local Coastal Element;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Arcata:

1. Affirms the Local Coastal Element adopted by Resolution No. 256-02 on March 4, 2026, and the Coastal Zoning Ordinance adopted by Ordinance 1581 on March 18, 2026, constitute a comprehensive update to the City’s certified Local Coastal Program; and

2. Affirms the update is intended to completely replace the 1989 Coastal Land Use Element; the 1994 Land Use and Development Guide, as amended from time to time; and the Coastal Zoning Map.
3. Affirms that upon Coastal Commission certification and subsequent acceptance by the City Council, the Coastal Land Use Element and Land Use and Development Guide shall be rescinded and the Local Coastal Element shall, together with the Coastal Zoning Ordinance, constitute the City's Local Coastal Program;
4. Directs the City Manager to submit the comprehensive update to the California Coastal Commission for certification.
5. Affirms that the Local Coastal Program amendment is intended to be implemented in full conformance with the Coastal Act.
6. Declares that this Resolution shall become effective on adoption.

DATED:

ATTEST:

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Rhea Varley  
City Clerk, City of Arcata

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Kimberley White  
Mayor, City of Arcata

#### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 256-49, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

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Rhea Varley  
City Clerk, City of Arcata