

ORDINANCE NO. 1584

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA
REPEALING ARTICLE 12 (PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE) IN CHAPTER 3 (BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES) OF TITLE II (ADMINISTRATION),
OF THE ARCATA MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee was established to provide a forum for discussion of public safety issues and to make recommendations to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in recent years interest and participation in the Public Safety Committee has declined, and despite recruitment efforts including advertising vacancies and conducting outreach, several positions have remained unfilled for extended periods; and

WHEREAS, these ongoing vacancies have made it difficult to maintain full membership, achieve quorum, and sustain continuity in the Public Safety Committee's work; and

WHEREAS, public safety matters are regularly addressed directly by the full City Council through regular meetings, study sessions, strategic planning processes, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the advisory functions of the Public Safety Committee can be effectively performed through existing processes and that repeal of the Public Safety Committee will streamline the City's advisory structure while maintaining transparency and opportunities for public participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Article 12 (*Public Safety Committee*) in Chapter 3 (*Boards, Commissions, Committees and Task Forces*) of Title II (*Administration*) is hereby repealed and reserved for future use.

Section 2: Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 3: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This ordinance makes administrative amendments to the Arcata Municipal Code that will not cause a physical change to the environment. Consequently, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that enactment of this ordinance will have a significant impact on the environment and this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), common sense

exemption.

Section 4: Limitation of Actions. Any action to challenge the validity or legality of any provision of this ordinance on any grounds shall be brought by court action commenced within thirty (30) days of the date of adoption of this ordinance.

Section 5: Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its final passage, provided it is published pursuant to Government Code section 36933 in a newspaper of general circulation within fifteen (15) days after its adoption.

DATED:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk, City of Arcata

Mayor, City of Arcata

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of **Ordinance No. 1584**, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, California, held on the ___ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

City Clerk, City of Arcata