

## ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS WITHIN DIVISION I OF TITLE 20  
OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY CODE**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, State of California, ordains as follows:

**Section 1.** On August 4, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2014-2019 Housing Element Update of the General Plan. The Housing Element contained Action Item 4.1d, which calls for the County to amend its definition of "Family" in Chapter 20 of the Mendocino County Code, and Action Item 4.3h, which includes "Treating applications for transitional and supportive housing applications similar to other residential applications within that zone". It is the intent of this Ordinance to fulfill this requirement.

**Section 2.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to facilitate the resolution of housing discrimination complaints and promote fair housing programs and to encourage a range of housing types to address the housing needs of the County's special needs populations. This Ordinance encourages these goals by bringing the County into compliance with Senate Bill 2 (2007) and the State's definition of "Family" in regards to housing. By eliminating unreasonable barriers and expanding the possibilities to provide a wider range of supportive and transitional housing, this Ordinance allows the County to achieve these goals while protecting the public health and safety.

**Section 3.** Chapter 20, Division I of the Mendocino County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1) Section 20.008.027 - Definitions (E) of the Mendocino County Inland Zoning Code is amended to revise the existing definition of "Emergency Shelter" as follows:**

(A) "Emergency shelter" means a facility for the temporary shelter and feeding of indigents, disaster victims, or homeless persons that is limited to occupancy of six months or less, as defined in Section 50801(b) of the California Health and Safety Code.

**2) Section 20.008.028 - Definitions (F) of the Mendocino County Inland Zoning Code is amended to revise the definition of "Family" as follows:**

(A) "Family" means ~~either:~~

~~(1) A single person or two (2) or more persons related by blood, marriage or adoption living in a dwelling unit; or~~

~~(2) Two (2) or more persons living together who bear the generic character of a family unit as a relatively permanent household, one or more persons occupying premises and living as a single nonprofit housekeeping unit, as distinguished from a group occupying a boarding or lodging house, hotel, club or similar dwelling for group use. "Family" does not include a fraternal, religious, social or business group. "Family" shall be deemed to include domestic servants employed by a family.~~

**3) Section 20.008.052- Definitions (S) of the Mendocino County Inland Zoning Code is amended with the addition of the definition of "Supportive Housing" as follows:**

(30) "Supportive housing" means housing with no limit on length of stay, that is occupied by the target population and that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his or her health status, and maximizing his or her ability to live and, when possible, work in the community, as defined in Section 50675.14 of the California Health and Safety Code. Supportive housing units are residential uses subject only to those requirements and restrictions that apply to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone.

~~(30)~~(31) "Swap lot" means a building, structure, enclosure lot or other area into which persons are admitted to display, exchange, barter, sell or bargain for new or used merchandise.

~~(34)~~(32) "Swimming pool" means a pool, pond, or open tank, capable of containing water to a depth greater than one and one-half (1½) feet at any point and designed or used for wading or swimming.

**4) Section 20.008.054 - Definitions (T) of the Mendocino County Inland Zoning Code is amended to revise the existing definition of "Transitional Housing" as follows:**

~~(D) "Transitional housing" means a shelter provided for the homeless for an extended period, often as long as eighteen (18) months, and generally integrated with other social services and counseling programs to assist in the transition to self-sufficiency through the acquisition of a stable income and permanent housing rental housing operated under program requirements that call for the termination of assistance and recirculation of the assisted unit to another eligible program recipient at some predetermined future point in time, which shall be no less than six (6) months, and in no case more than two years, as defined in Section 50675.2 of the California Health and Safety Code. Transitional housing units are residential uses subject only to those requirements and restrictions that apply to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone.~~

**5) Section 20.020.060 of the Mendocino County Inland Zoning Code is amended to remove transitional housing from the definition of "Group Care" as follows:**

"Group care" means services provided in facilities authorized, certified or licensed by the State to provide board, room and personal care to seven (7) or more, but not to exceed twenty-five (25) elderly, or mentally impaired or otherwise handicapped persons or dependent and neglected children but excluding those uses classified under major impact services and utilities. Typical uses include emergency shelters, intermediate care facilities and rest homes.

**6) Chapter 20.152- General Provisions and Exceptions Districts of the Mendocino County Inland Zoning Code is amended to add Section 20.152.040, to read as follows:**

**Sec. 20.152.040- Supportive and Transitional Housing**

Upon issuance of an Administrative Permit, in accordance with Chapter 20.192, Supportive and Transitional housing shall be permitted and held to the same development standards as any other like-type residential use in the same zoning district provided:

1) Supportive housing is linked to on or off site services to assist the occupant(s) in retaining housing, improving his/ her health status and maximizing his/ her ability to live and work in the community, as defined in Section 50675.14 of the California Health and Safety Code, without limits on length of stay.

2) Transitional housing is rental housing operated under program requirements that call for the termination of assistance and recirculation of the assisted-living unit to another eligible occupant at some predetermined future point in time, which shall be no less than six (6) months and no more than twenty four (24) months, as defined in Section 50675.2 of the California Health and Safety Code.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, State of California, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES

NOES:

ABSENT:

**WHEREUPON**, the Chairman declared said Ordinance passed and adopted and **SO ORDERED**.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO  
Clerk of the Board

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DAN GJERDE, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

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Deputy

*APPROVED AS TO FORM:*  
KATHARINE L. ELLIOTT, County Counsel

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO  
Clerk of the Board

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