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**MENDOCINO COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**ACTION MINUTES – December 11, 2017**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO - STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**FAIR STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**(PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §25150)**

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – OPEN SESSION (9:10 A.M.)**

**Present:** Supervisor John McCowen and Chair Dan Hamburg.

**Staff Present:** Ms. Carmel J. Angelo, Chief Executive Officer; Ms. Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel; and Ms. Karla Van Hagen, Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS**

**2A) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE LIMITED DENSITY RURAL DWELLING (CLASS K) ORDINANCE (REFERRED FROM THE JANUARY 24, 2017, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING)**

**Presenter/s:** Mr. Michael Oliphant, Senior Building Official, Planning and Building Services; and Mr. Nash Gonzalez, Interim Director, Planning and Building Services.

**Public Comment:** Ms. Stephanie Gould; Mr. Scott Ward; Mr. Dennis Tooney; Mr. Robert Salisbury; Mr. James Vedorhes; Mr. Blair Phillips; Mr. Darius Richmond; Mr. Casey O'Neill; Mr. Bill Barksdale; Mr. Jeff Ellis; Mr. Greg Krauss; Ms. Angela DeWitt; Mr. Larry Malliard; Ms. Anna Farnham; and Mr. Lee Howard.

**Points of Discussion:**

- Automatic fire sprinkler system for all single family residences;
- 2,000 square feet of habitable space limitation for all single family residences;
- Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) requirements for all new single family residences;
- Permitter foundation requirement (as required by the California Building Code) for all single family residences and accessory dwellings for structures greater than 1 story in height;
- Five acre minimum parcel size;
- Affordability vs. health vs. safety vs. legality;
- Statement regarding materials conforming with WUI – “equal to or better than the listed materials” not to be considered exhaustive. Proposed verbiage such as, “including, but not limited to”;
- Engineering standards;
- Alternate foundations;
- Grandfathering permit differentiation (existing vs new Class K buildings);
- No fire sprinkler requirement for homes under 1,250 square feet (if County Counsel determines this meets building requirements);
- Maximum square footage of 2,000 (with possibility of up to 750 square footage for attached second unit to be added, still utilizing Class K) to create an accessory, independent living unit);
- Sprinkler acreage requirement on 1 acre parcel zoning; but not on larger acre;
- Application date shall be operative date for Class K code standards / amnesty date; and
- Three (3) inspection requirement.

**Committee Directive:** GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE that Planning and Building Services staff shall investigate further what engineering standards could be incorporated into Ordinance (or an appendix) that would relieve the burden of every individual applicant of having to secure their own engineering with respect to post and pier foundation.

**Committee Directive:** GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE that Planning and Building Services staff shall prepare an agenda item for the December 19, 2017, meeting of the Board of Supervisors formalizing extension of Board amnesty to June 30, 2018.

*COMMITTEE RECESS: 10:24 A.M. – 10:41 A.M.*

**Committee Directive:** GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE that County Counsel shall provide a legal opinion regarding the reduction of sprinkler standard for clearly smaller structures.

**Committee Directive:** GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE that County Counsel shall prepare an agenda item authorizing the Board to waive the County Counsel confidentiality opinion regarding waiving the WUI sprinkler requirement by the first Board meeting on December 19, 2017.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**3A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

**Committee Directive:** BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR the September 25, 2017, General Government Committee meeting minutes are hereby approved.

**3B) PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

**Public Comment:** Mr. Lee Howard.

**3C) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**3D) MATTERS FROM STAFF**

None.

**3E) ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 12:02 P.M.

Attest: Karla Van Hagen  
Senior Deputy Clerk of the Board

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