

Dear Planning and Building and County Decision Makers:

It is noticed in the October Agenda there is an item asking for direction in changing the size (square foot limitations) on Class K dwelling.

Class K is a supplemental code that allows for the construction of unique structures that allow for human habitation. These structures are not subject to all building code requirements - though they must be inspected and deemed safe by the County Building & Safety Department. Class K allows for would be residents to build unique and economically feasible structures to satisfy esthetic, site, and economic needs. Class K can, and should be (in part), Housing Element solutions for lower cost housing.

The use of Class K should not be allowed be abused by allowing for non-code construction of large structures - that go beyond the realm of what Class K was intended for - lower cost housing of unique style and construction methods. Allowing for structures beyond the size now considered in the current Class K Ordinance may go beyond this intent and have environmental implications.

Coast Action Group is requesting Notice of any proposed language changes in the Class K Ordinance.

Coast Action Group reminds the offices and officers of Mendocino County that the promulgation of an ordinance is subject to CEQA requirements - including a complete analysis of GHG effects related to any proposed changes in existing ordinance.

Please notice us and be considerate of all implications in your decision making process

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