



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 17-0997, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** County Counsel

**Meeting Date:** October 31, 2017

**Department Contact:** Katharine L. Elliott

**Phone:** 234-6885

**Item Type:** Regular Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** 30 min.

**Agenda Title:**

Discussion and Possible Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting Price Gouging Following the Redwood Complex Fire  
(Sponsor: County Counsel)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Adopt Urgency Ordinance prohibiting price gouging following the Redwood Complex Fire; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

On October 17, 2017, the Board gave direction to draft an Urgency Ordinance regarding price gauging.

**Summary of Request:**

On October 13, 2017, the Mendocino County Health Officer declared a local health emergency which was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on October 17, 2017. An ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, which contains a declaration of the facts constituting the urgency, and is passed by a four-fifths vote of the board of supervisors, shall take effect immediately. Government Code section 25131 specifies that an urgency ordinance may be passed immediately upon introduction.

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors, County staff has prepared an ordinance that prohibits price gouging following the Redwood Complex Fire and increases the penalties for violating the ordinance.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Decline to adopt ordinance; provide additional direction to staff.

**Supplemental Information Available Online at:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Source of Funding:** N/A

**Current F/Y Cost:** N/A

**Budgeted in Current F/Y:** N/A

**Annual Recurring Cost:** N/A

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** 4/5's

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

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CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:



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Executed By: Nadia Tipton

Final Status: **Adopted**

Date: November 1, 2017

Executed Item No.: **Ordinance** Number: 4396

Note to Department:

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Department: Originals \_\_\_\_\_ Copies

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