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**VENTURA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 4604
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
AND SUMMARY OF
COUNTY OF VENTURA
ORDINANCE NO. 4604
REPEALING AND
REENACTING ARTICLE 5
OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE VENTURA
COUNTY ORDINANCE
CODE, BEGINNING AT
SECTION 1360, ADDRESSING CULTURAL HERITAGE (PL21-0102)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a public hearing was held by the Board of Supervisors of Ventura County on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. to consider and decide the below matter as follows:

Location: 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009, County Government Center, Hall of Administration, Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

Case Number: PL21-0102

Applicant: County of Ventura

Project Location: All parcels located within unincorporated Ventura County. In addition, the text amendments would be applicable to all parcels within any city that adopts the text by reference.

Environmental Document: This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308.

Project Summary: The project consists of amendments to Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, beginning at Section 1360, to amend the County's Cultural Heritage Ordinance ("Ordinance"). The primary substantive changes include:

1. Reorganization and Cleanup (throughout): Various Ordinance sections are grouped and re-ordered logically with corrections to grammar, syntax and wording.

2. Section 1361: Links the Purpose and Findings of the Ordinance to the County's 2040 General Plan.

3. Section 1363 Definitions: Adds a number of new definitions for key terms used in the field of historic preservation in order to provide clarity and promote effective implementation of the

Ordinance. In addition, some existing definitions were revised for additional clarity to align with the Secretary of Interior Standards used to evaluate the impact of alterations on a historic resource. New definitions were added for the following terms: (1) Alteration; (2) Board of Supervisors; (3) Certificate of Review; (4) Certified Local Government; (5) Character-Defining Features; (6) Demolition; (7) District Contributor; (8) District Non-Contributor; (9) Downgrade; (10) Historic Context; (11) Integrity; (12) Period of Significance; (13) Relocation; and (14) Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards. The following existing definitions were amended: (1) California Historical Building Code; (2) Certificate of Appropriateness; (3) District; (4) Landmark; (5) Potential Cultural Heritage Site; (6) Preservation; (7) Reconstruction; (8) Rehabilitation; (9) Restoration; (10) Secretary of the Interior's Standards; and (11) Site of Merit.

4. Section 1364-2: Changes the process for appointing the two Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) At-Large members.

5. Section 1365-9: Requires direct notification to all affected property owners prior to the acceptance of cultural resource surveys by the CHB.

6. Section 1365-11: Clarifies the Certificate of Review process as only being required in conjunction with another action requiring a permit from a County agency, and only applying to sites not requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness or in the case of demolition.

7. Section 1365-12: Clarifies that the CHB's role in the review of environmental documents is pursuant to the County's adopted Initial Study Assessment Guidelines.

8. Section 1366: Clarifies who may initiate designation of a Cultural Heritage Site.

9. Section 1367: Aligns the criteria for a Ventura County Landmark closely with the National and State Historic Registers by adding integrity as a required criterion. Aligns the criteria

for a District with the National Park Service glossary.

10. Section 1368: Establishes a mechanism whereby the Cultural Heritage designation of a property may be downgraded by the CHB.

11. Section 1369: Adds a new category to the Ordinance that contains miscellaneous Cultural Heritage Program Requirements and Prohibitions.

12. Section 1369-1: Moves the requirement to maintain a list of potential Cultural Heritage Sites from one section of the Ordinance to another and requires the Planning Division permitting database to identify these sites. Includes properties in the National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources in the County's list of Potential Cultural Heritage Sites.

13. Section 1369-6: Requires the recordation of future designated Cultural Heritage Sites with the County Clerk and Recorder, consistent with State law and current Planning Division practice.

14. Section 1369-7: Identifies existing maintenance requirements for County property owners, including those of historic properties, as outlined in the International Property Maintenance Code (as adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 5, 2019 and enforced by the Ventura County Code Compliance Division).

15. Section 1370: Identifies available incentives for owners of historic properties. Sec. 1370-1 clarifies the qualified properties for a Mills Act Contract.

16. Section 1371: Clarifies language and grammar in the Certificate of Appropriateness section, eliminates the findings for disapproval, and establishes acceptable evidence for review of a hardship waiver. Clarifies that the cultural heritage review process is limited to evaluating the exterior alterations of a structure, site, or object, with the exception of properties granted a Mills Act Contract.

17. Section 1373: Identifies the existing opportunities to appeal CHB or CHB staff actions, including the newly proposed downgrade mechanism.

18. Section 1379. Adds a new category to identify the existing Planning and Code Compliance Division enforcement mechanisms for violations of the Ordinance. The ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors LaVere, Parks, Long, Huber, and Ramirez.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The adopted Ventura County Ordinance No. 4604 is available in its entirety at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors located in the Hall of Administration at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA, and in the Board of Supervisors hearing archives available online at:

<https://www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/agendas-documents-and-broadcasts/>.

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