

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING RESOLUTION NO. 081558 TO CORRECT AN ERROR AND CLARIFY THAT THE WAIVER OF CALIFORNIA FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE APIARY REGISTRATION FEES APPLIES TO HOBBYIST BEEKEEPERS WITH NINE OR FEWER COLONIES

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, Title 3, Section 2951 of the California Code of Regulations and Section 20944 of the Food and Agricultural Code (“FAC”) mandates an annual statewide registration fee for each beekeeper, apiary owner, apiary operator, broker, or person in possession of any apiary; and

WHEREAS, FAC Section 29044(a) provides that the Board of Supervisors of any county, with the approval of the Secretary of the CDFA, may waive the registration fee for any beekeeper, apiary owner, apiary operator, or person who is a hobbyist, not engaged in the business of beekeeping, and who possesses nine or fewer colonies; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 7, 2025, the CDFA issued a letter to “All County Agricultural Commissioners” in California providing blanket approval for County Boards of Supervisors to waive the apiary registration fee for those who meet these criteria; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2025, this Board adopted Resolution No. 081558, the purpose of which was to authorize the apiary registration fee waiver for hobbyist beekeepers maintaining *nine or fewer* colonies; however, Resolution No. 081558

erroneously provided that the fee waiver applied to hobbyist beekeepers with *fewer than nine* colonies

WHEREAS, in order to correct this mistake and support hobbyist beekeepers in San Mateo County, as well as to encourage participation in the Pollinator Protection Program, this Board desires to amend Resolution No. 081558 to clarify and confirm that the intended apiary registration fee waiver is authorized for hobbyist beekeepers in San Mateo County who maintain *nine or fewer* colonies.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that this Board of Supervisors amends and restates Resolution No. 081558 to clarify and confirm that the intended apiary registration fee waiver for hobbyist beekeepers in San Mateo County, which is authorized pursuant to Title 3, Section 2951 of the California Code of Regulations and Section 29044(a) of the California Food and Agricultural Code, applies to hobbyist beekeepers maintaining nine or fewer colonies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner is directed to convey this Board's waiver of the apiary registration fee for hobbyist beekeepers to the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

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