

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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**RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS),
CHAPTER 15 (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICTS), AND CHAPTER 16
(GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS) OF THE COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE
(ZONING REGULATIONS) TO ADD “NON-CHARTERED FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS” AS A USE REQUIRING A USE PERMIT, AND ESTABLISHING
PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR SAID PERMITS**

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

WHEREAS, in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, it is in the public’s interest for the County to establish rules and regulations relating to the location and operation of Non-Chartered Financial Institutions and their compatibility with surrounding land uses; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of Non-Chartered Financial Institutions within confined commercial zoning districts could create significant, adverse visual impacts and perceptions of blight. Therefore, there is a need to regulate the proximity of such uses to each other and to adjacent non-commercial land uses, and to regulate the operating characteristics of these businesses with regard to lighting and graffiti and trash removal; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2011, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution regarding the impacts of and alternatives to Non-Chartered Financial Institutions, often

referred to as “payday loan” establishments. The Board’s resolution and accompanying staff report highlighted the exorbitant fees that consumers pay for use of payday loans and other similar financial products; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Planning Commission considered the proposed regulations for Non-Chartered Financial Institutions and held a public hearing regarding these regulations on May 9, 2012; and

WHEREAS, maximum opportunity for public participation in the Planning Commission hearing process was provided through (1) publication of all Planning Commission meeting announcements in the San Mateo County Times and Half Moon Bay Review newspapers, and (2) direct mailing of meeting announcements and reports to interested parties; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2012, the Planning Commission adopted a recommendation that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed zoning text amendment; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2012, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on the zoning text amendment recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, considered all comments received, and determined that the amendment is consistent with the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, maximum opportunity for public participation in the hearing process was provided through (1) publication of all Board of Supervisors meeting announcements in the San Mateo County Times and Half Moon Bay Review newspapers, and (2) direct mailing of meeting announcements and reports to interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all interested parties were afforded the opportunity to be heard at the Board of Supervisors hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors amends Chapter 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 15 (Neighborhood Business District), and Chapter 16 (General Commercial District) of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code (Zoning Regulations) to regulate the establishment and operation of Non-Chartered Financial Institutions in commercial zoning districts as shown in Exhibit "A" of this resolution.

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