

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PLANNING SERVICES FEE SCHEDULE TO AUTHORIZE WAIVER OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT EXEMPTION FEES FOR QUALIFYING AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

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

WHEREAS, County Ordinance No. 2193, adopted April 10, 1973, authorizes the setting by resolution of fees for permits and services provided by the Planning and Building Department; and

WHEREAS, the current Planning Services Fee Schedule includes a Coastal Development Permit Exemption (CDX) fee of \$287 and authorizes fee waivers or reductions under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the County developed the Agricultural Ombudsman Program in partnership with the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District to help agricultural producers navigate permitting requirements; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed and approves of the proposal to add a provision to the Planning Services Fee Schedule authorizing the Community Development Director to waive the CDX fee for projects located within the Agricultural

Development Categorical Exclusion Area, when such projects have been developed in consultation with the County Agricultural Ombudsman; and

WHEREAS, the proposed CDX fee waiver will directly reduce permitting costs for agricultural producers and encourage consultation with the Agricultural Ombudsman, who can assist with permitting and education regarding sustainable agricultural techniques and best practices, improving economic and environmental outcomes; and

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed fee schedule amendment was provided at least 10 day prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 4, 2018, at which meeting public comment was accepted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors hereby amends the Planning Services Fee Schedule as set forth in the staff report presented in this matter and authorizes the Community Development Director to waive the CDX fee for qualifying projects located in the Agricultural Development Categorical Exclusion Area when projects are developed in consultation with the County Agricultural Ombudsman.

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