

ORDINANCE NO. .
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 3.68.090, 3.69.070, 5.44.050 and 6.04.040
OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE TO REMOVE REFERENCES
TO THE TERM “HANDICAPPED PERSONS” IN FAVOR OF THE TERM “PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES”**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California,
ORDAINS as follows:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors hereby finds and determines as follows:

1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported that approximately sixty-one million adults in the United States (*i.e.*, 26% of the adult population), report having a disability. In San Mateo County, this is approximately 143,000 residents, and most Americans will experience a disability some time during the course of their lives.
2. According to the CDC, “people first” language should be used to speak appropriately and respectfully about an individual with a disability. People first language emphasizes the person first not the disability, and conveys the understanding that people are more than their disabilities. For example, when referring to a person with a disability, refer to the person first by using phrases such as: “a person who...,” “a person with...,” or a person who has...” Language to avoid includes such terms as “the disabled,” “handicapped,” or “special needs person.”

SECTION 2. Section 3.68.090 of Chapter 3.68 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.68.090 - Motor vehicles.

No person shall operate any motor vehicle except upon established paved roads or other established paved areas specifically designated and maintained for normal ingress, egress, and parking. This section shall not apply to any emergency or County vehicle, persons with physical disabilities operating

wheelchairs or similar devices, or to any person acting in compliance with the directions of a Park Ranger or Peace Officer.

SECTION 3. Section 3.69.070 of Chapter 3.69 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.69.070 - Motor vehicles.

No person shall operate any motor vehicle at Tunitas Creek Beach except upon established paved roads or other established paved areas specifically designated and maintained for normal ingress, egress, and parking. This section shall not apply to any emergency or County vehicle, persons with physical disabilities operating wheelchairs or similar devices, or to any person acting in compliance with the directions of a Park Ranger or Peace Officer.

SECTION 4. Subsection (w) of Section 5.44.050 of Chapter 5.44 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (w) All massage businesses shall comply with all state and federal laws and regulations for clients who are persons with disabilities.

SECTION 5. Subsection (a) of Section 6.04.040 of Chapter 6.04 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (a) Requirements. An annual license fee shall be paid for every dog or cat over the age of four (4) months owned or harbored in unincorporated San Mateo County. Said annual license fee shall be first due when the animal reaches four (4) months of age or within 60 days after the dog or cat is acquired, and due on the anniversary date of the original purchase date each year thereafter. New residents shall have sixty (60) days in which to acquire such license. Persons renewing their license shall have thirty (30) days following their due date before being delinquent and having to pay a late penalty. The fee for such license shall be as set forth in section 6.04.290. The fee paid for the licensing of spayed or neutered dogs and cats shall be less than said license fee for unaltered cats or dogs upon presentation of the proper certification. The license fee paid by persons over the age of 60 shall be at a discount. For purposes of this section any surcharge on the license fee imposed under section 6.04.290 shall not be considered part of the license fee. Any person who shall fail to pay such license fee after said fee is due, or said dog or cat is required to be licensed, shall in addition to paying any past due license fee or fees, also pay a penalty in accordance with section 6.04.290. A license shall be obtained, but no license fee shall be payable for the licensing of any dog being raised, trained or used to assist persons with disabilities (such as those provided by Canine Companions) including but not limited to any dog which is being trained for guide or hearing purposes by a resident of the County or used for guide or hearing purposes by a person with a

disability and which has come from a guide or hearing dog training facility such as Canine Companions, or for dogs which have served as a member of the armed forces of the United States of America, or any dog used by a local law enforcement agency for the purposes of crime prevention or control. Dog or cat licenses are not transferable between owners; however, if the dog or cat dies and the owner acquires a new dog or cat, the license is transferable to the new dog or cat. The license does not have to be renewed until the original purchase anniversary date. The fee paid for a dog or cat license is not refundable.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty days after adoption.