

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA APPROVING  
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 25-0607 FOR 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS AND  
DIRECTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF  
FINAL LOCAL ACTION TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the City (Applicant), submitted an application for a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to authorize the 2026 Capitola Beach Festival and 2026 Junior Guards Competition (Project) located within the Mixed Use Village Zoning District and the Parks and Open Space Zoning District, and more specifically within the Capitola Village and the Capitola Beach, within the City of Capitola; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject property is located within the City's Coastal Zone and requires approval of a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Capitola Municipal Code (CMC) Chapter 17.44 and the Local Coastal Program (LCP); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Capitola Community and Economic Development Department reviewed the application for consistency with the General Plan, Local Coastal Program, Zoning Ordinance, and applicable provisions of state law, including the California Coastal Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on January 8, 2026, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council considered the staff report, public testimony, project plans, environmental review, and all other information contained in the administrative record; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15323, as documented in the administrative record; and

**WHEREAS**, based on its review, the City Council makes the following findings as required by the Capitola Municipal Code and the City of Capitola Local Coastal Program:

**SECTION 1. COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FINDINGS**

1. The event will result in no adverse impact on opportunities for public use of or access to the area due to the proposed location and/or timing of the event either individually or cumulatively considered together with other development or temporary events scheduled before or after the particular event; and
2. There will be no direct or indirect impacts from the event and its associated activities or access requirements on environmentally sensitive habitat areas, rare or endangered species, significant scenic resources, or other coastal resources; and
3. The event has not previously required a CDP to address and monitor associated impacts to coastal resources; and
4. The Capitola Beach Festival is authorized to hold the lighted boat parade in Soquel Creek using electric propeller-operated watercraft, consistent with Capitola Municipal Code Section 8.20.010.

## **SECTION 2. APPROVAL**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Capitola hereby approves Coastal Development Permit No. 25-0607 for the 2026 Capitola Beach Festival, and 2026 Junior Guards Competition.

## **SECTION 3. NOTICE OF FINAL LOCAL ACTION**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council directs the Community Development Director to submit a Notice of Final Local Action and all required materials to the California Coastal Commission within the statutory deadline.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Capitola on this 8th day of January 2026, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

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Margaux Morgan, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Julia Gautho, City Clerk