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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM ADDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 16.78 AND 17.75, ADDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 16.08.020, AND AMENDING SECTION 17.74.040 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 66411.7 AND 65852.21 RELATED TO URBAN LOT SPLITS AND SB9 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Capitola's Local Coastal Program (LCP) was certified by the California Coastal Commission in December of 1981 and has since been amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the General Plan Update on June 26, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan is a comprehensive long-term plan for land use and physical development within the City's coastal zone and includes the Coastal Land Use Plan Map; and

WHEREAS, SB-9 (Chapter 162, Statutes of 2021) enacted sections 66411.7 and 65852.21 to the Government Code, effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, these provisions require the City to provide ministerial approval of urban lot splits, ("Urban Lot Splits") and the construction of up to two residential dwelling units ("SB9 Residential Developments") on each single-family residential zoned lot within the City, subject to certain limitations; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 66411.7(a) limits eligibility of Urban Lot Splits by size and proportionality; and

WHEREAS, Government Code sections 66411.7(a)(3)(C) and 65852.21(a)(2) limit Urban Lot Splits and SB9 Residential Developments, respectively, to sites that are not located on or within certain farmland, wetlands, very high fire hazard severity zones, hazardous waste sites, earthquake fault zones, special flood hazard areas, regulatory floodways, lands identified for conservation, habitats for protected species, and historic properties, unless projects on such sites meet specified conditions; and

WHEREAS, Government Code sections 66411.7(a)(3)(D) and 65852.21(a)(3) through (a)(5) limit eligibility of an Urban Lot Split and a SB9 Residential Development, respectively, that proposes to demolish or alter housing subject to affordability restrictions, housing subject to rent or price controls, housing that has been occupied by a tenant in the last three years, housing that has been withdrawn from rent or lease within the past 15 years, and housing that requires demolition of existing structural walls unless authorized by local ordinance or has not been tenant-occupied within the past 3 years; and

WHEREAS, Government Code sections 65852.21(a)(6) and 66411.7(a)(3)(E) allow a city to deny an Urban Lot Split for properties within an historic district or listed on the State's Historic Resource Inventory or within a site that is designated or listed as a city or county landmark or historic property or district pursuant to a city or county ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Government Code sections 66411.7(c) and 65852.21(b) allow a city to establish objective zoning standards, objective subdivision standards, and objective design review

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standards for Urban Lot Splits and SB9 Residential Developments, respectively, subject to limits within state law; and

WHEREAS, such objective zoning standards, objective subdivision standards, and objective design review standards may not have the effect of “precluding the construction of two units on either of the resulting parcels from an Urban Lot Split or that would result in a unit size of less than 800 square feet” for a SB9 Residential Development; and

WHEREAS, Government Code sections 66411.7 and 65852.21 allow a city to deny a proposed SB9 Residential Development or Urban Lot Split, respectively, if the project would have a specific, adverse impact, as defined and determined in paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of section 65589.5, upon public health and safety or the physical environment and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific, adverse impact; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code sections 65852.21(j) and 66411.7(n), the City may adopt an ordinance to implement the provisions of Government Code sections 65852.21 and 66411.7, and such an ordinance shall not be considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the City of Capitola’s unique geography and proximity to the Pacific Ocean, the City Council desires to implement objective standards and an application process for projects undertaken pursuant to Government Code Sections 65852.21 and 66411.7 by the adoption of such an ordinance;

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2022, and March 31, 2022, the Planning Commission provided feedback on draft objective standards.

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2022, the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council adoption of the objective standards.

WHEREAS, City staff consulted with Coastal Commission staff in the preparation of the Zoning Ordinance amendments to ensure that the proposed program and ordinance would comply with the California Coastal Act and Capitola’s Local Coastal Program; and

WHEREAS, the draft ordinance was then circulated for a 60-day public review period on January 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on February 3, 2022, March 31, 2022, and April 21, 2022, at which time it reviewed the proposed amendments, considered all public comments on the revisions and related CEQA exemption, and provided input on the draft ordinance, and a recommendation to approve the proposed ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Capitola City Council conducted duly noticed public hearings on May 12, 2022, at which the City Council introduced and performed a first reading of the added and revised municipal code sections. On May 26, 2022, the City Council adopted the ordinance, which added municipal code chapters 16.78 and 17.75, added municipal code section 16.08.020, and amended section 17.74.040 for the implementation of government code sections 66411.7 AND 65852.21 related to urban lot splits and SB9 residential developments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determined that the amendments are consistent with the General Plan and that the revisions would be internally consistent with all other provisions of the Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the amendments would become a component of Implementation Plan of the

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City's Local Coastal Program and is intended to be implemented in a manner that is in full conformance with the California Coastal Act.

WHEREAS, following the City Council's adoption, Capitola staff submitted the Zoning Code update to the Californian Coastal Commission staff for preliminary review in preparation for Local Coastal Plan (LCP) certification; and

WHEREAS, the Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan establishes specific land use and development regulations to implement the Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan, and Chapter 16 (Subdivision), Chapter 17 (Zoning) and the Zoning Map are part of Capitola's Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City provided Public Notice, as required under Coastal Act 30514 et seq., for Certification of the LCP Implementation Plan and Corresponding Maps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Capitola, that this Resolution declares and reflects the City's intent to amend the LCP Implementation Plan as it pertains to Chapter 16 (Subdivisions) and Chapter 17 (Zoning), as drafted, if certified by the California Coastal Commission, in full conformity with the City of Capitola LCP and provisions of the California Coastal Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager or his designee is directed to submit the said Coastal Commission LCP Amendments to the California Coastal Commission for its review and certification. If the Coastal Commission approves the amendment package, it will take

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effect automatically upon Coastal Commission approval. If the Coastal Commission modifies the amendment package, only the modifications will require formal action by the City of Capitola.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Capitola on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Sam Storey, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chloé Woodmansee, City Clerk