



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA OF:** July 22, 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Development Department

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and appropriate action to modify or discontinue the City of Castroville Development Agreement Policy.

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

I move to amend the Development Agreement Policy to include a requirement that a formal recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission be obtained prior to the item being presented to the City Council for consideration.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission have jointly held three workshops to evaluate and discuss the City of Castroville's Development Agreement Policy. These workshops were held on:

- May 7, 2024
- June 20, 2024
- July 29, 2024

The purpose of the workshops was to assess the effectiveness of the current policy, consider public feedback, and explore ways to improve transparency and procedural clarity in the development agreement process.

Following these discussions, the Development Agreement Policy was formally adopted by the City Council on August 27, 2024. However, additional concerns and recommendations have emerged since adoption—particularly regarding the importance of transparency in land use decision-making.

One key proposal raised during these discussions is to include a provision in the policy requiring all development agreements to be reviewed and receive a formal recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission prior to being presented to the City Council for action. This additional step aims to improve public engagement, reinforce transparency, and ensure consistency with the City's comprehensive planning efforts.

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the City Council to evaluate whether the current policy should be amended to incorporate these or other changes or be discontinued entirely.

**FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:** N/A

☐ Budgeted ☐ Requires Budget Amendment

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Development Agreement Policy

**Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency): 4**

**Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact): 5**

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