ORDINANCE NO. 3561 C.S.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY

AMEND MONTEREY CITY CODE CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 19-103(a) TO MODIFY PLANNING FEES FOR APPEALS

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY DOES ORDAIN, as follows:

SECTION 1:

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey proposes to reduce planning fees for appeals to address citizen requests. Some community members want more affordable fees for appeals;

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(CCR, Title 14, Chapter 3 (CEQA Guidelines), Article 20, Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or any reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability;

NOW THEREFORE, the Monterey City Council declares as follows:

SECTION 2: Monterey City Code, Chapter 19, Section 19.103(a)'s table of fees and service charges, Section I. Development Services, sub-category 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

11. Appeals

SECTION 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its final passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY this 7th day of February, 2017, by the following vote:

5	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Albert, Barrett, Haffa, Smith, Roberson
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APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mayor of said City

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