



County Of Monterey Board of Supervisors

Board Order

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Upon consensus the Board:

Received a preliminary response to Referral Number 2026.07 (Church) regarding development of an ordinance to accelerate housing development by establishing objective criteria for approval of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), lot-splits under Senate Bill 9 (2021), and duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in appropriate areas of unincorporated Monterey County.

The Board directed staff to move forward with the referral's goals in conjunction with the 6th Cycle Housing Element implementation efforts:

HCD will develop objective design standards for ministerial approval of multi-family housing on designated opportunity sites. This shift from discretionary to objective standards is intended to cut red tape and accelerate development by ensuring both staff and developers know the requirements upfront; Implementation funding will be through Measure AA;

ADU regulations have been updated for coastal areas and will soon introduce a companion document for inland areas;

Currently being offered are pre-approved, standardized plans (for 1, 2, and 3-bedroom ADUs) that bypass the need for design professionals. These are actively being updated to match the 2025 building code standards;

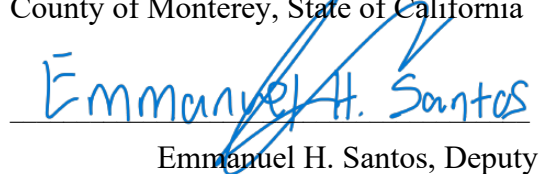
Senate Bill 9 (SB9), is being implemented and the County recognizes the need to officially codify it through the policies and programs built into the upcoming Housing Element; and

Qualification for the state's "pro-housing" designation cannot happen until a compliant Housing Element is formally adopted, which is expected by the end of the year.

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting June 23, 2026.

Dated: June 25, 2026
File ID: PAR 26-011
Agenda Item No.: 26

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California


Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy