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ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADDING NEW SECTION 1.22.105 TO CHAPTER 1.22 OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REQUIREMENTS TO MONITOR AND PROTECT ARCHEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.

County Counsel Summary

This Ordinance amends Chapter 1.22 of the County of Monterey Code, which governs administrative remedies for code enforcement by adding Section 1.22.105 to establish penalties for the failure to monitor and protect archeological and cultural resources at any land use project site where such monitoring and protection is required by the conditions of approval for the project.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND FINDINGS. Pursuant to Article XI, section 7 of the California Constitution, and Government Code sections 25845 and 53069.4, the County of Monterey may adopt and enforce ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws to protect and promote the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

The preservation of archeological and cultural resources is of significant public importance and this ordinance provides enhanced protection of such resources by establishing fines as a civil penalty for the failure to both monitor and protect archeological and cultural resources when so required.

SECTION 2. Section 1.22.105 is hereby added to the Monterey County Code to read as follows:

1.22.105 Administrative fines for archeological monitor violations.

A. Notwithstanding Section 1.22.100, for any activity, including but not limited to construction authorized by a land use entitlement or permit, which requires an onsite archeological or tribal monitor, or both, and the protection of archeological or cultural resources as a condition of approval for the activity, an Enforcement Official may issue to a responsible person an administrative citation that imposes the following fines in the event that said condition of approval is violated:

1. A fine not exceeding two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the first violation;
2. A fine not exceeding three-thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the second violation; and
3. A fine not exceeding five-thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the third violation.

B. The cumulative amount of fines imposed on a responsible person pursuant to this section shall not exceed fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 4. CEQA. Adoption of this ordinance is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as an action to preserve and protect the environment pursuant to Title 14 California Code of Regulations 15308.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective on the thirty-first day following its adoption.

PAESSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of ____, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Chris Lopez, Chair,
Monterey County Board of Supervisors

A T T E S T:

VALERIE RALPH
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LESLIE G. GIRARD
County Counsel