

# PUBLIC NOTICE ☰

**NOTICE OF A CONTINUED SONOMA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER DRAFT WINERY EVENTS ORDINANCE**

**Virtual Public Hearing Only--additional accommodations and digital file review are available.**

**WHO:** The County of Sonoma, Permit and Resource Management Department, **Permit Sonoma File No. ORD16-0001**

**WHAT:** Consideration of amendments to Sonoma County Code Chapter 26 (Zoning Code) Article 6 – Agricultural and Resource Zones and Article 18 – Agricultural and Resource-Based Use Standards, adding standards for winery visitor serving uses that would apply to new and modified use permit applications for winery visitor serving uses. These amendments would apply to unincorporated areas countywide zoned for Land Intensive Agriculture, Land Extensive Agriculture, and Diverse Agriculture, excluding the coastal zone which is subject to County Code Chapter 26C (Coastal Zoning Code).

**The Sonoma County Planning Commission** will hold a virtual public hearing to consider recommending approval to the Board of Supervisors of the above-described Ordinance Amendments. This is a meeting continued from the Planning Commission meetings held on June 3, 2021 and February 17, 2022. On February 17, 2022 Commissioners directed staff to return at a later date to continue the review of the proposed county definitions and standards for winery visitor serving uses. All interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments. **Members of the Public May Not Attend this Meeting in Person.**

Permit Sonoma has determined that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15308 in that the standards set forth in the ordinance are authorized by state law to assure the protection of the environment; and Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that adoption of the ordinance will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

**WHERE & WHEN:** The **Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider this item on **Thursday, May 19, 2022 at or after 1:05 p.m. In accordance with AB 361, Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020 State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sonoma County Public Health Officer's Recommendation for Teleconferenced Meetings, and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Resolution 21-0399, this meeting will be conducted via videoconference only without a physical location from which members of the public may observe and offer public comment. Members of the public may watch, listen, and participate in the hearing through Zoom or by phone, and may submit written comment prior to the hearing as described below.**

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:** Project materials and associated documents, including public comments previously submitted to Permit Sonoma, are available at Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and digitally through the project website at <https://permitsonoma.org/regulationsandinitiatives/wineryevents>. For more information about this proposal, to submit comments, or to request an accommodation for review of the file, please contact the project planner, Georgia McDaniel at [PRMD-WineryEvents@sonoma-county.org](mailto:PRMD-WineryEvents@sonoma-county.org) or (707) 565-1900, option 5.

**GETTING INVOLVED:** If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed project please, contact the Project Planner noted above. **Public comment prior to the meeting:** Public comment may be submitted via email to the Project Planner through **Wednesday, May 18, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.**

**Public comment during the meeting:** Members of the public who join the Zoom meeting, either through the Zoom app or by telephone, will have an opportunity to provide live comments during the hearing. Please refer to the meeting agenda for instructions on how to join the meeting via the Zoom app or by telephone. The agenda will be posted 1 week prior to the hearing date located: <https://permitsonoma.org/planningcommissionmeeting-may192022>

If you challenge the decision on the project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to Permit Sonoma at or prior to the public hearing.

**DATE:** April 29, 2022, Press Democrat