

## RESOLUTION NO. PC -2024

**A Resolution of the Fort Bragg Planning Commission Recommending that the City Council approve an LCP Amendment to the Coastal Commission to Repeal Chapter 17.42.110 “Mobile Home Parks” of Division 17 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code and Replace it with Chapter 17.42.110 “Tiny Home Communities” to Establish Standards for Tiny Home Communities.**

**WHEREAS**, California Constitution Article XI, Section 7, enables the City of Fort Bragg (the “City”) to enact local planning and land use regulations; and

**WHEREAS** the authority to adopt and enforce zoning regulations is an exercise of the City’s police power to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Fort Bragg (“City”) adopted a General Plan in 2002 which established policies for all lands within Fort Bragg city limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted a Coastal General Plan (“Coastal GP”) as the Land Use Plan portion of the Local Coastal Program on May 12, 2008 which established policies for all land within the Fort Bragg Coastal Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2008 the California Coastal Commission certified the City’s Local Coastal Program (LCP) which includes the Coastal GP as the Land Use Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council adopted Resolution 3162-2008 on May 12, 2008 adopting the Coastal General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City adopted a Coastal Land Use and Development Code in 2008 as the implementing portion of the Local Coastal Program on May 12, 2008, which established all land use regulations for the Coastal Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal General Plan includes policies to: (1) advance the orderly growth and development of the City’s Coastal Zone; (2) protect coastal resources; (3) incorporate sustainability into the development process so that Fort Bragg’s coastal resources and amenities are preserved for future generations; (4) respond to current environmental and infrastructure constraints; (5) protect the public health, safety and welfare; and (6) promote fiscally responsible development; and

**WHEREAS** the City desires to ensure that residential development occurs in an orderly manner, in accordance with the goals and objectives of the General Plan and reasonable land use planning principles; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2019, the City of Fort Bragg amended the Housing Element of the General Plan for conformance with State Housing Law. The 2019 Housing Element includes the following non-mandatory program regarding Tiny Home Communities. *Program H-1.7.10: Tiny Home Community. Consider adopting new zoning regulations to allow for small home subdivisions, with small individual parcel ownership, in all residential zoning districts. Consider changing the minimum lot size and minimum parcel dimensions of the LUDC to accommodate tiny home communities as part of a planned unit development, and*

**WHEREAS**, The project is exempt from CEQA, as a zoning amendment to

implement the provisions of Sections 65852.1 and Section 66411.7 of the Government Code is exempt from CEQA by those code sections; and

**WHEREAS**, the “activities and approvals by a local government necessary for the preparation and adoption of a local coastal program or long range development plan” pursuant to the California Coastal Act are statutorily exempt from compliance with CEQA, and this statutory exemption “shifts the burden of CEQA compliance from the local agency to the California Coastal Commission (CEQA Guidelines § 15265 (c)); and

**WHEREAS** the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on March 27, 2024, to consider the zoning amendment, accept public testimony; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Fort Bragg Planning Commission, based on the entirety of the record before it, which includes without limitation, CEQA, Public Resources Code §21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines, 14 California Code of Regulations §15000, et seq.; the Fort Bragg Coastal General Plan; the Fort Bragg Coastal Land Use and Development Code; the Project application; all reports and public testimony submitted as part of the Planning Commission meeting of December 13, 2023 and Planning Commission deliberations; and any other evidence (within the meaning of Public Resources Code §21080(e) and §21082.2), the Planning Commission of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby make the following findings and determinations:

## **SECTION 1: COASTAL LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT FINDINGS**

Pursuant to Fort Bragg Municipal Code Section 17.94.060, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council make the following findings for adoption of the proposed amendments to the Fort Bragg Coastal Land Use and Development Code:

- a. The proposed amendment is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan; and Policy LU-10.2, Policy LU-10.4, Policy LU-10.6, Policy LU-5.7, Policy LU-10.1, Policy PF-1.2, Policy PF-2.1, Policy CD-1.1, CD-2.4, CD-2.5, Policy H-1.6, Program -H-1.7.10, Program H-2.9, Program H-4.1.2
- b. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City.

The proposed amendment is in the public interest to permit alternative opportunities for housing, which will provide for better convenience and welfare for the residents of the City of Fort Bragg as it will result in additional housing. The proposed amendment requires conformance with applicable building and vehicle codes which will ensure healthy and safe housing.

- c. The proposed amendment is internally consistent with other applicable provisions of this Development Code.

The proposed amendment is consistent with CLUDC standards for setbacks, parking, height, lot coverage, and density limits as illustrated in the attached consistency analysis.

**SECTION 2: GENERAL FINDINGS:**

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and made a part of this Resolution;  
and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fort Bragg Planning Commission does hereby recommend that the City Council amend Chapter 17.42.110 “Tiny Home Communities”, of Division 17 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code, to Modify Regulations and Standards for Tiny Homes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- RECUSE:**

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**Scott Dietz, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Maria Flynn, Administrative Assistant  
Community Development Department**

# Attachment 1: CLUDC Amendment

Amends 17.21.030(B) Table 2-1 Allowable Land Uses and Permit Requirements for Residential Zoning Districts:

TABLE 2-1 Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements for Residential Zoning Districts	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT						Specific Use Regulations
	P	MUP	UP	S	—		
LAND USE (1)	RR	RS	RL	RM	RH	RVH	
RESIDENTIAL USES							
Mobile home park	UP	UP	UP	UP	UP	UP	17.42.110
Tiny Home Community	-	-	UP	UP	UP	UP	17.42.110

Amends 17.21.030(B) Table 2-6 Allowable Land Uses and Permit Requirements for Commercial Zoning Districts:

TABLE 2-6 Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements for Commercial Zoning Districts	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT					Specific Use Regulations
	P	MUP	UP	S	—	
LAND USE (1)	CN	CO	CBD	CG	CH	
Tiny Home Community	UP	UP	-	UP	UP	17.42.115

## 17.42.110 - Tiny Home Communities

This Section provides requirements and development standards for the development of Tiny Home Communities and Park Model RV Communities. The City intends that these communities be designed and landscaped to be compatible with adjacent residential and other uses. These standards are intended to provide a means of achieving a stable community in character with the surrounding area.

### Definitions

**Lot Space.** The space dedicated to each individual tiny home unit and its associated storage space, open space and internal setbacks. This area is rented to a Tiny Home tenant; it is not a separate legal space under the subdivision map act.

**Park Model RV.** Must comply with the [Ansi Standard 119.5](#) and all of the following requirements, as defined in [Health and Safety Code Section 18009.3](#):

1. Contain 400 square feet or less of gross floor area, excluding loft area space if that loft area space meets the requirements of subdivision (b) and Section 18033.
2. May not exceed 14 feet in width at the maximum horizontal projection.
3. Built upon a single chassis.
4. May only be transported upon public highways with a permit issued pursuant to Section 35780 of the Vehicle Code. Park Model RVs shall be licensed and registered with the California Department of Motor Vehicles.
5. Is not a self-propelled recreational vehicle.

**Tiny Home.** A tiny home is a small towable residential unit that meets the design and construction criteria listed in 17.42.175. Tiny homes shall meet the provisions of [ANSI 119.5](#) or [Appendix Q of the UBC](#) (or a comparable updated standard). It shall be the burden of the applicant to show compliance with one of these standards. Tiny homes shall be licensed and registered with the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

**Tiny Home Community.** Is any area or tract of land where two or more lots are rented or leased or held out for rent or lease to accommodate Tiny Homes, Park Model RVs and up to 25% of units as Small Manufactured Homes.

**Small Manufactured Home.** A small, manufactured home that complies with [Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter XX, Part 3280](#) that is between 350 and 600 SF and is a self-contained residential living unit, built off-site and placed on a permanent foundation.

**A. Tiny Home and Park Model RV Community Standards.** Each community shall comply with the following requirements:

1. **Permit Requirements.** Each Community shall be subject to Design Review in addition to the Use Permit approval required by § [17.21.030](#) (Residential Zoning District Allowable Land Uses and Permit Requirements). A Coastal Development Permit is required for all Tiny Home Communities located in the Coastal Zone.

2. **Allowable Uses.**

- a. **Unit Type.** Tiny Home Communities may be composed of any mix of Tiny Homes and Park Model RVs and may include up to 25% of the units as Small Manufactured Homes. A management office/residence is required.
- b. **Accessory Uses.** Use Permit approval for a Tiny Home Community may authorize accessory uses that are incidental to the planned residential use, exist for the sole purpose of service to the residents, are typically found in multifamily developments, and do not alter the character of the residential use.
  1. Residential accessory uses are limited to awnings, fences, garages (maximum size 400 SF), and storage sheds (maximum size 120 SF).
  2. Laundry facility, community room, community kitchen, recreational facilities, common open space, playground, clubhouse, and similar uses.

3. A Tiny Home Community may contain accessory retail and service uses for park residents as authorized by Use Permit approval, and in compliance with § 17.42.020 (Accessory Retail and Service Uses).

**3. Standards.** This Section identifies standards for Tiny Home Community development, recognizing the dual need for moderately priced housing, and standards that will adequately protect residents of the communities and the City as a whole.

- a. **Phased Development.** Development may be in phases, so long as each phase complies with the minimum standards of this Section, and all “lots/spaces” in a phase are developed/ improved and authorized by a permit for occupancy in compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 18505.
- b. **Project Size.** Tiny home communities shall be located on a parcel that is at least 0.25 acres in size and not more than five acres in size.
- c. **Density.** Tiny Home Communities are subject to zoning district density limitations.

**4. Tiny Home Community Layout and Design.** A Tiny Home Community shall comply with the following requirements:

- a. **Orientation.** Tiny Homes that are adjacent to a street shall be oriented so that their front door faces the Street. Other units should be oriented around a central courtyard, promenade, or community garden.
- b. **Street Setbacks & Landscaping.** All street side setback areas shall be landscaped and continually maintained, in compliance with Chapter [17.34](#) (Landscaping Standards).
- c. **Individual Unit “Lot Space” Size.** The individual “lot space” for each unit within the Tiny Home Community shall include adequate space for the unit, internal setbacks, open space, and accessory storage as follows:
  - I. **Unit.** Between 150 to 400 SF of dedicated space depending on the size of the Tiny Home unit.
  - II. **Dedicated Open Space.** Each Tiny Home shall have at least 100 SF of dedicated open space in the form of a patio, lawn or landscaped area.
  - III. **Required accessory structures.** Each Tiny Home will be provided with 100 Cubic Feet of storage space, which may be consolidated into one or more central storage buildings or located at individual tiny home sites.
  - IV. **Internal Setbacks.** Each Tiny Home shall maintain a minimum setback of 10 feet from other units.
- d. **Recommended Community Facilities.** Tiny Home Communities that include one or more of the following: shared open space, a community center, laundry facility, or a shared community garden are preferred.
- e. **Landscaping & Paths.** Each Tiny homes community shall include a network of landscaped walking paths that connect units to each other and to parking areas and sidewalks; and landscaping shall be provided in compliance with Chapter 17.34 (Landscaping Standards).
- f. **Parking.** Parking shall be provided at the rate of one parking space for each Tiny Home or Park Model RV. Parking should be consolidated in parking lots at the rear or side of the property, where feasible. Additionally, street parking may be utilized to meet up to 25% of the parking requirement through Minor Use Permit approval.
- g. **Internal Streets.** Internal streets are discouraged but shall comply with City street standards where provided, except where superseded by a standard required by State law.
- h. **Solid Waste.** Adequate solid waste and recyclable materials storage enclosures shall be provided in compliance with § 17.30.110.
- i. **Utilities.** All utility distribution facilities (including cable television, communication and electric lines and boxes) within a Tiny Home Community shall be placed underground. The developer is responsible for complying with the requirements of this Subsection and shall make the necessary arrangements with

the utility companies for the installation of the required facilities. Each Tiny Home shall have a separate water meter.

- j. **Fencing.** A fence, solid masonry wall, or other decorative landscape screening is required to hide utilities (propane tanks, trash enclosures, etc.) from public view from a public right of way. Other fencing may be required by the review authority as part of the Design Review and Use Permit approval for the facility.
- k. **Signs.** A Tiny Home Community may have up to two externally illuminated identification signs not exceeding 6 feet in height or 24 square feet in area. The signs shall be integrated into the Tiny Home Community landscaping, at a location specified in the Use Permit approval.

#### **B. Standards for individual Units.**

1. **Tiny Home Standards.** Individual Tiny Homes located within a Tiny Home Community shall comply with the standards for Tiny Homes enumerated in 17.42.175 of this development code.
2. **Park Model RV Standards.** Park Model RVs shall comply with the individual standards enumerated in 17.42.175 of this development code.
3. **Travel trailers.** A self-propelled travel trailer, camper, motor coach, motor home, trailer coach, or any similar vehicle shall not be allowed within a mobile home park.