October 29, 2019

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Proposed Ordinance to amend Title 19 of Marin County Code and adopt the 2019 California Building Standards Code with local amendments.

Dear Supervisors,

RECOMMENDATION:
1. Conduct public hearing.
2. Consider adopting proposed Ordinance with an effective date of January 1, 2020.

SUMMARY: On October 8th 2019 your Board heard the first reading of the proposed Ordinance to adopt and amend the 2019 California Building Standards Code, (California Code of Regulations TITLE 24), as currently provided by Ordinance 3658 (2016) in Marin County Code (MCC) Title 19; and setting the effective date of our local amendments to coincide with the January 1, 2020 effective date of the California Building Standards Code regulated by statute. Passage of this proposed Ordinance will prevent a discrepancy between the effective date of the State Code and the effective date of our local amendments, thereby preventing a window wherein our local amendments are legally unenforceable.

The proposed Ordinance also adopts building regulations for tiny homes, light straw-clay construction and strawbale construction and the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code; includes provisions prohibiting unfinished-construction nuisances; maintains enforcement of Marin’s local requirements governing exterior wildfire exposure and simplifies regulations governing fire protection systems. Local provisions for emergency escape and rescue openings, fire classification of roof coverings, decorative pool fences, floating homes, agricultural exemptions, and limited-density owner-built rural dwellings have been maintained.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: This action does not impact the General Fund.
REVIEWED BY:  (These boxes must be checked)
[  ] Department of Finance      [ X] N/A
[ X] County Counsel              [  ] N/A
[  ] Human Resources            [ X] N/A
[ X] CAO                         [  ] N/A

SIGNATURES:  
William Kelley          Brian C. Crawford
Deputy Director         Director

ATTACHMENTS:  Proposed Ordinance amending MCC Title 19 (Attachment 1)
               Text of proposed code changes (Attachment 2)