

MONTEREY COUNTY

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Monterey County Resource Management Agency – Planning Department has prepared a draft Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, for a proposed revision to County Ordinance (Title 21: Zoning Code), as necessary to protect the public health and welfare from undue noise and nuisance from crowing roosters in residential areas. The new revisions to County Ordinances are not intended to infringe upon legal farming and permitted commercial operations. This ordinance amends Chapters 21.12, 21.14, 21.16 and 21.48 of Title 21 (Zoning) of the Monterey County Code (Inland Area) to regulate the keeping of roosters in the Medium Residential District (MDR), Low Density Residential District (LDR), Rural Density Residential District (RDR), and the Limited Agricultural District (A). Presently, County Ordinance allows “Small Livestock Farming” and “Animal Husbandry” without permits in these districts. The County’s present definition of Small Livestock Farming allows the raising or keeping of small animals which may include up to 499 of the following: chickens, pigeons, hogs, rabbits, ducks, geese, guinea fowl, peafowl, goats, sheep, or similar fowl or animals. This Ordinance modifies Sections within each of these Chapters to allow no more than two roosters in these residential districts and the Limited Agricultural District for the purpose of protecting the public health and welfare from undue noise and nuisance from crowing roosters. This Ordinance includes provisions to allow that requests may be made to the Director of Planning to allow for more than two roosters subject to issuance of an Administrative Permit. Applicants for such permits will be required to demonstrate that the public health and welfare is protected from undue noise and nuisance from crowing roosters in residential areas. A fee for the permit is required.

The Negative Declaration and Initial Study, as well as referenced documents, are available for review at the Monterey County Resource Management Agency – Planning Department, 168 West Alisal, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California. The Planning Commission will consider this proposal on April 9, 2008. Written comments on this proposed Negative Declaration will be accepted from March 14, 2008 to April 2, 2008. Comments can also be made before at the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will make a recommend on the item to the Board of Supervisors who will decide the matter during a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2008.

Project Description: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 21.12, 21.14, 21.16, AND 21.48 OF TITLE 21 (ZONING) OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY CODE TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF ROOSTERS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND THE LIMITED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

We welcome your comments during the 20-day public review period. You may submit your comments in hard copy to the name and address above. The Department also accepts comments via e-mail or facsimile but requests that you follow these instructions to ensure that the Department has received your comments. To submit your comments by e-mail, please send a complete document including all attachments to:

CEQAcomments@co.monterey.ca.us

An e-mailed document should contain the name of the person or entity submitting the comments and contact information such as phone number, mailing address and/or e-mail address and include any and all attachments referenced in the e-mail. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please send a second e-mail requesting confirmation of receipt of comments with enough information to confirm that the entire document was received. If you do not receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of comments, then please submit a hard copy of your comments to ensure inclusion in the environmental record or contact the Department to ensure the Department has received your comments.

Facsimile (fax) copies will be accepted with a cover page describing the extent (e.g. number of pages) being transmitted. A faxed document must contain a signature and all attachments referenced therein. Faxed document should be sent to the contact noted above at **(831) 757-9516**. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please contact the Department to confirm that the entire document was received.

For reviewing agencies: The Resource Management Agency – Planning Department requests that you review the enclosed materials and provide any appropriate comments related to your agency's area of responsibility. The space below may be used to indicate that your agency has no comments or to state brief comments. In compliance with Section 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines, please provide a draft mitigation monitoring or reporting program for mitigation measures proposed by your agency. This program should include specific performance objectives for mitigation measures identified (CEQA Section 21081.6(c)). Also inform this Department if a fee needs to be collected in order to fund the mitigation monitoring or reporting by your agency and how that language should be incorporated into the mitigation measure.

All written comments on the Initial Study should be addressed to:

County of Monterey
Resource Management Agency – Planning Department
Attn: Mike Novo, Interim Director of Planning
168 West Alisal, 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Regulations for Keeping Roosters in Residential Zoning Districts and the Limited Agricultural District. File #PD070731

From: Agency Name: RMA- Planning Department
Contact Person: Taven M. Kinison Brown
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- No Comments provided
- Comments noted below
- Comments provided in separate letter

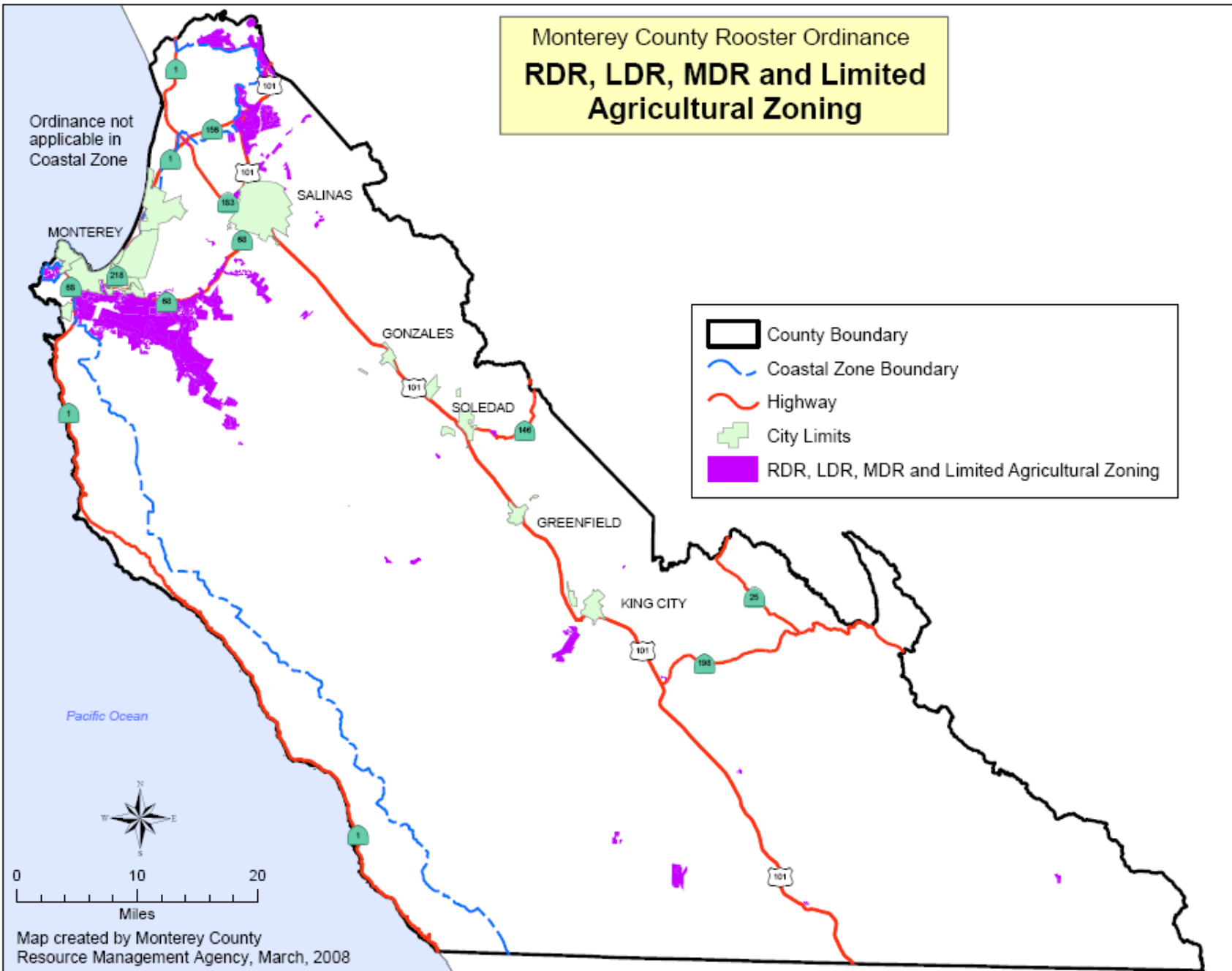
COMMENTS: _____

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2. Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
3. Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District
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6. Salinas Rural Fire Protection District
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10. Monterey County Division of Environmental Health
11. Monterey County Sheriff's Office
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13. Monterey County Code Enforcement Department
14. Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner
15. Department of Fish & Game - CEQA Review For Monterey County- Attn: Deborah Hillyard
1130 E. Shaw Ave., Ste #206 Fresno, Ca 93710-7838
16. El Sol Newspaper
17. Univision Television

Monterey County Rooster Ordinance
**RDR, LDR, MDR and Limited
Agricultural Zoning**

Ordinance not
applicable in
Coastal Zone



- County Boundary
- Coastal Zone Boundary
- Highway
- City Limits
- RDR, LDR, MDR and Limited Agricultural Zoning

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