ORDINANCE NO. 2010-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AMENDING SECTION 5.12.020 OF THE SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO HOTELS AND MOTELS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz as follows:

Section 1. Section 5.12.020 of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

5.12.020 REGISTER.

(a) Every person who owns or operates any establishment subject to this chapter shall keep a register of persons who board or lodge in such establishment, in which the owner, manager or other person having the management or control of such establishment shall require any such person boarding or lodging thereat or therein to register his or her name and address, and in which such owner or manager shall enter the number of the apartment or room occupied by such guest.

(b) In registering guests pursuant to subsection (a), the owner, manager or other person having management or control shall require the guest who is registering to verify his or her identification through production of a driver's license, passport, government-issued identification card or other acceptable proof of identification. The guest register shall record that identification was verified in accordance with this requirement and note the type of documentation which was provided by the guest to verify the guest's identification. Any owner, manager or other person having management or control who allows a guest to register without verifying the guest's identification as required by this subsection shall be guilty of an infraction.

(c) Guest registries maintained pursuant to this section shall be available for immediate review and inspection upon request by any member of the Santa Cruz Police Department.

(d) Any person who uses, or attempts to use, false identification in renting a room at an establishment governed by this chapter shall be guilty of an infraction.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect thirty (30) days after final adoption.

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION this 13th day of July, 2010, by the following vote: AYES: Councilmembers Lane, Mathews, Beiers, Madrigal, Robinson; Vice Mayor Coonerty; Mayor Rotkin. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. DISQUALIFIED: None. APPROVED: ss/Mike Rotkin, Mayor. ATTEST: ss/Lorrie Brewer, City Clerk. This Ordinance is scheduled for further consideration at the Council meeting of July 27, 2010.