## ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AMENDING SECTIONS 21.02.040 AND 21.02.070 OF THE SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE PAYMENT OF TENANTS' INTEREST ON RESIDENTIAL RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSITS

This ordinance amends sections 21.02.040 and 21.02.070 of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code pertaining to the payment of tenants' interest on residential rental security deposits. If approved, interest on security deposits will be due to the tenant at the termination of a lease or rent agreement or when earned interest on the security deposit meets a \$50 threshold, whichever occurs first. The revisions further require that tenants receive notification of their right to interest at the time a rent or lease agreement is executed. The revisions are intended to ease the administrative burden placed on landlords while protecting the rights of tenants to their due interest.

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION on this 22nd day of January, 2013, by the following vote: AYES: Councilmembers Terrazas, Comstock, Lane, Mathews, Posner; Vice Mayor Robinson; Mayor Bryant. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. DISQUALIFIED: None. APPROVED: ss/Hilary Bryant, Mayor. ATTEST: ss/Bren Lehr, City Clerk Administrator. This Ordinance is scheduled for further consideration at the Council meeting of February 12, 2013.