

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-09

AN UNCODIFIED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF  
SANTA CRUZ PERTAINING TO THE EXTENSION OF TIME FOR EXERCISING  
BUILDING PERMITS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN  
EMERGENCY AND THE URGENCY THEREOF

WHEREAS, the severe global financial crisis of the past seven months has driven the United States of America and the State of California into the deepest recession since the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, the series of bank and insurance company failures that precipitated and resulted from that crisis has effectively closed global credit markets and required unprecedented governmental intervention; and

WHEREAS, the financial crisis has made it very difficult for persons living or working in the City of Santa Cruz to proceed with approved and permitted land use projects due to their inability to obtain the institutional financing necessary to undertake project development; and

WHEREAS, said difficulty in acquiring financing has placed a number of building permits in jeopardy because of the building permit exercise deadlines set forth in the California Building Code; and

WHEREAS, if currently approved permits are allowed to expire under these circumstances thereby requiring project developers to either repeat the time consuming and costly land use entitlement process or abandon their projects, the City's current financial crisis, precipitated by the afore-referenced global financial crisis, will be significantly exacerbated by the delay or loss of tax revenue, private employment opportunities and other economic benefits attributable to the development or redevelopment of property within the City.

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

Section 1. The following uncodified emergency ordinance is hereby adopted by the City of Santa Cruz.

LIFE OF PERMIT—EMERGENCY EXTENSIONS.

1. All building permit applications submitted to the City's Planning and Community Development Department prior to January 1, 2008 that have been approved for permit issuance shall have their life extended through March 10, 2010.
2. Any building permit application submitted to the City's Planning and Community Development Department prior to January 1, 2008 that has not been approved for permit issuance will expire on June 30, 2009, unless prior to June 30, 2009 the application is approved for building permit issuance, at which time it shall be extended until March 10, 2010.

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Section 2. This ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure adopted under Section 612 of the Santa Cruz City Charter, and is necessary to preserve the public peace, health, safety, property, and general welfare. The urgency for its adoption is set forth in the findings above.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its final adoption.

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION AND FINAL ADOPTION as an emergency ordinance this 10th day of March, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers, Robinson, Lane, Madrigal, Beiers, Vice Mayor Rotkin; Mayor Mathews.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Coonerty.

DISQUALIFIED: None.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

This is to certify that the above and foregoing document is the original of Ordinance No. 2009-09 and that it has been published or posted in accordance with the Charter of the City of Santa Cruz.

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City Clerk