

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-07

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 DECLARING  
THE URGENCY THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the severe global financial crisis of 2008 and early 2009 had 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 had triggered a financial crisis that effectively halted global credit markets and required unprecedented government intervention; and

WHEREAS, the financial crisis had 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 were 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, would 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on March 10, 2009 approved a one year extension of certain building permits to assist permit holders to weather this economic crisis; and

WHEREAS, the past year has seen some economic improvement there is still major uncertainty surrounding the outlook for 2010 as a protracted recovery may extend the housing and banking crisis; and

WHEREAS, permit holders continue to express concerns about acquiring financing before their permits expire and the impact starting the entitlement process again would have on the City and regional economy.

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 or not approved for permit issuance shall be extended through November 30, 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, and 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 FINAL ADOPTION as an emergency ordinance this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2010, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Madrigal; Vice Mayor Coonerty.

DISQUALIFIED: None.

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

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

This is to certify that the above and foregoing document is the original of Ordinance No. 2010-07 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