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October 22, 2025

Mr. Drew Bohan, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5514

Electronic Delivery to: LocalOrdinances@energy.ca.gov

RE: Application for Approval of Local Amendments to the California Energy Code – Town of Corte Madera Ordinance No. 1048

Dear Mr. Bohan,

At its regular meeting on October 7, 2025, the Corte Madera Town Council approved the first reading of the enclosed Ordinance No. 1048, which includes amendments to the 2025 California Energy Code, Title 24, Part 6. The Town Council adopted the ordinance at its regular meeting of October 21, 2025. The Town Council determined at this public meeting that mandating the enclosed ordinance is cost effective based on a cost effectiveness study prepared by the California Energy Codes and Standards team.

Please find the following materials enclosed with this application:

1. Staff report to the Corte Madera Town Council that accompanied the ordinance.
2. Signed Ordinance No. 1048, which includes the necessary findings and the proposed requirements for energy reach standards beyond Title 24, Part 6 baseline for certain residential additions and alterations. The amended reach standards use a flexible compliance pathway as developed by the California Energy Codes & Standards Team. The ordinance also outlines the ordinance's CEQA exemption under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15061.
3. Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 1048 includes links to cost effectiveness studies for Existing Single-Family upgrades prepared by the California Energy Codes and Standards team and the *Evidence of Cost-Effectiveness* downloaded from the Cost Effectiveness Explorer that demonstrates the expected energy savings and the cost

effectiveness of the single-family flexible compliance pathway ordinance in the Town of Corte Madera (Climate Zone 3).

4. Exhibit B to Ordinance No. 1048 is a markup version of the ordinance showing changes to the State code.
5. Evidence of CEQA compliance through the attached Notice of Exemption.

The Town of Corte Madera would like to express to you our firm commitment to enforce the 2025 Title 24, Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards of the California Building Code as part of the implementation of our local energy ordinance. As Chief Building Official, I will work with my staff to provide training on enforcement of the energy standards and the ordinance requirements. The Town's local energy standards will ensure that buildings in the Town of Corte Madera will consume less energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.

If you have any questions, please contact Phoebe Goulden, Climate Action and Adaptation Coordinator at pgoulden@cortemadera.gov or (628) 258-0327.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bernard J. Zipay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bernard" and last name "Zipay" clearly legible.

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