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Pursuant to Government Code section 36933(c), the following constitutes a summary of an ordinance introduced on November 12, 2019, and scheduled for adoption on November 19, 2019, by the Santa Rosa City Council at its regular meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.

A certified copy of the full text of the ordinance is posted and available for review in the City Clerk's Office at 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 10, Santa Rosa, California. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective on the 31st day following its adoption and after publication and posting as required by law.

ORDINANCE NO. ____

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE INCLUDING ALL-ELECTRIC, LOW-RISE RESIDENTIAL REACH CODE

The State of California has adopted and published amendments to the 2019 California Energy Code, which is published by the International Code Council. This model code and State amendments goes into effect in every City and County in the State of California 180 days after publication. The effective date for the Cities and Counties is January 1, 2020. The Health and Safety Code allows local jurisdictions to change or modify the State adopted model codes based on local geologic, climatic, environmental or topographic conditions.

Local amendments to the California Energy Code are not administrative. Local governments must apply to California Energy Commission (CEC) for approval and provide supporting analysis on how it was determined that the proposed local standard will save more energy than the current provisions in Title 24, Part 6, and be cost-effective. Data provided by energy-efficiency industry experts has been provided to show that energy savings from enactment of an All-Electric Reach Code will save more energy than the current provisions in Title 24, Part 6. The CEC has accepted the Cost-Effectiveness Study for Low-Rise Residential New Construction, prepared by Frontier Energy, Inc., Misti Bruceri & Associates, LLC as showing the implementation of an All-Electric Reach Code is cost-effective.

Those proposed amendments are derivative of an effort to enact local requirements to limit greenhouse gasses and increase energy-efficiency in alignment with Santa Rosa's Climate Action plan. Amendments modify language in the Code to eliminate the use of natural gas and/or propane fuels in newly-constructed low-rise residential buildings. The Redwood Empire Chapter of Code Officials (REACO) has prioritized the effort to collaborate and review common goals in establishing local amendments that reflect common concerns relative to impacts

germane to local conditions within the North Bay areas including Sonoma, Marin, Napa, and Mendocino Counties. The goals REACO were to evaluate, update, edit and create more consistency between the various local amendments within the North Bay area.

This ordinance has been slightly reformatted to match that of the model code adopted by the state to create a seamless and transparent format for reference and enforcement of the code. The proposed Energy Code ordinance that will be before the City Council has been extensively reviewed for content, accuracy, and necessity by city staff including the Chief Building Official and the Assistant City Attorney.

The proposed adoption of the 2019 California Energy Code, Title 24, Part 6 of the California Code of Regulations and amendments is required to comply with the provisions of State law. This code adoption with amendments applies citywide. The applicable information is on file in the Planning and Economic Development Department, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 3, Santa Rosa, CA. and is available for public inspection.

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