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January 2, 2008

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING
AND FIRE CODE APPEALS BOARD

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the 2007 Annual Report of the Building and Fire Code Appeals Board. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report.

Sincerely,

Janet K. Beutz
JANET K. BEAUTZ, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

JKB :pmp
Attachment

cc: Building and Fire Code Appeals Board

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**BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMISSION
2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

I. ROLE OF COMMISSION

The board shall exercise the following responsibilities within the jurisdiction of the County; except that, for purposes related to the fire code, the board shall have no responsibilities with respect to any unincorporated area of the county that lies within the jurisdiction of a fire protection district:

- A. Determine the suitability of alternate building materials and methods and types of construction for use in the county;
- B. Interpret the provisions of the fire code adopted by Chapter 7.92, the provisions of the uniform codes adopted by Chapter 12.10, and the provision of the grading regulations adopted by Chapter 16.20 of the Santa Cruz County Code;
- C. Consider recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning improvements of building, grading and fire regulations for the county;
- D. Hear all appeals filed by persons pursuant to provisions of Chapter 7.92 and 12.12 of this code;
- E. Hear all appeals filed by persons regarding actions taken by the building department of the county in the enforcement of the requirements of Sections 19955 et. seq. of the Health and Safety Code related to access to public accommodations by physically handicapped persons;
- F. Render final decisions on all appeals brought before the board;
- G. Exercise any other responsibilities which may be set forth in the board bylaws and rules of investigation, approved by the Board of Supervisors. (Ord. 3620 Sec. 25, 26, 1985; Ord. 3602 Sec. 25 and 26, 1985; prior code Section 3.51.020; Ord. 2280, 4/20/76; Ord. 2368, 12/7/76; Ord. 2518, 1/10/78).

II. MEETING DATES

Special meetings of the board shall be held from time to time as necessary to hear appeals, or upon request of the Chief Building Inspector of the Planning Department, the Fire Marshal, or a member of the board.

III. COMMISSION STRUCTURE

A. The board shall consist of five at-large members, who are residents of the county, appointed as follows:

1. Two members shall be persons with disabilities;
2. Two members shall be persons experienced in construction; and
3. One member shall be a public member.

No member of the appeals board shall be a county employee.

IV. COMMISSION STAFF

The building inspection division of the Planning Department shall provide staff support for the board for all building appeals, and the Fire Marshal shall provide staff support for the board for all fire code appeals. The Chief Building Inspector or the Fire Marshal, as appropriate, shall serve as the administrative secretary to the board and prepare and mail the agendas, take minutes of each meeting, and perform other duties as directed by the board.

V. ATTENDANCE

Three members represent a quorum.

VI. GOALS

See Item I.

VII. FUTURE GOALS

See Item I.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

IX. 2007 ACTIONS

No hearings were required or held during calendar year 2007.