

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RE-ESTABLISHING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BETWEEN THE CITIES OF WATSONVILLE, CAPITOLA, SANTA CRUZ, SCOTTS VALLEY, AND THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME**

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Council (CJC) has provided a forum for discussing and recommending program and plans for solutions on criminal justice issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the CJC expired on June 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 10. of the Agreement authorizes amendments at any time by the written agreement by and among the County and signatory City governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have agreed to amend said Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement amending Section 8. – Effective Date and Term, extending the term to June 30, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Resolution is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000 et. seq.), including without limitation, Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations 15378 as this is not a “project” that may cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment and if a “project,” is exempt under the “common sense”

exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

2. That the Third Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement re-establishing the Criminal Justice Council of Santa Cruz County between the Cities of Watsonville, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and the County of Santa Cruz, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", is fair and equitable and is hereby ratified and approved.

3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute such Agreement for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville.

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