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VIA EMAIL ONLY

William J. Hansen
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Subject: Amending the Drive-Through Facilities Restrictions Ordinance

Dear Mr. Hansen:

I'm writing to notify you that staff plans to bring the topic of amending the Drive-through Facilities Restrictions Ordinance (Watsonville Municipal Code [WMC] Chapter 14-41) to Council for discussion and direction on October 22.

As we have previously noted, the proposed drive-through carwash facility located at 632 East Lake Avenue (PP2023-6377) does not comply with the current drive-through facility requirements in WMC Section 14-41.100(a)(1) because it does not meet the required 150-foot setback from the boundary lines of adjacent parcels zoned for residential purposes. You have requested that we change the regulations so that your proposed project may proceed. Staff does not have the authority to amend provisions of the Municipal Code, so we plan to take the item to Council for discussion.

Because a Zoning Code change to WMC Chapter 14-41 may have citywide impacts, the purpose of the City Council meeting will be to explain any potential amendments to the Council, solicit (and if possible address) any questions or concerns they may have, identify elements of the changes that require additional staff analysis, and seek direction regarding the potential amendments. The next available City Council meeting is Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

If the Council directs staff to pursue amending the Ordinance, we will make our best effort to bring those amendments to the Planning Commission and City Council as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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