

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE APPROVING FIRST CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH RAIMI & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE 6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION, EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT FROM JUNE 30, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2023, the City of Watsonville accepted a Regional Early Access Planning (REAP) 2.0 Grant from the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments for the implementation of goals and policies in the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element and appropriated \$180,000 to the Special Grants Fund (0260); and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the grant amount was subsequently reduced by approximately six percent due to state budget shortfalls to \$169,380; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024, the City Council approved Resolution No. 228-24 (CM) awarding a contract to Raimi + Associates, Inc. for consultant services for 6th Cycle Housing Element implementation in an amount not to exceed \$169,380 and authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute same, and authorizing a budget appropriation of \$169,380 from the Special Grants Fund; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2024, City and Consultant executed Consultant Services Contract No. 3270; and

WHEREAS, the term of the original contract ends on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2025, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 10-25 (PC), recommending City Council adopt proposed zoning code text amendments to multiple chapters within Title 14 (Zoning) of the Watsonville Municipal Code and amendments to the Downtown Watsonville Specific Plan related to implementation of programs within the 6th Cycle 2023-2031 Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the item is scheduled for consideration by the City Council at the regular meeting of July 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, therefore the time needed to complete the approved scope of work will extend past the end of the term identified in the original contract; and

WHEREAS, City staff requested an amendment to the end of term of the contract to December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the Contract for Consultant Services is in the best interest of the City of Watsonville.

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) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15378(b)(5), in that adopting a Resolution amending the Contract with Raimi + Associates does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and if deemed a "project," it would be considered exempt under the "common sense" exception, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 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 term of Consultant Services Contract No. 3270 with Raimi & Associates, Inc., a California corporation, for the 6th Cycle Housing Element Implementation, in an amount not to exceed \$169,380, a copy of which is Contract is

attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby amended to extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2025.

3. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute said First Amendment to the Consultant Contract with Raimi + Associates, Inc. for and on behalf of the City of Watsonville, with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager and the City Attorney.
