

ORDINANCE NO. 869 N.S.

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
SUSPENDING AUTOMATIC APPROVAL DEADLINES FOR ALL LAND USE,
SUBDIVISION, AND ZONING APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2003, the City of Paso Robles sustained a major earthquake; and

WHEREAS, several City-owned buildings sustained heavy damage and required closure; and

WHEREAS, the operations of numerous City offices and departments, including offices and departments responsible for processing land use, subdivision, and zoning applications have been disrupted and employees have been displaced; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to suspend automatic approval deadlines, including appeal deadlines, for all land use subdivision and zoning applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles as follows:

SECTION 1. All provisions of laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, rules, and statutes, including but not limited to provisions contained in the California Permit Streamlining Act, the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Subdivision Map Act, City of Paso Robles Subdivision Regulations, and City of Paso Robles Zoning Regulations, establishing review deadlines and authorizing automatic approvals, are suspended for the duration of the existing emergency;

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately and shall apply retroactively to all applications that were on file with the City as of December 22, 2002, and to all applications filed during the emergency;

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall remain in effect until and through the last day of the existing emergency;

SECTION 4. For application review and automatic approval deadline purposes, all land use, subdivision, and zoning applications that were either on file with the City on December 22, 2002, or that were filed with the City after December 22, 2003, but during the period of the emergency, shall be considered filed on the first working day following expiration of the emergency;

SECTION 5. That the term "emergency" as used in this Ordinance shall mean the emergency proclaimed by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services on December 22, 2003, and confirmed by the City Council on December 26, 2003;

SECTION 6. Within three days of the date of this Ordinance, the City Clerk is directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance to be published twice weekly for the duration of the emergency in The Tribune and/or Paso Robles Press newspapers.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles at a special meeting of said Council on the 26th day of December 2003 by the following vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk