



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Etna City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Etna City Hall Chambers, 442 Main Street, Etna, California 96027 on the following item:

City of Etna Housing Element Update

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public testimony, provide direction, and consider readoption of the 2023-2031 Housing Element, as amended to address California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) comments. The City Council will consider whether the amended element be adopted, rejected, or adopted with additional modifications prior to its submittal to HCD. Additionally, pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 65585 of the California Government Code, the City Council will consider HCD's findings as set forth in the Department's letter dated February 7, 2024.

Every eight years, each California city and county must update the Housing Element of their General Plan and have it certified by HCD. The Housing Element is a policy document that identifies the City's existing and future housing needs. It establishes goals, policies and implementation programs intended to address constraints, housing needs for all income levels, and comply with State housing law. Following public outreach that included workshops, a community survey, and duly noticed public hearings, the Etna City Council adopted the 2023-2031 Housing Element on October 23, 2023. The adopted Housing Element was subsequently submitted to HCD on November 9, 2023, and on February 7, 2024, the City received HCD's housing element review letter that identifies the Department's findings and those revisions to the Element that HCD believes are necessary for the Element to substantially comply with State Housing Element Law (Government Code Section 65580 et seq.). The Public Review Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element, as amended to address HCD comments, is available online at <https://www.etnaca.com/forms-documents/> and at <https://www.siskiyou-housing.com/etna/>. Hardcopies are also available for review at Etna City Hall, located at 442 Main Street, Etna, and Etna Branch Library located at 115 Collier Way, Etna.

At the time the 2023-2031 Housing Element was adopted in October 2023, it was determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). This is the "common sense" exemption that states that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Since no development or other physical change to the environment would occur as a result of readoption and implementation of the Housing Element, as amended to address HCD comments, is anticipated the project will again be determined to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Written comments may be submitted via email or mail. Send written comments via email to p.eastlick@etnaca.com, and please include "Etna Housing Element Update" in the email subject line. Mail written comments to Etna City Hall, 442 Main Street, Etna, California 96027, Attn.: Etna Housing Element Update. If you plan on attending the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, or would like more information, please contact Pam Eastlick, Interim City Administrator, Etna City Hall, 442 Main Street, Etna, California 96027, or by telephoning (530) 467-5256.

The City of Etna promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to lower- and moderate-income households regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

Pam Eastlick, Etna City Clerk