

City of Petaluma, California

Memorandum

City of Petaluma, Community Development Department, Planning Division
11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952
(707) 778-4470 E-mail : petalumaplanning@cityofpetaluma.org

DATE: September 8, 2023

TO: File – Interpretation Log

FROM: Brian Oh, Community Development Director *Brian Oh*
boh@cityofpetaluma.org

SUBJECT: **Zoning Code Interpretation 2023-01** – Density Bonus Application

Chapter 27 of the Implementing Zoning Ordinance includes Petaluma’s local density bonus regulations and was last updated in 2019 to comply with California State Density Bonus Law in place at that time. The purpose of IZO Chapter 27 as stated in Section 27.010 is to comply with state density bonus law including amendments and successor statutes and to establish procedures for implementing state density bonus requirements.

There have been numerous changes to state density bonus provisions since 2019 and Petaluma’s local ordinance will be in full compliance with state mandated density bonus provisions by the end of 2023. The City is in the process of a suite of code updates related to housing regulations to ensure consistency with state law, including density bonus provisions. This update will also satisfy housing programs identified in Petaluma’s certified 6th cycle housing element.

In the interim and in full compliance with state density bonus provisions, where there are discrepancies between local regulations in IZO Chapter 27 and state provisions in California Government Code Section 65915 – 65918, staff have been and will continue to follow and implement applicable state provisions to all density bonus applications.