

ORDINANCE NO. 1363

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA ADDING SECTION 8009 TO THE ARCATA MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE VIII—BUILDING REGULATION, CHAPTER I, ARTICLE 1—CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

The City Council of the City of Arcata does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Title VIII—Building Regulation, Chapter 1—Building Codes, Article 1—California Building Code, is hereby amended by the addition of Section 8009, as follows:

Sec. 8009. Efficiency Dwelling Units

Buildings containing small efficiency dwelling units shall comply with the California Building Code, California Electrical Code, California Mechanical Code, California Plumbing Code and the following:

1. Floor area: A small efficiency dwelling unit shall have a living room of at least 150 net square feet of floor area. The floor area occupied by bathrooms, cabinets, appliances, structural features, and any closets shall not be included in calculating the net floor area.
2. Kitchen: Each small efficiency dwelling unit shall contain a kitchen area with a cooking appliance, refrigerator, and sink with hot and cold water. It shall be provided with two 20-amp small appliance branch circuits. Each circuit shall serve at least one duplex receptacle. The cooking appliance shall be on an additional circuit. All kitchen circuits shall have ground fault circuit interrupter protection.
3. Bathroom: Each small efficiency dwelling unit shall contain a bathroom with a water closet, lavatory, and a shower or bathtub.
4. Closets and Storage: A closet shall be provided within each unit. The portion of a closet used to store a built-in bed or other built-in equipment shall not be counted in the unit's required square footage, and it shall not be counted as a required closet.
5. An egress window shall be provided from the space that conforms to the California Building Code. All electrical must conform to arc-fault requirements found in the California Electrical Code.
6. New structures with 3 or more living units must comply with all accessibility requirements as specified in Chapter 11 of the California Building Code.

Section 2. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 3. Limitation of Actions

Any action to challenge the validity or legality of any provision of this ordinance on any grounds shall be brought by court action commenced within ninety (90) days of the date of adoption of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption by the City Council.

DATED: August 15, 2007

ATTEST:

/s/ Michael Hackett
City Clerk, City of Arcata

/s/ Harmony Groves
Mayor, City of Arcata

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 1363, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California, on the 15th day of August, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: GROVES, WHEETLEY, MACHI, PITINO, STILLMAN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

/s/ Michael Hackett
City Clerk, City of Arcata