ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 15.14 OF TITLE 15 OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND AMENDING SECTION 14.28.050 OF TITLE 14 OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14.28 - USE OF COUNTY PARKS AND CAMPING PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

This Ordinance repeals Mendocino County Code section 15.14 in its entirety and amends Mendocino County Code Section 14.28.050.

Mendocino County Code section 15.14 prohibits sleeping, eating or resting in one's vehicle, house car, camper or trailer coach during certain hours of the day in places designated by resolution the Board of Supervisors. Only one resolution, Resolution No. 98-046, was adopted pursuant to this section that prohibited the above-described conduct in four areas within the County.

Mendocino County Code section 14.28.050 also prohibits and declares unlawful camping and/or sleeping in, dwelling in, or otherwise inhabiting one's vehicle or trailer in certain areas within the County, including one of the areas listed in Resolution No. 98-046. Those areas are listed in section 14.28.050(E).

This Ordinance would add those areas of the County listed in Resolution No. 98-046 that are not currently included in section 14.28.050(E) to that section, and repeal section 15.14 in its entirety. This change would eliminate any conflict between the two statutes and would condense Mendocino County's regulation of sleeping, dwelling in, or otherwise inhabiting one's vehicle or trailer into a single section without making any substantive changes.

The Ordinance would modify section 14.28.050(E) to prohibit camping and/or sleeping in, dwelling in, or otherwise inhabiting one's vehicle or trailer only between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. It would also expand one of the areas in which camping and/or sleeping in, dwelling in, or otherwise inhabiting one's vehicle or trailer is prohibited, to include a larger section of the area between US 101 and the Russian River.