

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AMENDING SECTION 22.68.010 OF CHAPTER 22.68 OF TITLE 22 OF THE SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW AND TRANSITIONING THE BOARD FROM NINE MEMBERS TO SEVEN MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2009, the voters passed Measure E amending Section 814 of the City Charter to reduce the membership of the Architectural Board of Review from nine (9) members to seven (7) members and to allow up to three (3) members of the Board to not be electors of the City, as long as they are electors of the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Measure E authorized the City Council to adopt an ordinance to implement the provisions of the amended Charter Section 814, including those provisions deemed necessary to properly transition the Board from nine (9) members to seven (7) members.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 22.68.010 of Chapter 22.68 of Title 22 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

22.68.010 Architectural Board of Review.

A. **PURPOSE.** Section 814 of the Santa Barbara City Charter creates and establishes an Architectural Board of Review for the City to promote the general public welfare of the City and to protect and preserve the natural and historical charm and beauty of the City and its aesthetic appeal and beauty.

B. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Architectural Board of Review shall be composed of seven (7) members to be appointed as provided in the Charter.

C. **OFFICERS - QUORUM.** The members of the Architectural Board of Review shall elect from their own members a chair and vice-chair. The Community Development Director or his or her designee shall act as secretary and record Board actions and render written reports thereof for the Board as required by this Chapter. The Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum, one (1) of which shall be an architect.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Measure E, approved by the voters on November 3, 2009, the City Council is authorized to adopt an ordinance implementing the provisions of the amended Charter Section 814, including those provisions deemed necessary to properly transition the Board from nine (9) members to seven (7) members. In order to properly administer the Board's functions and maintain the Board's effectiveness, the City Council chooses to have the Board transition from nine (9) members to seven (7) members incrementally, reaching a membership of seven (7) members upon the appointment of new members in December 2010. From the effective date of this ordinance until December 31, 2010, the Board shall have eight (8) members. This transition period is necessary to maintain a sufficient number of qualified landscape architects and to ensure proper landscape plan reviews.