

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider proposed updates to the City's existing regulations on the establishment of 'formula' business uses in Sebastopol. The proposed ordinance would review and update restrictions and procedural requirements regarding specified "formula" businesses – generally retail stores or restaurants, sometimes franchises, which have standardized décor, services, uniforms, etc., which make them substantially identical to other businesses elsewhere in the United States. The purpose of the formula business regulations is to protect the unique character of Sebastopol, maintain diversity in its businesses, and ensure that the city's businesses serve the needs of the community. The proposed changes to the City's formula business regulations would prohibit some types of new formula businesses in the downtown area, and require Use Permits in certain circumstances for new formula businesses in the downtown and other areas of the City.

The City Council Regular Meeting will be held in Person and Virtual/Remote Participation

In Person Location: Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Remote/Virtual Participation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85092658297>

Meeting ID: 850 9265 8297

Passcode: 829227

Vimeo is utilized for viewing only of the Meeting: <https://vimeo.com/event/5424042>

Zoom Link is to be used for providing public comment/Vimeo is utilized for viewing only of the meeting. Anyone interested may attend in person, by phone, or by computer and be heard at this meeting.

The City of Sebastopol shows both live broadcasts and Video Archive of City Council Meetings over the Internet. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording and broadcast of your image and/or voice.

The City Council will consider this on: Tuesday, February 3, 2026
at or after 6:00 pm

The staff report will be available 72 hours prior to the City Council meeting.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS: For staff report inclusion, all comments must be received one week prior to the meeting date. Comments shall be submitted by email to vhenkel@cityofsebastopol.gov or mailed/left at City of Sebastopol City Hall located at 7120 Bodega Avenue, or you may also leave a voicemail that will be made a part of the public record. Please call 707 823 6167 to leave a message (by recording or comments provided verbally to City staff). If recorded, your voicemail will be limited to two minutes, transcribed, and provided to the City Clerk as a public record, but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Comments received after posting of the agenda will be provided to the Council and made part of the public record.

If you challenge this decision in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Sebastopol, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

A copy of the staff report, proposed Ordinance, and related documents will be available for public review at the City of Sebastopol website www.cityofsebastopol.gov



Mary C. Gourley, City Clerk, MMC