

RESOLUTION NO. 5909(14)

**A Resolution of the City Council of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara,
State of California, Supporting the Limitation of the Draft Winery
Ordinance to the Eastern End of the Santa Ynez Valley, Permitting
Charitable and Traditional Family Special Events, Authorizing the
Use of Solar Panels, Permitting Inexpensive Industrial Winery
Buildings Not Visible from the Winery Premises
Lot Line and Permitting the Sale of Agricultural Products Grown
or Produced on the Winery Premises in the Winery Tasting Room**

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the importance of a healthy economy to the financial stability of the community and quality of life of the citizens of Lompoc; and

WHEREAS, the Council understands that wineries in the Santa Rita Hills and Santa Barbara County are important drivers of the economy, creating jobs and revenue for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the City's ability to provide quality public services is dependent upon the assistance provided by civic, religious, educational, health care, humanitarian and other charitable or Section 501(c) organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Long Range Planning and Development Department has held public meetings regarding the Winery Ordinance review at the following locations: Lompoc (none), Santa Maria (1), Buellton (2), Santa Barbara (2) and Los Olivos (3); and

WHEREAS, as of February 2013, the County had spent \$274,772 on the Winery Ordinance review, before the last three public meetings and the preparation of the Draft Winery Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, those vintners and others who have attended the public meetings or read the written comments saw that the overwhelming majority of the proponents of the Winery Ordinance Review have been from Ballard Canyon and the eastern end of the Santa Ynez Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Council in Resolution No. 5774(12) resolved: "Any winery ordinance approved by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors should exclude as a 'winery event' or a 'special event' those events sponsored by and for the primary benefit of any religious, civic, educational, health care, humanitarian, charitable or Section 501(c) organization;" and

WHEREAS, the Draft Winery Ordinance contains the following provisions:

- Prohibits charitable special events for more than 80 attendees at Tier A and B wineries, and counts charitable events as one of the Tier C's 12 winery special events (Table 4-16);
- Prohibits those who reside on the winery premises of a Tier A or B winery from having traditional family gatherings such as weddings, birthday parties, Quinceaneras, etc. for more than 80 people in the Tier A or B vineyard or winery (Table 4-16);
- Requires Tier A, B and C wineries to use for their exterior, "earthtone and non-reflecting paints, sidings and roofing materials," and further that "structures shall not use exterior design styles typically associated with large industrial facilities" (5a); and
- Prohibits tasting rooms in Tier B and C wineries from selling agricultural products grown on, or produced from, the winery premises, such as blueberries, olive oil etc. (8c and 12b).

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council proposes the Draft Winery Ordinance apply only to the eastern end of the Santa Ynez Valley, where the substantial majority of the public meeting and written comments supporting the Winery Ordinance review have come from, and exclude wineries in the Lompoc and Santa Maria Valleys.

Section 2. The Council requests the Draft Winery Ordinance exclude as a "special event" those events sponsored by and for the primary benefit of any religious, civic, educational, health care, humanitarian, charitable or Section 501(c) organization counting toward each winery's annual allowable special events.

Section 3. The Council requests the Draft Winery Ordinance permit the owners/operators of winery premises to hold the traditional and customary family gatherings (such as weddings, birthday parties, Quinceaneras, etc.) in the vineyard or the winery of Tier A, B and C wineries.

Section 4. The Council requests the Draft Winery Ordinance permit solar- powered equipment. Also large, inexpensive industrial facilities for wineries should be permitted, so long as such facilities are not visible from outside the winery premises lot lines.

Section 5. The Council requests the Draft Winery Ordinance permit winery tasting rooms to sell agricultural products grown on, or produced from crops grown on the winery premises, such as blueberries, olive oil, etc.

Section 6. The Council directs the Mayor to forward this Resolution to the mayors of the Cities of Santa Maria, Buellton and Solvang, as well as to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

The foregoing Resolution was proposed by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and duly passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Lompoc at its meeting of April 15, 2014, by the following electronic vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):

NOES: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

John H. Linn, Mayor
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Stacey Alvarez, City Clerk
City of Lompoc