ORDINANCE NO. 2011-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AMENDING SECTIONS 8.04.010, 8.12.105, 8.14.560, 8.16.020, 8.14.320 AND 9.10.040 OF, AND ADDING SECTIONS 8.04.020, 8.14.205 AND 8.14.045 TO THE SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO DOGS IN THE DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALSO PERTAINING TO ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ

This ordinance amends certain sections of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code and adds certain new sections to the Santa Cruz Municipal Code pertaining to dogs in the City of Santa Cruz. Currently dogs are prohibited in downtown Santa Cruz. The ordinance establishes a three-month trial period, through November 30, 2011, in which dogs, subject to certain conditions and requirements would be allowed in downtown Santa Cruz during daylight hours. Conditions and requirements include that the dog be on a leash at all times and no further than three feet away from the person holding the leash, groups of dogs shall not exceed two in number, one dog per leash, the dog shall not be tethered to furniture or structures left in the public right of way, the dog shall not be left unattended at any time by the person responsible for the dog, the dog must visibly display license and vaccination tags, and dogs may not accompany people soliciting donations or using display devices. If the trial period is successful, these downtown dog regulations will go into effect permanently. In addition the ordinance defines the term “leash,” contains general anti-rabies vaccination requirements for dogs within the City and specifies that the Santa Cruz County Animal Services Authority is now the agency responsible for administering City regulations pertaining to animals within the City.

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION on this 12th day of July, 2011, by the following vote: AYES: Councilmembers Robinson, Madrigal; Bryant; Mayor Coonerty. NOES: Councilmember Beiers, Vice Mayor Lane. ABSENT: Councilmember Terrazas. DISQUALIFIED: None. APPROVED: ss/Ryan Coonerty, Mayor. ATTEST: ss/Bren Lehr, City Clerk Administrator. This Ordinance is scheduled for further consideration at the Council meeting of July 26, 2011.