

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ ADDING
CHAPTER 6.02 – HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES TO TITLE 6 – HEALTH AND SANITATION
OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL CODE

The City Council of the City of Santa Cruz does hereby find, determine and declare as follows:

FINDINGS

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the residents of the City of Santa Cruz are critical for a prosperous and sustainable Santa Cruz;

WHEREAS, there is growing awareness that health and well-being are influenced by the interaction of many factors and not simply by genetics, individual behavior, or access to medical care. It is now widely accepted that conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, and age, known as the social determinants of health, have the greatest influence on health and well-being outcomes across populations;

WHEREAS, the social determinants of health and well-being affect chronic disease rates, mental illness, as well as injuries caused by accidents and violence. They also influence the adoption of healthy and sustainable lifestyles by making it difficult for individuals to choose behaviors that either promote or diminish health, well-being and environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS, policies implemented by the City of Santa Cruz outside of the traditional health sector significantly affect the social determinants of health, including policies related to homelessness, food access, housing, transportation, public safety, education, sustainability, climate change, parks, air and water quality, criminal justice, and economic development;

WHEREAS, interagency collaboration can lead to improved decision-making and outcomes and greater efficiencies in service delivery;

WHEREAS, addressing the social determinants of health can lead to reduced health care costs;

WHEREAS, recognizing the presence of disparities in the community and the opportunity to intervene on health and well-being outcomes, the City has developed policies addressing health, equity, and sustainability broadly throughout the General Plan 2030.

WHEREAS, Health in All Policies is an approach to operationalizing the vision of community well-being laid out in the Santa Cruz General Plan 2030 and creating institutional change by prioritizing health, equity and sustainability in all policies.

WHEREAS, in an historic decision, the 2019-2020 California state budget established three Health in all Policies positions at the cabinet-level California Strategic Growth Council in

order to promote healthy communities, racial equity, and environmental sustainability across state government and within SGC’s own programs, and this ordinance is designed to be consistent with the California’s Health in All Policies Plan; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a “Health in All Policies” approach, the City of Santa Cruz recognizes that all of the City of Santa Cruz Government has a role to play in improving health and well-being outcomes and reducing inequities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 6.02 “Health in All Policies” is hereby added to Title 6 “Health and Sanitation of the City of Santa Cruz Municipal Code to read as follows:

“Chapter 6

HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES

6.02.010 TITLE.

This Chapter shall be known as the Health in All Policies Ordinance.

6.02.020 DEFINITIONS.

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this chapter, shall have the meanings defined in this section:

(a) “Equity” is both an outcome, and a means to an end. It is just and fair inclusion into a society in which all can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability or functional impairment, or geographic location, or the combination of any of these factors.

“Inequities” are unfair, avoidable, and unjust differences that are created when systemic barriers prevent individuals and communities from reaching their full potential.

(b) “Equality” is the quality of being regarded and treated as the same without considering of need or circumstance. This differentiates equality from equity because equity involves treatment that enables people the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

(c) “Health equity” means the attainment of the highest level of health for all people. Achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally with focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and healthcare disparities.

“Health equity” means efforts to ensure that all people have full and equal access to opportunities that enable them to lead healthy lives.

“Health disparities” are differences of presence of disease, health outcomes, or access to care among distinct segments of the population, including differences that occur by race or ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, education or income, immigration status, age, disability or functional impairment, or geographic location, or the combination of any of these factors.

(d) “Health in All Policies” means a collaborative approach to improving the well-being of all people by incorporating health, sustainability, and equity considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas.

(e) “Public Health” is the science of protecting the safety and improving the health of communities as a whole. The mission of public health is to promote conditions in which people can be healthy. This work is achieved by researching disease and injury prevention, education to promote healthy lifestyles, and public policy to address the health priorities of communities and populations at risk.

(f) “Social determinants of health and well-being” means those conditions in the environments in which people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, sustainability and quality of life outcomes and risks. The social determinants of health include but are not limited to:

(1) The availability of resources to meet our daily needs (e.g. safe housing, access to healthy and affordable food).

(2) Access to educational, economic, and job opportunities that lead to sustainable employment.

(3) Neighborhood safety and communities free of crime, violence, and social disorder (e.g. presence of trash and other forms of blight); and

(4) Accessible built environments that promote health and safety, mitigate emissions, improve parks and green space and healthy school siting.

(5) Social norms attitudes (e.g. discrimination and racism), socioeconomic conditions (e.g. concentrated poverty and the chronically stressful conditions that accompany it).

(g) “Sustainability” can be thought of in terms of environmental, economic, and social impacts, and encompasses the concept of stewardship and the responsible management of resources. It can also mean creating and maintaining conditions so that humans can fulfill social, economic, and other requirements of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

6.02.030 PURPOSE.

In order to eliminate inequities in health and well-being and attain equity, it shall be the policy of the City of Santa Cruz to apply a Health in All Policies approach and equity practices to the City of Santa Cruz's decision-making, including policy development and implementation, budgeting, and delivery of services;

6.03.040 HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES FRAMEWORK.

The City of Santa Cruz shall develop a framework to measure equity, health and sustainability outcomes and improve the well-being of our community.

6.03.050 IMPLEMENTATION.

The following recommendations will be implemented within one year post-adoption of the Health in All Policies Ordinance:

- (a) The analysis Section of City Council and Commission agenda reports will contain a paragraph that addresses how the agenda report preparer considered the HiAP pillars.
- (b) The functional procedures for integrating the HiAP framework into City operations will be defined in council policy.

6.03.060 STATEMENT OF GENERAL WELFARE.

It is the intent of the City Council that this ordinance is a general statement of Santa Cruz City policy that shall not form the basis of a private right of action.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after final adoption.

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PASSED FOR PUBLICATION this 26th day of November, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Krohn, Glover, Meyers, Brown, Mathews; Vice Mayor Cummings; Mayor Watkins.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

DISQUALIFIED: None.

APPROVED: _____
Martine Watkins, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Bonnie Bush, City Clerk Administrator

PASSED FOR FINAL ADOPTION this ___ day of ____, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED: _____
Martine Watkins, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
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This is to certify that the above and foregoing document is the original of Ordinance No. 2019-22 and that it has been published or posted in accordance with the Charter of the City of Santa Cruz.

Bonnie Bush, City Clerk Administrator