

HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2022



WHAT'S NEW SONOMA COUNTY

<u>Fogbelt is coming to</u> <u>Healdsburg!</u>

And we couldn't be more excited! The old train station on Hudson has been TRANSFORMED (link above)!
Cold beer on a Warm patio, yes please!

MARGARITAS AT MIDNIGHT

OK, maybe not at midnight but where does one go in the world of wine to get an AMAZING margarita?! My personal fave? The Blood Orange Marg at the family owned and consistently delicious El Gallo Negro in Windsor FOR SURE! Paired with their Chile Verde it makes even a Michelin Star fade. Want a challenge? Try a different place with every visit to town!

Best Margaritas in Sonoma County

A GOOD READ

TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN

From Lake County with a higher unemployment rate than the state AND the nation in March, to 10% of the workforce at Santa Rosa based HenHouse Brewing Co. moving out of the state during the pandemic, we are reminded the only constant thing in life is change. Click here for full article











45 DAY TEMP MORATORIUM ON VACATION RENTAL PERMITS IN SONOMA CTY PASSES

THE GIST

AT THEIR MAY 10, 2022 MEETING THE SONOMA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PASSED A 45-DAY MORATORIUM WHICH APPLIES TO
NEW VACATION RENTAL PERMITS SUBMITTED AFTER MARCH 17, EXCEPT FOR
PRE-EXISTING APPLICATIONS IN DISTRICT 2 AND DISTRICT 3, WHERE THERE
WAS LESS IMPACT FROM VACATION RENTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS. THE
MORATORIUM DOES NOT APPLY TO EXISTING VACATION RENTALS, HOSTED
RENTALS OR RENTALS IN THE COASTAL ZONE

"We passed the resolution that staff had prepared, with a couple changes," said Commissioner Caitlin Cornwall. "The most important was we had a majority for a 5 percent cap, not a 10 percent cap. Owners must be permanent residents of Sonoma County, must be actual people — not corporations — and can only have one vacation rental each. And no vacation rentals in R1 zoned areas, which are the highest density residential areas [in the] unincorporated county. All of this only applies to new applications for vacation rentals."

Read the full article on the county website <u>here</u> Kenwood Press article <u>here</u>

BREAKING NEWS AS OF 6/3/22

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2022 at 8:30 am. This meeting will likely result in the *extension* of the 45-day moratorium as the County continues its public hearing process on an update to the existing Vacation Rental Ordinance.

Meeting Materials: https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Submit public comment prior to or during the board meeting via email:
mailto:bos@sonoma-county.org

Meeting Agenda: https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
For more information about this proposal, to submit comments, or to request an accommodation for review of the file, please contact the project planner, Brian Oh at Brian.Oh@sonoma-county.org or (707) 565-1931.

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