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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION****TITLE 25. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
SPECIAL OCCUPANCY PARKS
LOW-IMPACT CAMPING AREA REPORTING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) proposes to adopt regulations to clarify terminology and county low-impact camping area ordinance reporting requirements, which was established by Health and Safety Code, section 18890. If approved, the proposed regulations would grant HCD the ability to establish reporting requirements for counties that have adopted an ordinance authorizing low-impact camping areas within their jurisdiction.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing is currently scheduled. However, pursuant to Government Code, section 11346.8, if a written request to hold a public hearing is received no later than 15 calendar days before the close of the written comment period at the address below from any interested person or their authorized representative, HCD shall, to the extent practicable, provide notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing by mailing the notice to every person who has filed a request for notice with HCD.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Any interested person, or their authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to this proposed regulatory action. All written comments must be received by HCD no later than 8:00 a.m. on September 1, 2026, in order to be considered. Written comments may be submitted through HCD's online portal, by mail, or by fax as follows:

By comment portal: Visit the [comment portal](#) on the HCD website.

By mail to: California Department of Housing and Community
Development Division of Codes and Standards
P.O. Box 277820
Sacramento, CA 95827-7820 ATTN: Jenna Kline

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PERMANENT ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

Following the public comment period, HCD may adopt the proposals, as described below, or may modify the proposals if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of minor technical or grammatical changes, the text of any modified proposal will be available from the contact person(s) designated in this notice for at least 15-days prior to its adoption and will be mailed to those persons who have submitted written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal. HCD will accept written comments on the modified regulations during the 15-day period.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The authority and reference for this action occurs through both implied and express authority as described below:

Authority

HCD has express and implied rulemaking authority as provided in:

- Special Occupancy Parks Act (SOPA)—Health and Safety Code (HSC) sections 18865, 18865.3, 18871.10, and 18873.
- Additionally, HCD has express authority, as provided by HSC, section 50406(n), to “do any and all things necessary to carry out its purposes and exercise the powers expressly granted by this division” [the Housing and Home Finance Act, HSC, section 50000 *et. seq.*].

The Legislature, through the SOPA authorizes HCD to administer these laws and adopt regulations that interpret and make specific this Act.

Reference

HCD is implementing, interpreting, and making specific the following section of the HSC:

- SOPA—HSC sections 18862.23, 18862.43, 18863, and 18890.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

SUMMARY OF EXISTING LAW AND REGULATIONS

Special Occupancy Parks Act and Special Occupancy Park Regulations

HCD, and local enforcement agencies approved by HCD to enforce the SOPA and its regulations, are responsible for the enforcement of minimum health and safety standards inside special occupancy parks (SOPs) including, but not limited to, recreational vehicle parks. These minimum health and safety standards regulate the construction, maintenance, occupancy, use, and design of SOPs, safeguard the safety of park occupants, and ensure a decent environment for recreation or temporary occupancy.

SUMMARY OF EFFECT OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

The purpose of these proposed regulations is to provide clarification for counties and to align regulations with Health and Safety Code, section 18890, which allows counties to authorize low-impact camping areas within the county’s jurisdiction through adoption of

an ordinance, and requires counties to notify HCD thereof.

The sections within Title 25, California Code of Regulations affected by this rulemaking (see “Sections Affected,” below), and the specific purpose for each adoption in these proposed regulations, are set forth in the Initial Statement of Reasons for this regulatory action.

SECTIONS AFFECTED

The following are the specific sections of Chapter 2.2 affected by this proposed action:

Amend: 2002

Adopt: 2054

POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

This rulemaking action clarifies and makes specific the reporting requirements for counties that adopt ordinances authorizing low-impact camping areas, as established in Health and Safety Code, section 18890, through Senate Bill 518 (Chapter 157, Statutes of 2025).

Health and Safety Code, section 18890, requires counties to alert HCD when they choose to authorize low-impact camping areas within their jurisdiction.

This rulemaking action would specify that any county adopting such an ordinance must electronically submit the ordinance to HCD within thirty (30) working days following its effective date. It would also require counties to notify HCD within thirty (30) working days if the ordinance is later modified or terminated. In addition, the regulations would add a reference to Health and Safety Code, section 18890, within the definition of “low-impact camping area” to ensure consistency with statutory authority.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed regulations are intended to provide counties guidance on how counties can notify HCD when they adopt ordinances authorizing low-impact camping areas, as required under the Special Occupancy Parks Act (SOPA). This information enables HCD to consistently track, review, and implement its statutory obligations under SOPA, particularly offering clarity for which sites are subject to HCD enforcement and which fall under local jurisdiction responsibility.

EVALUATION OF INCONSISTENCY/INCOMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS

After conducting a review for any comparable regulation in this area, HCD has determined that these are the only regulations concerning HCD’s ability to define “low-impact camping area” and monitor local low-impact camping ordinance submissions. Further, there are currently no Special Occupancy Park regulations proposals regarding digital reporting for low-impact camping areas ordinances adopted by local jurisdictions.

Therefore, the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations.

DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

- Mandate on local agencies and school districts: NONE
- Costs or savings to any state agencies: NONE
- Costs or savings to local agencies or school districts, which must be reimbursed in accordance with Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code: NONE
- Other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies: NONE
- Costs or savings in federal funding to the state: NONE
- Cost impacts on a representative private person or business: NONE HCD is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.
- Significant effect on housing costs: NONE

RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

HCD's assessment considered whether the proposal would (1) create or eliminate jobs within California, (2) create new or eliminate existing businesses within the state, (3) result in the expansion of businesses currently operating in the state, and (4) provide benefits to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, or the state's environment.

Based on this analysis, HCD determined that the proposed action is not expected to create or eliminate jobs in California, nor is it anticipated to result in the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing ones. The proposal is also not expected to cause existing businesses to expand or contract their operations. While the proposed regulatory amendments support clarity, consistency, and regulatory compliance, HCD does not anticipate any measurable statewide economic effect.

Benefits of the Proposed Action: The proposed action is expected to provide benefits to the health and welfare of California residents by improving regulatory clarity, supporting more consistent implementation of state law, and enhancing the accuracy and transparency of existing regulatory requirements. These benefits include improved understanding of obligations by regulated parties and more efficient administration and enforcement by HCD, counties, and other partners. The proposed action is not anticipated to have any benefit to worker safety, or the environment.

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: Although the proposed action will directly affect businesses statewide, including small businesses, HCD concludes that the adverse economic impact, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, will not be significant.

Small Business Determination: HCD has determined that the proposed regulations will not affect small businesses. The regulations seek to clarify terms and reporting responsibilities for counties that adopt an ordinance authorizing low-impact camping areas within their jurisdiction.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

HCD must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to

affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

Based on HCD's considerations, no reasonable alternative will be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS AND CONTACT PERSON

HCD has prepared an Initial Statement of Reasons for the proposed regulatory action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based. Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the rulemaking file, the Final Statement of Reasons (when available) and other information, if any, may be obtained upon request from HCD at the following location or from the contact people listed below:

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Main Contact: Jenna Kline, (916) 841-5286

Alternative Contact: Mitchel Baker, (916) 214-8097

In addition, the Notice of Purposed Action, the exact language of the proposed regulations, and the Initial Statement of Reasons may be found on the HCD's [Title 25 Rulemaking website](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/building-standards/title-25-rulemaking) at the following address: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/building-standards/title-25-rulemaking>

Questions regarding the regulatory process or clarification on the substance of this regulatory proposal may be directed to:

Housing Regulations Team
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