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TITLE 7. PLANNING AND LAND USE [65000 - 66499.58] (*Heading of Title 7 amended by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1536.)*

DIVISION 2. SUBDIVISIONS [66410 - 66499.41] (*Division 2 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1536.)*

CHAPTER 3. Procedure [66451 - 66472.1] (*Chapter 3 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1536.)*

ARTICLE 4. Final Maps [66456 - 66462.5] (*Article 4 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1536.)*

66456. After the approval or conditional approval of the tentative map and prior to the expiration of such map, the subdivider may cause the real property included within the map, or any part thereof, to be surveyed and a final map thereof prepared in accordance with the approved or conditionally approved tentative map.

(*Added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1536.*)

66456.1. Multiple final maps relating to an approved or conditionally approved tentative map may be filed prior to the expiration of the tentative map if: (a) the subdivider, at the time the tentative map is filed, informs the advisory agency of the local agency of the subdivider's intention to file multiple final maps on such tentative map, or (b) after filing of the tentative map, the local agency and the subdivider concur in the filing of multiple final maps. In providing such notice, the subdivider shall not be required to define the number or configuration of the proposed multiple final maps. The filing of a final map on a portion of an approved or conditionally approved tentative map shall not invalidate any part of such tentative map. The right of the subdivider to file multiple final maps shall not limit the authority of the local agency to impose reasonable conditions relating to the filing of multiple final maps.

(*Amended by Stats. 1982, Ch. 87, Sec. 18. Effective March 1, 1982.*)

66456.2. (a) An improvement plan being processed in conjunction with either an approved tentative, parcel, or final map shall be prepared by a registered civil engineer and acted on within 60 working days of its submittal, except that at least 15 working days shall be provided for processing any resubmitted improvement plan. The 60 working day period shall not include any days during which the improvement plan has been returned to the applicant for correction, has been subject to review by other than the local agency or, following that review, has been returned to the applicant for correction.

(b) The time limits specified in this section for acting on improvement plans may be extended by mutual consent of the subdivider and the advisory agency or legislative body required to act. However, no advisory agency or legislative body may require a routine waiver of time limits as a condition of accepting the improvement plan. A routine waiver may be obtained for the purpose of permitting concurrent processing of other requirements related to the improvement plan or map.

(c) If, at the time of submittal or resubmittal, the local agency or designee determines it is unable to meet the time limits of this section, the local agency or designee shall, upon request of the subdivider and for purposes of meeting the time limits, contract or employ a private entity or persons on a temporary basis to perform services necessary to permit the agency or designee to meet the time limits. However, a local agency or designee need not enter into a contract or employ those persons if it determines either of the following:

(1) No entities or persons are available or qualified to perform the services.

(2) The local agency or designee would be able to perform services in a more rapid fashion by modifying its own work schedule than would any available and qualified persons or entities.

A local agency may charge the subdivider fees in an amount necessary to defray costs directly attributable to employing or contracting with entities or persons performing services pursuant to this section.

(d) "Improvement plan" means the plan for public improvement as described in Sections 66418 and 66419.

(*Amended by Stats. 1989, Ch. 847, Sec. 8.*)

66457. (a) A final map or parcel map conforming to the approved or conditionally approved tentative map, if any, may be filed with the legislative body for approval after all required certificates or statements on the map have been signed and, where necessary, acknowledged.

(b) If the subdivision lies entirely within the territory of a city, the map shall be filed with the city. If the subdivision lies entirely within unincorporated territory, the map shall be filed with the county. If the subdivision lies partially within two or more territories, the map shall be filed with each, and each shall act thereon as provided in this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 1987, Ch. 982, Sec. 15.)

66458. (a) The legislative body shall, at the meeting at which it receives the map or, at its next regular meeting after the meeting at which it receives the map, approve the map if it conforms to all the requirements of this chapter and any local subdivision ordinance applicable at the time of approval or conditional approval of the tentative map and any rulings made thereunder. If the map does not conform, the legislative body shall disapprove the map.

(b) If the legislative body does not approve or disapprove the map within the prescribed time, or any authorized extension thereof, and the map conforms to all requirements and rulings, it shall be deemed approved, and the clerk of the legislative body shall certify or state its approval thereon.

(c) The meeting at which the legislative body receives the map shall be the date on which the clerk of the legislative body receives the map.

(d) The legislative body may provide, by ordinance, for the approval or disapproval of final maps by the city or county engineer, surveyor, or other designated official. The legislative body may also provide, by ordinance, that the official may accept, accept subject to improvement, or reject dedications and offers of dedications that are made by a statement on the map. Any ordinance adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall provide that (1) the designated official shall notify the legislative body at its next regular meeting after the official receives the map that the official is reviewing the map for final approval, (2) the designated official shall approve or disapprove the final map within 10 days following the meeting of the legislative body that was preceded by the notice in (4) below, (3) the designated official's action may be appealed to the legislative body, (4) the clerk of the legislative body shall provide notice of any pending approval or disapproval by a designated official, which notice shall be attached and posted with the legislative body's regular agenda and shall be mailed to interested parties who request notice, and (5) the legislative body shall periodically review the delegation of authority to the designated official. Except as specifically authorized by this subdivision, the processing of final maps shall conform to all procedural requirements of this division.

(Amended by Stats. 1999, Ch. 550, Sec. 21. Effective September 28, 1999. Operative January 1, 2000, by Sec. 33 of Ch. 550.)

66459. (a) If a final map has been approved for a condominium project, community apartment project, or stock cooperative project, and the subdivider or subsequent owner of the project, on or after January 1, 1993, rents a dwelling in that project, he or she shall, prior to offering the separate interest for sale to the general public, deliver the following notice, printed in at least 14-point bold print, prior to the execution of the rental agreement:

TO THE PROSPECTIVE TENANTS OF

(address)

THE UNIT YOU MAY RENT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR SALE TO THE PUBLIC AS A CONDOMINIUM PROJECT, COMMUNITY APARTMENT PROJECT, OR STOCK COOPERATIVE PROJECT (WHICHEVER APPLIES). THE RENTAL UNIT MAY BE SOLD TO THE PUBLIC, AND, IF IT IS OFFERED FOR SALE, YOUR LEASE MAY BE TERMINATED. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED AT LEAST 90 DAYS PRIOR TO ANY OFFERING TO SELL. IF YOU STILL LAWFULLY RESIDE IN THE UNIT, YOU WILL BE GIVEN A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO PURCHASE THE UNIT.

(signature of owner or owner's agent)
(dated)

(b) The condominium project, community apartment project, or stock cooperative project shall not be referred to in a lease or rental agreement as an "apartment" or "apartments" on or after the date of the approval by the local agency of the final map for the condominium project, community apartment project, or stock cooperative project in which the final map was approved on or after January 1, 1993.

(c) Any tenant of a condominium project, community apartment project, or stock cooperative project pursuant to this section shall be given at least 90 days' written notice of the intention to sell the rental unit to the general public. This subdivision shall not alter or abridge the rights or obligations of the parties in performance of their covenants, including, but not limited to, the provision of services, payment of rent, or other obligations imposed by Sections 1941, 1941.1, and 1941.2 of the Civil Code.

(d) Any tenant who lawfully resides in a condominium project, community apartment project, or stock cooperative project pursuant to this section shall be given a right of first refusal by the subdivider or subsequent owner of the project for the purchase of his or her rental unit upon the same terms and conditions that the unit will be initially offered to the general public or terms and conditions more favorable to the tenant. This right to purchase shall run for a period of 90 days from the date of the notice, unless the tenant gives written notice within the 90-day period of his or her intention not to exercise that right.

(e) Failure to comply with this section shall not invalidate the transfer of title to real property.

(f) Failure by a subdivider or his or her agent to give the notice required in subdivision (a) shall not be grounds to deny the conversion. However, if the subdivider or his or her agent fails to give notice pursuant to this section, he or she shall pay to each prospective tenant who becomes a tenant and who was entitled to that notice, and who does not purchase his or her unit pursuant to subparagraph (F) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 66427.1, an amount equal to the sum of the following:

(1) Actual moving expenses incurred when moving from the subject property, but not to exceed one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100).

(2) The first month's rent on the tenant's new rental unit, if any, immediately after moving from the subject property, but not to exceed one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100).

(g) This section shall not apply to any of the following:

(1) An owner of four dwelling units or less.

(2) Transfers pursuant to court order, including, but not limited to, transfers ordered by a probate court in the administration of an estate, transfers by any foreclosure sale after default, transfers by any foreclosure sale after default in an obligation secured by a mortgage, or transfers by a sale under a power of sale after a default in an obligation secured by a deed of trust or secured by any other instrument containing a power of sale, and any subsequent transfer by a mortgagor or beneficiary of a deed of trust who accepts a deed in lieu of foreclosure or purchases the property at a foreclosure sale.

(3) Transfers by a fiduciary in the course of the administration of a decedent's estate, guardianship, conservatorship, or trust. For purposes of this paragraph, a "fiduciary" means a state- or federally chartered bank, trust company, savings association, savings bank, credit union, or industrial loan company.

(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 612, Sec. 8. Effective January 1, 2008.)

66462. (a) If, at the time of approval of the final map by the legislative body, any public improvements required by the local agency pursuant to this division or local ordinance have not been completed and accepted in accordance with standards established by the local agency by ordinance applicable at the time of the approval or conditional approval of the tentative map, the legislative body, as a condition precedent to the approval of the final map, shall require the subdivider to enter into one of the following agreements specified by the local agency:

(1) An agreement with the local agency upon mutually agreeable terms to thereafter complete the improvements at the subdivider's expense.

(2) An agreement with the local agency to thereafter do either of the following:

(A) Initiate and consummate proceedings under an appropriate special assessment act or the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 53311) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 for the financing and completion of all of the improvements.

(B) If the improvements are not completed under a special assessment act or the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 53311) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5, to complete the improvements at the subdivider's expense.

(b) The standards may be adopted by reference, without posting or publishing them, if they have been printed in book or booklet form and three copies of the books or booklets have been filed for use and examination by the public in the office of the clerk of the legislative body.

(c) The local agency entering into any agreement pursuant to this section shall require that performance of the agreement be guaranteed by the security specified in Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 66499).

(d) The legislative body may provide, by ordinance, that the agreement entered into pursuant to this section may be entered into by a designated official, in accordance with standards adopted by the local agency. The designated official's action may be appealed to the legislative body for conformance with this chapter and any applicable local subdivision ordinance. Any ordinance adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall provide that the legislative body shall periodically review this delegation of authority to the designated official.

(Amended by Stats. 1998, Ch. 604, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1999.)

66462.5. (a) A city, county, or city and county shall not postpone or refuse approval of a final map because the subdivider has failed to meet a tentative map condition which requires the subdivider to construct or install offsite improvements on land in which neither the subdivider nor the local agency has sufficient title or interest, including an easement or license, at the time the final map is filed with the local agency, to permit the improvements to be made. In such cases, unless the city, county, or city and county requires the subdivider to enter into an agreement pursuant to subdivision (c), the city, county or city and county shall, within 120 days of the filing of the final map, pursuant to Section 66457, acquire by negotiation or commence proceedings pursuant to Title 7 (commencing with Section 1230.010) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure to acquire an interest in the land which will permit the improvements to be made, including proceedings for immediate possession of the property under Article 3 (commencing with Section 1255.410) of Chapter 6 of that title.

(b) If a city, county, or city and county has not required the subdivider to enter into an agreement pursuant to subdivision (c) and if a city, county, or city and county fails to meet the 120-day time limitation, the condition for construction of offsite improvements shall be conclusively deemed to be waived. The waiver shall occur whether or not the city, county, or city and county has postponed or refused approval of the final map pursuant to subdivision (a).

(c) Prior to approval of the final map the city, county, or city and county may require the subdivider to enter into an agreement to complete the improvements pursuant to Section 66462 at such time as the city, county, or city and county acquires an interest in the land that will permit the improvements to be made.

(d) Nothing in this section precludes a city, county, or city and county from requiring a subdivider to pay the cost of acquiring offsite real property interests required in connection with a subdivision.

(e) "Offsite improvements," as used in this section, does not include improvements that are necessary to assure replacement or construction of housing for persons and families of low or moderate income, as defined in Section 50093 of the Health and Safety Code.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 728, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2004.)