

## Excerpt from the Lompoc Planning Commission Meeting of August 14, 2013

### TA 13-01 – Text Amendment – Cottage Food Industry

Planning Commission consideration of a recommendation to the City Council regarding revisions to *Section 17.136 Home Occupation Permit*. The proposed revision will conform with State law and allow Cottage Food operations in home kitchens for sale to the public (Planning Division File No. TA 13-01) If adopted the Ordinance would be effective Citywide. A negative declaration has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Planning Manager Lucille Breese summarized the written staff report and indicated she had worked with the Deputy City Attorney in preparing the draft Ordinance to comply with state law. Commissioner Fink indicated he liked the checklist.

#### OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 7:25 pm

Katie Rounds, Cottage Food Operator – noted she has a Santa Barbara County Cottage Food Operator permit and explained the steps she had to go through; explained she was attempting to turn a hobby into a viable business; and expressed support for allowing local business to develop and grow.

Steve Pepe, Economic Development Committee (EDC) Chair – noted this is the type of local business supported by the EDC and explained

#### CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission discussed with staff the existing Home Use Permit Process and the changes required to the Ordinance to comply with the new State regulations; and discussed how to regulate the new Cottage Food Operator Permit within the Government Code allowed limitations.

The Commission also discussed SBCO requirements for food handling with Ms. Rounds who indicated she had been required to take food handling training and agreed common sense must be used when handling food.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Fink seconded by Commissioner Clark, that the Commission adopt Resolution No. 757 (13), recommending that the City Council

- accept the Negative Declaration and direct staff to file the Notice of Determination;
- approve Text Amendment TA 13-01 amending the City's Zoning Ordinance *Chapter 17.136 – Home Occupation Permits* to include provisions for Cottage Food Operator Permit; and
- direct staff to convert the HUP for Ms. Rounds to a CFO permit at no additional charge.

**VOTE:** The motion passed on a 4-0-1 vote with Commissioner Cioni absent.