



North Fair Oaks Community Council

*A Municipal Advisory Council to the
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors*

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May 28, 2026

7:00pm

The North Fair Oaks Community Council provides recommendations on the issues of community health, safety, welfare, public works, and planning for the North Fair Oaks geographic area. It holds regular monthly meetings to address the needs of the community, act as a forum, and serve as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

The North Fair Oaks Community Council was held in person at the Fair Oaks Community Center (2600 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City) and by teleconference using Zoom:
<https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/88428950549> It began at 7:00 PM and Spanish interpretation was available.

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety and shows each agenda item here: [YouTube Video](#)

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Council members: Chair Prado, Parisi, Whitney, Daly, Esser, Orozco, and Aponte

Absent:

Council member Saman

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

In-Person Comments:

Oscar Banegas

Comments via Zoom:

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3. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion: Council member Whitney / Second: Council member Esser

Yes: 7 – Chair Prado, Esser, Whitney, Daly, Parisi, Aponte, and Orozco

No: 0

Absent: 1 – Council member Saman

Agenda is approved.

4. Presentation: Garbage and Recyclables Collection Service Charges Report

Speaker:

Anthony Guerra, Sustainability Department

- Annual process to put minimum garbage and recycling charges for North Fair Oaks homes on the property tax bill.
- Applies to parcels with up to 4 housing units; each unit is billed for a minimum weekly garbage service (e.g., about a 64 gallon cart per unit).
- If residents choose larger carts (like 96 gallon), they pay the difference directly to Recology each month.
- Included services: weekly pickup of garbage, recycling, and organics, plus disposal and processing.
- Extras included: two free bulky item pickups per year, curbside batteries, used motor oil, oil filters, and Christmas trees (in January), plus illegal dumping cleanup triggered by SeeClickFix/Report It SMC.
- Residents can drop off items like recyclables, paint, mattresses, and electronics (mostly free) at Shoreway Environmental Center, and there are shredding/compost giveaway events and compost workshops for the community.

Council member questions/comments:

- Asked to confirm that residents **don't get a monthly garbage bill** for the minimum service because it's on the **property tax bill**.
- Noted as a **renter in a 5-unit building** that cost increases is likely pass through **indirectly via rent**.
- Asked for the name of the illegal dumping app (SeeClickFix / Report It SMC).
- Noted from personal experience that tickets can take days to be addressed and give an example of a fridge that sat for a long time and then became a railroad jurisdiction issue.
- Asked if events like shredding/compost could be held closer to North Fair Oaks; staff explained they alternate locations between NFO and other unincorporated areas.
- Echoed concerns about dumping and items being moved between jurisdictions, so no one takes ownership.
- Asked what the biggest issues are based on tickets in North Fair Oaks; staff cited:
 - Underuse of two free bulky pickups.
 - Random mattresses and other bulky items on corners.
 - How many bulky pickups strip malls/businesses get.
 - Whether community members can call bulky pickup for junk in front of strip malls.

In-person Public Comments:

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Public Comments via zoom:

5. Motion: Consideration of an Off-Street Parking Exception, pursuant to Section 8.344.040 of the San Mateo County Zoning Regulations, to allow for the continued use of one covered parking space where two covered parking spaces are required, in association with a proposed addition to an existing single-family residence, which includes the creation of one bedroom.

Speaker:

Robby Miller, Planning and Building Department

- **What the project is:**
 - Single-family home adding a 500 sq ft rear addition to create a third bedroom.
 - Existing garage is one-car (about 240 sq ft) and will not be changed.
- **Why is an exception needed:**
 - Zoning normally requires two side-by-side covered parking spaces for homes with 2+ bedrooms.
 - The garage is tight to the side property line and front of the lot; making it a 2-car garage would require a major front remodel, not proposed.
- **What is proposed for parking:**
 - Keep the existing one car garage as the only covered space.
 - Widen the driveway to create two uncovered off-street spaces, improving total onsite parking.
- **Zoning and Plan Consistency:**
 - Project remains residential and is consistent with the General Plan and North Fair Oaks Community Plan (Policy 5e allows minor expansions with parking exceptions).
 - Meets height, lot coverage, floor area, and setback standards; with the exception, it also complies with parking regulations.
- **Findings and for the Exception:**
 - Given site constraints, the off-street parking facilities are “as nearly in compliance” as practical with parking rules.
 - The project is not detrimental to public welfare or neighborhood property; Public Works and Planning recommend approval with conditions.

Council member questions/comments:

- The current **300-foot notification radius** is **too small** for projects with wider community impact.
- Council members are held to strict **conflict-of-interest cautions** on broadly impactful items, yet public notice remains narrow.
- Felt the impact on the neighborhood would not be significant or harmful.
- Asked whether the proposed rear extension would meet the current setback requirements.

In-Public Comments:

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Public Comment via zoom:

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Recommendation: Recommended approval of the Off-street parking exception permit to allow continued use of one covered parking space (existing one-car garage) where two covered spaces are normally required.

Motion: First: Council member Esser / Second: Chair Prado

Yes: 7 – Aponte, Esser, Daly, Parisi, Orozco, Whittney, and Chair Prado

No: 0

Absent: 1 – Saman

Motion passes.

6. Report Out:

- **District 4:** Connie Franco
- **County Executive's Office:** Nicholas Calderon
- **Council Member's Report:** Aponte, Whitney, Parisi, and Chair Prado

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.