

Draft Public Health, Safety and Noise Element for Public Comment



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY and NOISE ELEMENT

California State law requires that local governments prepare and adopt a General Plan, which is a blueprint for meeting the community's long-term vision for the future. The Public Health, Safety and Noise Element (known as the Safety Element) is one of the nine State-mandated elements of the General Plan. Recent State of California legislation requires that Safety Elements be reviewed and updated as necessary alongside the 2023 – 2031 Housing Element update. The Safety Element presents a framework for minimizing risks posed by environmental and human-caused hazards that may impact St. Helena residents' health and welfare. The Safety Element aims to protect St. Helena residents, workers, and visitors from negative exposure to flooding, fires, hazardous materials, air pollution, geologic and seismic hazards, disaster response, and climate change hazards.

This notice advises members of the public that the City's draft Public Health, Safety and Noise Element is available for review and comment.

The 30-day Public Review and Comment Period is from September 9, 2022 through October 10, 2022. A joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting will be held on September 27, 2022 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Vintage Hall (465 Main Street) in order to receive written and verbal comments on the Draft Safety Element. The public is encouraged to participate in this meeting. The Draft Safety Element is available for public review at the St. Helena Planning and Building Department, St. Helena City Hall (1572 Railroad Avenue). The Draft Safety Element is also available on the City's Housing Element website at: <https://sthelenahousing.com>

For more information, contact Senior Planner Aaron Hecock, AICP, at (707) 968-2747 or ahecock@cityofsthelena.org.

Written comments may be submitted during the Public Comment Period at the address indicated below:

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