Community Services

Law Enforcement

Goal CS-1

A safe and secure Eureka, and responsive and equitable law enforcement to effectively meet the demands of an increasing population and workforce. (Modified Goal 4.F)

CS-1.1   **Police Master Plan.** Prepare and routinely maintain a Police Master Plan or Strategic Plan to identify needs, goals, and priorities for police staffing, services, facilities, and funding. (New)

CS-1.2   **Chief's Advisory Panel.** Establish and maintain a panel of community stakeholders appointed by City Council to advise the Chief of Police. (New)

CS-1.2   **Staffing and Equipment.** Within the City's overall budgetary constraints, strive to maintain a police staffing ratio of 2.8 personnel per 1,000 residents (1.0 non-sworn and 1.8 sworn), and maintain adequate supporting staff, volunteers, technology, and training capabilities, as funding allows. (Modified Policies 4.F.1 and 4.F.3)

CS-1.3   **Response Time.** Strive to maintain an average response time of three (3) minutes for calls for service critical life-threatening emergencies. (Modified Policy 4.F.2)

CS-1.4   **Annual Assessment.** Annually assess police facilities and equipment needs and develop strategies that, at a minimum, maintain the police staff and response time standards. (Modified Policy 4.F.4)

CS-1.5   **Funding.** Explore the possibility of adopting and maintaining a funding mechanism for new and existing development projects to assist in funding Eureka Police Department operations and facilities to maintain adequate levels of police protection. (New)

CS-1.6   **CPTED Principles.** Promote the implementation of strategies, such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, in new development projects and public improvements to minimize criminal activity and anti-social behavior. (New)

CS-1.7   **Development Review.** Include Eureka Police Department in the development review process (when appropriate) to ensure that projects adequately address crime and safety. (Modified Policy 4.F.5)

CS-1.8   **Supporting Crime Prevention.** Continue to support creative approaches to crime prevention and problem solving and use tools such as the Eureka Police Department's Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving division, the

EPD and County of Humboldt Mobile Intervention and Services Team (MIST), diversion programs or other strategies, by working with the community and local organizations. (Modified Policy 4.F.6)

CS-1.9   **Crime in Neighborhoods.** Continue to work with the community to establish neighborhood watch programs, encourage public safety and other improvements by property owners, and utilize other community diversion programs to reduce crime and blight. (New)

CS-1.10   **Mutual Aid.** Coordinate efforts with appropriate law enforcement agencies to promote regional cooperation and provide mutual aid during emergency situations. (New)

CS-1.11   **Graffiti.** Continue to remove graffiti that is in public view and continue to develop and implement programs that prevent graffiti. (New)

Fire Protection

Goal CS-2

Protection of Eureka residents, visitors, property, and natural resources from injury and loss of life from fire hazards. (Modified Goal 4.G)

CS-2.1   **Fire Master Plan.** Work with Humboldt Bay Fire to prepare and routinely maintain a Fire Master Plan or Strategic Plan to resolve needs, goals, and priorities for fire staffing, services, facilities, and funding. (New)

CS-2.2   **Facility Standards.** Ensure that water main size, water flow, fire hydrant spacing, and other fire facilities meet City standards. (Modified Policy 4.G.1)

CS-2.3   **ISO Rating.** Work with Humboldt Bay Fire to strive to maintain an Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rating of 3, which accounts for fire suppression, prevention, water distribution, and dispatch call handling capabilities. (Modified Policy 4.G.2)

CS-2.4   **Response Time.** Work with Humboldt Bay Fire to strive to maintain an average response time of three (3) minutes for all service calls, including emergency medical service (EMS) calls. (Modified Policy 4.G.3)

CS-2.5   **Funding Strategy.** Periodically review the existing Fire-related development impact fee and explore the possibility of adopting and maintaining an alternate funding mechanism for new and existing development projects to assist in funding Humboldt Bay Fire operations and facilities to maintain adequate levels of fire protection. (Modified Policy 4.G.4)

CS-2.6   **Code Enforcement.** Enforce and require compliance with all relevant codes and ordinances for existing buildings and new construction to reduce the risk of fire hazards. Require installation and continued use of automatic fire detection, control, early warning, and suppression systems as required by applicable code. (Modified Policy 4.G.6)

CS-2.7   **Rental Unit Inspection.** Annually inspect all residential occupancies as required by the California Health & Safety Code, Building and Fire Code, or as determined by the City, for compliance with fire safety requirements.. (Modified Policy 4.G.9)

CS-2.8   **Development Review.** Include Humboldt Bay Fire in the development review process (when appropriate) to ensure that projects adequately address fire hazards. (New)

CS-2.9   **Weed Abatement.** Continue to enforce the City's weed/hazard abatement program, while enforcing other relevant codes and ordinances designed to reduce fire hazards on private property, and continue to remove excessive/overgrown vegetation from City-owned properties. (New)

CS-2.10   **Urban/Wildland Interface.** Design and construct new development proposed within or adjacent to fire hazard zones, such as the gulches and greenways, to minimize exposure to fire hazards and facilitate fire suppression efforts in the event of a wildfire. (New)

CS-2.11   **Wildland Fire Education.** Educate the public about wildland fire prevention techniques that include site design, landscaping, and defensible space vegetation management practices to minimize potential wildland fire hazards. (New)

CS-2.12   **Mutual Aid.** Coordinate efforts with appropriate fire protection agencies to promote regional cooperation and provide mutual aid during emergency situations. (New)

Schools

Goal CS-3

Excellent educational opportunities and facilities throughout Eureka. (Modified Goal 4.H)

CS-3.1   **Quality Education.** Continue to support local school districts, charter schools, private schools, and higher education institutions in providing quality education and equitably distributed facilities. (Modified Policy 4.H.1)

CS-3.2   **Joint Use.** Coordinate with local school districts, charter schools, private schools, and higher education institutions to encourage joint use agreements to collocate schools with parks and other facilities. These agreements should aim to maximize the provision of community services, minimize the duplication of services, and facilitate shared financial and operational responsibilities. (Modified Policies 1.N.4, and 4.H.2)

CS-3.3   **Facility Needs.** Cooperate with local school districts in monitoring housing, population, and school enrollment and capacity trends and in planning for existing and future school facility needs, and assisting in identifying and

acquiring appropriate sites for new schools, if necessary. (Modified Policies 1.N.5 and 4.H.3)

CS-3.4 **Accessible School Sites.** Plan and approve residential uses in areas that are most accessible to school sites in order to enhance neighborhoods and reduce automobile trips. (Modified Policy 4.H.5)

CS-3.5 **New Residential Development.** Ensure that new residential development, to the extent permissible under State law, fully mitigates its impact on school facilities through the payment of fees or other negotiated methods, as agreed between the developer and affected school district. (Modified Policy 4.H.5)

CS-3.6 **Funding Sources.** Cooperate with school districts in identifying and pursuing funding sources to rehabilitate, improve, and expand existing schools. (New)

CS-3.7 **School Site Reuse.** Encourage reuse of former schools, and consider reopening schools when warranted by student generation. (Modified Policy 4.H.11)

CS-3.8 **Safe Routes to Schools.** Continue to coordinate with local school districts, Humboldt County, and the Humboldt County Association of Governments to install infrastructure improvements and traffic calming measures, as well as pursue funding, to ensure safe pedestrian and student travel to and from schools. (Modified Policy 4.H.12)

CS-3.9 **Vulnerable Youth:** Encourage school districts to develop and provide programs to support vulnerable (at-risk) youth. (New)

CS-3.10 **Higher Education.** Continue to support the development and expansion of higher education and vocational education facilities in the City and in the region. (New)

CS-3.11 **Linkage to Higher Education.** Support existing higher education institutions such as Humboldt State University and the College of the Redwoods to strengthen their links with local K-12 school districts to facilitate the transfer of students into these institutions. (New)

Libraries

Goal CS-4

Library facilities that continually provide cultural and academic enrichment for the community. (New)

CS-4.1 **Adequate Services, Facilities, and Programs.** Continue to support Humboldt County Public Library in its efforts to modernize and provide adequate and equitably distributed library services, facilities, and programs that meet the needs of all residents. (New and Modified Policy 1.N.18)

CS-4.2   **Accessibility.** Continue to coordinate with Humboldt County Public Library to ensure accessibility of all library facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and users of other modes of transportation. (New)

CS-4.3   **Multi-Functional Uses.** Support the use of libraries as multi-functional facilities, acting as gathering places, cultural centers, and venues for community events and programs throughout the City. (New)