

Matters from Board

Discussion: Preservation of tin roofs within the
Town and possible direction to Staff
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MENDOCINO TOWN ZONING CODE

Currently, Division III of Title 20 of the Mendocino County Zoning Code (MTZC) reads: “Section 20.760.040 - Exemptions: (K), Changes to existing roofing materials provided that the Planning and Building Services Department has determined that the roof is to be of wood shingles, or composition or other fire retardant material, which gives the appearance of wood.”

This MTZC Exemption Clause is ambiguous regarding protecting the few tin roofs remaining in the Town of Mendocino, a Historic District on State and Federal Registers, roofs which are an integral part of the Town’s historic architectural character.

In order to maximize protection for these historic architectural features, MTZC Section 20.760.040 - Exemptions: (K) is amended to read: “Changes to existing roofing with like material of similar color. Changing composition shingles to wood shingles. The removal of tin roofs is not exempted and shall require Mendocino Historical Review Board (MHRB) review, approval and permitting”.