

Panel recommends:

## Delete mention of mobile homes in new ordinance

SANTA CRUZ — Any mention of mobile home parks should be deleted from a proposed county ordinance dealing with housing discrimination, according to members of the county Mobile Home Commission.

Commissioners voted this week after a public hearing to recommend to county supervisors that mobile home parks be removed from the ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing against families with children and on the basis of age.

The ordinance as originally presented to supervisors didn't involve mobile home parks, but supervisors added a section stating mobile home park owners could restrict parks only to those 18 or older unless the parks have been established as senior-only parks under certain conditions.

Supervisors adopted the ordinance in concept and sent it to the Mobile Home Commission and the Housing Advisory Commission for recommendations.

The Housing Advisory Commission voted to support the ordinance as conceptually approved by supervisors.

Under the proposed ordinance, parks limited to those 55 years and older would be allowed if they had been established as senior parks prior to Jan. 1, 1981, if they are approved as senior parks by the state Board of Real Estate prior to the ordinance going into effect or if supervisors allow a senior-only park as part of a park's use permit.

The proposed ordinance attempts to prevent parks with arbitrary age limits such as 35 and older from changing to senior-only parks. A recent court decision, known as the Wolfson decision, prohibits age discrimination in housing, but said senior-only mobile home parks should be allowed.

This caused many parks in the county to change to senior-only parks recently.

The proposed ordinance wouldn't require mobile home parks to allow families with children. It exempts mobile home parks from the ban against discrimination in housing against families with children.

No date has yet been set for the ordinance to receive final consideration from supervisors.