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condos be made affordable.

City orders landlords to pay interest on security deposits

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Landlords will have to pay tenants interest on their security deposits beginning June 1, under an ordinance approved by the Watsonville City Council last night.

The ordinance, which will have to be voted on one more time before it becomes law, will require landlords to pay 5 percent simple interest on money they've collected as security or cleaning deposits from tenants.

It would apply to existing tenancies, with interest beginning to accrue June 1 and on any tenancies entered into after that date. The interest would be paid on the anniversary date of the rental directly or as credit against rent.

The ordinance will be back before the council for final action at its April 9 meeting.

In other action, the Watsonville City Council:

- Approved an ordinance requiring that new developers pay a "public facilities impact fee," to help meet the increased demand for public health, safety and welfare services new developments bring. The cost will be 40 cents per square foot for residential, commercial and industrial construction.

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- Granted a permit to Pajaro Valley Shelter Services to convert a commercial/residential building at 100 E. Beach St. to transitional housing for 16 to 18 homeless people.

The two-and-a-half-story building now has a four-bedroom apartment in the front on the first floor that has been used for commercial space, a three-bedroom apartment

in the back, and two one-bedroom apartments on the second floor.

- Approved a request by Roadway Package System — a delivery company similar to United Parcel Service — to set up a package distribution terminal in a building at 1340 W. Beach St. The business will take up 17,000 square feet, or 26 percent of the floor area in the building. It will serve the area from Monterey to Santa Cruz, and will employ up to 60 people.

- Gave final approval to an initial map for a proposed 88-unit subdivision on an 8.43-acre parcel at Hope Drive and Green Valley Road. Initially, the developer, Barnett-Range of Stockton, had proposed to put the Green Valley Highlands townhouse development on two parcels, but ended up giving the smaller one — 2.5 acres — to the city as open space.

Airport committee members named

The Watsonville City Council has appointed four members to the joint city/county Airport Land Use Advisory Committee.

City Manager Steve Salomon was appointed to represent the interests of the city; Graham Bice, to represent the general public; Dewey Beaudette, as someone with expertise in aviation; and Dan

Chavet, also with aviation expertise, nominated by the airport manager.

The county, for its part, has named Celia Organista, the director of Adelante, a farm-worker program, as an at-large member, and Frank O. May as a representative with expertise in aviation.