



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2019

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING
DEMOLITION AND "MAJOR PROJECTS" AFFECTING ELIGIBLE,
UNDESIGNATED HISTORIC RESOURCES

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA TEMPORARILY
PROHIBITING DEMOLITION AND "MAJOR PROJECTS" AFFECTING ELIGIBLE,
UNDESIGNATED HISTORIC RESOURCES

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance implements the moratorium approved by the City Council on this same date. The ordinance temporarily prohibits the demolition and "major projects" affecting alteration of eligible, undesignated historic resources, with the following exceptions:

- Major projects that are not visible from a public road
- Front yard fences in eligible landmark or historic districts
- New construction on non-contributing or vacant properties in eligible landmark or historic districts
- Demolition of non-contributing properties in eligible landmark or historic districts
- Development projects that have been issued a demolition or building permit prior to the effective date of the proposed moratorium
- Development projects involving eligible, undesignated historic resources approved through a Conditional Use Permit, Variance, Hillside Development Permit, Design Review or other similar discretionary entitlement that is subject to CEQA
- Development projects that have been granted approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness without a delay period

MEETING OF 11/18/2019

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

This legislation is needed to ensure that the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance is consistent with General Plan goals and policies, current best practices in historic preservation and the California Environmental Quality Act.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Planning & Community Development Department will implement the proposed ordinance as requests for permits subject to the moratorium are sought.


ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On this same date Council will be asked to find that the proposed interim ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15262) because the interim ordinance does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and because the project involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the City has not approved, adopted, or funded, and does not involve adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will not be an immediate fiscal impact as a result of this temporary moratorium.

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