

# **Ordinance Fact Sheet**

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE:

March 30, 2020

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO CHANGE LOCATION AND SIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY

### TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING SECTIONS 17.30.030, 17.50.300, AND 17.80.020 OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO MAKE SINGLE-ROOM OCCUPANCY A PERMITTED USE IN ALL CD ZONING DISTRICTS AND INCREASE THE MAXIMUM UNIT SIZE TO 375 SQUARE FEET

## PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Zoning Code to allow single room occupancy (SRO) uses without a conditional use permit in all CD zones, and increase the maximum unit size for SRO uses from 220 square feet to 375 square feet.

#### **REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED**

This legislation is needed to encourage the production of smaller format housing units in the City so that they may become an important part of the City's efforts to provide housing options that are affordable to a wide variety of households. These relatively minor change to the existing definition of SROs will allow slightly larger unit sizes more in line with current housing industry trends, and will streamline the permitting process within the Central District Specific Plan to encourage their production.

#### PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Planning & Community Development Department will implement the proposed ordinance.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

On this same date, the Council will be asked to consider whether these Zoning Code Amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15305 (Class 5 – Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class, there are no unusual circumstances, and none of the exceptions to the exemptions apply.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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