

California Department of Fish and Game

CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION: DE MINIMIS IMPACT FINDING

Project Title/Location: Series I Zoning Code Amendments, Pasadena, Los Angeles

County, California

Project Applicant: City of Pasadena

Project Description: These Zoning Code amendments include the following changes: an amendment that will conditionally permit Telecommunications Facilities within the OS (Open Space) Zoning District; amend the code to allow through a minor conditional use permit the conversion of historic structures to an office use within the West Gateway Specific Plan area; will modify the setback requirements to allow the Zoning Administrator to determine which street a commercial building should front upon when the lot is a double frontage lot; add karoake bar to the definition of Commercial Recreation; allow up to 800 square feet for accessory structures in the RM-12 zoning district for parking purposes; and make the Hearing Officer the hearing authority for filming conditional use permits and minor use permits and minor variances. The amendments will make corrections to the Zoning Code that inadvertently dropped out in when the new Zoning Code was revised. These corrections include: adding back the provisions for lots divided by a zoning boundary; allowing attic space to be exempt from the FAR provisions in the single family and RM-12 districts, corrections to the East Colorado Specific Plan and fences on private driveways. A number of other corrections are proposed as well as codification of Zoning Administrator interpretations.

Findings of Exemption: The project will not have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by CDFG or USFWS; have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means; interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites; conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance, or; conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the Lead Agency has made the above findings of fact and that based upon the Initial Study and public hearing record the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

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Title: Environmental Administrator Lead Agency: City of Pasadena

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