

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
ESTABLISHING DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND A
DESIGN REVIEW PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Pasadena recognizes the importance of promoting excellence in urban design and the City's celebrated tradition of supporting residential, institutional, and commercial architecture of distinction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to enhancing the visual character of the City and the attractiveness of its neighborhoods, its commercial zones, and its public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City has formally reviewed the design of new construction in Neighborhood Commercial and Multi-family Residential Zoning Districts and elsewhere in the City for over twenty-five years and periodically adopted design guidelines to set performance goals for this review; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the design review process should be modified to require review at an early stage of the development process and should be focused on how new buildings respond to their existing context; and

WHEREAS, the City retained an architectural consulting firm to draft the new guidelines and to assist the staff with five public workshops to review drafts of the guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City Of Pasadena that:

1. The Design Guidelines for Neighborhood Commercial and Multi-family Residential Districts, dated September 29, 2009, attached and incorporated by reference, are hereby approved for use in design review.

2. The Design Guidelines shall supplement, but not replace, the existing design guidelines in the North Lake Specific Plan (1997), the Fair Oaks-Orange Grove Specific Plan (2002), the East Pasadena Specific Plan (1992), the East Colorado Boulevard Specific Plan (2003), the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan (1998), and the West Gateway Specific Plan (1998).

3. The Preliminary Consultation Process as set forth in Attachment C to the October 19, 2009 agenda report shall serve as administrative guidelines for project processing and shall establish thresholds and terms for preliminary consultation. This Process may be administratively amended as required by the Director of the Planning and Development Department.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Mark Jomsky, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Theresa E. Fuentes
Assistant City Attorney