



# Ordinance Fact Sheet

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL                      **DATE:** DECEMBER 9, 2019

**FROM:** CITY ATTORNEY

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

## TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

## PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance extends the moratorium approved by the City Council on second reading on November 25, 2019. 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

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- Development projects that have been granted approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness without a delay period

**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. The extension will provide time for public review and required hearings before City Commissions and the City Council.

**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.

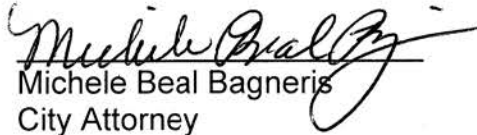
**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

On November 19, 2019, the Council found that this moratorium 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.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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