



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 28, 2019

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE RELATED TO
INCLUSIONARY HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
CONCESSION MENU

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING SECTION 17.42.040 AND ADDING SECTION 17.43.050 TO TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM INCLUSIONARY HOUSING UNIT REQUIREMENT, ELIMINATE INCLUSIONARY TRADE-DOWN CREDITS, AND ESTABLISH AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONCESSION MENU

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance will amend the Zoning Code to achieve the multiple goals of the City of increasing affordable housing production and minimize impacts resulting from density bonus concessions without unduly constraining the production of housing overall.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

This legislation is necessary to increase the production of affordable housing and also provide process streamlining options for developers building density bonus projects, and in turn will lead to projects that are more consistent with the scale and character of surrounding neighborhoods.

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PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

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

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact from this ordinance. As a separate matter, this ordinance was considered in conjunction with a proposal to increase the inclusionary housing in-lieu fee, which was approved on August 19, 2019.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On August 19, 2019, the City Council found that that 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 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.

Respectfully submitted,


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