

ATTACHMENT A

FINDINGS FOR ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

Prior to the approval of a Zoning Code Text Amendment, the following findings must be made:

1. *The proposed amendment is in conformance with the goals, policies and objectives of the General Plan, and other adopted goals and policies of the City.*

The proposed amendment to the Zoning Code is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan as follows:

Land Use Element

- Guiding Principle 1. Growth will be targeted to serve community needs and enhance the quality of life. Higher density development will be directed away from residential neighborhoods, and into the Central District, Transit Villages, and Neighborhood Villages. These areas will have a diverse housing stock, job opportunities, exciting districts with commercial and recreational uses, and transit opportunities. New development will build upon Pasadena's tradition of strong sense of place, great neighborhoods, gardens, plazas, parks, and trees.
- Guiding Principle 5. Pasadena will be a city where people can circulate without cars. Specific plans in targeted development areas will emphasize a mix of uses, pedestrian activity, and transit; public and private transit will be made more available; neighborhood villages and transit villages will reduce the need for auto use.
- Goal 2. Land Use Diversity. A mix of land uses meeting the diverse needs of Pasadena's residents and businesses, fostering improved housing conditions, offering a variety of employment and recreation opportunities, and supporting a healthy population while protecting the environment.
 - Policy 2.3 (Commercial Businesses). Designate sufficient land to enable a broad range of viable commercial uses in Pasadena's Central District, Transit and Neighborhood Villages, and commercial corridors. These uses will serve both local and regional needs, reducing the need for residents to travel to adjoining communities, capturing a greater share of local spending, and offering a diversity of employment opportunities.
 - Policy 2.11 (Health Facilities). Accommodate a wide range of healthcare and mental health facilities that are transit-accessible and pedestrian-friendly.

- Goal 3. Compatible Land Uses. A mix and distribution of uses and facilities in any neighborhood or district where their intensities, operations, and/or traffic could adversely impact the character, safety, health, and quality of life.
 - Policy 3.5 (Hazardous Uses). Prohibit or control land uses which pose potential health and environmental hazards to Pasadena's neighborhoods and districts.
- Goal 4. Elements Contributing to Urban Form. A safe, well-designed, accessible City with a diversity of uses and forms. These diverse forms include distinct, walkable districts, corridors, and transit and neighborhood villages and cohesive, unique single and multi-family residential neighborhoods and open spaces where people of all ages can live, work, shop, and recreate.
 - Policy 4.2 (A Diversity of Places). Maintain and enhance the City's urban form with distinct, compact, and walkable areas with a diversity of uses, densities, and characters. Offer choices for living, working, shopping, and recreation consistent with community values, needs, and demographics.
 - Policy 4.3 (An Active Central District). Continue and reinforce the Central District as a vital, pedestrian-oriented place, linked to local and regional transit designed for all ages and serving as the focal point of community identity, business activity, employment, living, governance, and culture.
- Goal 28. Places to Live, Work, Shop, and Recreate. A diversity of well-designed corridors and villages containing an integrated mix of commercial uses and/or housing that enable Pasadena's residents to live close to businesses, services, and employment, reduce automobile use, and actively engage and enhance pedestrian activity.
- Goal 31. Central District. The primary civic, business, financial, retail, entertainment, and cultural center of Pasadena with supporting housing enabling residents to live close and walk to these uses and access regional transit.
 - Policy 31.2 (Sub-District Identity). Enhance the distinctive, yet complementary nature of the Central District's sub-areas by recognizing and building on their unique attributes and features through signage, streetscape designs, design guidelines and encouraging new uses and infill development that fits with the vision of each sub-area.

Recent development patterns indicate a growing urban residential community in the Central District Specific Plan area. As the number of residents increases in these neighborhoods, the need for a greater variety of services has become more important. One key service that is needed by many residents in this area is easy access to Animal Hospitals that provide veterinary services as well as ancillary grooming and boarding

services. The current Zoning Code provisions do not permit the establishment of Animal Hospitals in most zoning districts in the Central District, causing residents to drive to other neighborhoods throughout the City and in neighboring areas to access these services. The proposed amendments include changes to land use permissions for Animal Hospitals, making this a permitted use in five of six zoning districts in the Central District Specific Plan area. The proposed amendments would also include a robust set of operational controls that would apply to Animal Hospital land uses in order to ensure that these uses do not result in health or environmental hazards. These amendments would encourage the establishment of this critical service while minimizing the potential for negative impacts to neighbors and businesses, making the Central District a more complete residential neighborhood that truly allows residents to circulate without cars. These outcomes are consistent with Guiding Principles 1 and 5, as well as numerous Goals and Policies of the Land Use Element, as identified above.

2. *The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City.*

The proposed amendments are consistent with numerous policies in the Land Use Element of the General Plan. The proposed changes to the land use permissions for Animal Hospitals in the CD-2 through CD-6 zoning districts are limited in geography and scope. New, detailed operational standards will be applied to all new Animal Hospital uses in order to address potential impacts specifically related to this land use. The amendments would make it easier to establish land uses that are more aligned with the goals and policies of the Central District by allowing easier access to necessary amenities, making the Central District a more attractive residential option with more accessible services, reducing the need for driving. Therefore, the proposed amendments would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City.