



# Agenda Report

June 12, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Planning & Community Development Department

**SUBJECT: AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA EXTENDING CERTAIN LAND USE RELATED DEADLINES FOR 24-MONTHS FOR ENTITLEMENTS GRANTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) AND TITLE 16 (SUBDIVISIONS) DUE TO UNCERTAIN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Public Resources Code §21080(b)(9); Administrative Code, Title 14, Chapter 3, §15061(b)(3), the Commons Sense Exemption; and
2. Adopt an uncodified ordinance to extend land use entitlements, granted in compliance with Title 17 (Zoning Code) and Title 16 (Subdivisions), by 24 months.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The local economy and investors in the City are facing economic uncertainty due to lingering pandemic challenges and rising interest rates. Staff is seeking opportunities to maintain existing investment in the City through this period of uncertainty.

On March 30, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 9774 which ratified the Third Supplement to the Declaration of Local Emergency Authorizing the City Manager to Suspend Limits to Time Imposed by the Pasadena Municipal Code. On March 5, 2023, the Pasadena Public Health Department terminated the local public health emergency for COVID-19 which granted the authority to suspend time limits in the municipal code.

## **DISCUSSION:**

City Council is considering an uncodified ordinance to extend land use entitlements, granted in compliance with Title 17 (Zoning Code) and Title 16 (Subdivisions), by 24

months, for any active entitlement as of the date that the ordinance is in effect. If an approved application is active and not yet expired, it would receive a one-time automatic 24-month extension. Land use entitlements being considered for extension include, but are not limited to, Conditional Use Permits, Hillside Development Permits, Master Plans, Design Review, and Subdivision Maps (Attachment A).

**CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adopting an uncodified ordinance to extend certain land use entitlements and permits, granted in compliance with Title 17 (Zoning Code) and Title 16 (Subdivisions), by 24 months.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The proposed project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Public Resources Code §21080(b)(9); Administrative Code, Title 14, Chapter 3, §15061(b)(3), the Commons Sense Exemption (formerly the “general rule”) that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council finds that the proposed ordinance is not subject to further environmental review.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This action would not have a direct fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attachment:

Attachment A – List of Proposed Entitlement Extensions