



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 8, 2024

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

**SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE REGARDING
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATIONS**

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS
OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE
REGULATING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

Council directed preparation of this ordinance on December 4, 2023. Development of the ordinance required extra time and review by outside counsel to ensure compliance with state law. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Zoning Code to ensure consistency with recently adopted state regulations and to facilitate the production of accessory dwelling units (ADUs). The proposed amendment also limits ADUs in the Hillside Overlay Districts served by private or public streets of up to 26 feet wide to only the "Statewide Exemption ADUs."

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

This legislation is needed to bring the Zoning Code regulations pertaining to ADUs in line with numerous and sweeping changes to state law requirements over the last few years that are applicable to charter cities. Currently, the Zoning Code is inconsistent with state law, and staff has continued to process ADU applications consistent with state law.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

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

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City arising from this ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On December 4, 2023, Council found that the proposed amendment to the Zoning Code is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under California Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 in that the proposed Zoning Code Text Amendment further implements the provisions of Section 65852.2 of the California Government Code.

Respectfully submitted,


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