

# Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE:

February 5, 2024

FROM:

CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO IMPLEMENT

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CHANGES

#### TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING AND ADDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) LAND USES

# PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

Council directed preparation of this ordinance on December 4, 2023. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Zoning Code to further facilitate Research and Development (R&D) land uses, particularly in the life sciences.

# REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

This legislation is needed to modify the Zoning Code to modify regulations pertaining the R&D land uses in the Zoning Code. The changes include consolidating the definition from Research and Development (Non-office) and Research and Development (Office) into R&D; permit the use by-right in non-residential and mixed-use zones, and with a CUP in the Public and Semi-Public (PS) zone, limited to parcels not owned by Pasadena Unified School District or used as a K-12 school; and expanding additional exceptions to the Zoning Code for R&D uses.

This ordinance and the proposed ordinance updating the Central District Specific Plan overlap in that changes to the CDSP need to be made to effectuate Council's direction regarding R&D uses. Those R&D changes in the CDSP can be found in the CDSP ordinance, proposed for adoption concurrently herewith.

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# PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

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

#### FISCAL IMPACT

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

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION**

On December 4, 2023, Council found that that the proposed amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15305 (Class 5 - Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations), and there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class; therefore, there are no unusual circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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