

Ordinance Fact Sheet

October 21, 2024

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING

VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE

PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO 1) ALLOW WALK-UP WINDOWS AT RESTAURANTS BY-RIGHT; 2) CREATE AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCESS FOR THE ON-SITE SALE OF ALCOHOL AT RESTAURANTS; 3) ESTABLISH REGULATIONS

FOR OUTDOOR DINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AT

RESTAURANTS; 4) CHANGE TIME LIMITS AND EXTENSIONS; 5) MAKE CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS; AND 6) CODIFY

ZONING CODE INTERPRETATIONS

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE

The City Council directed the preparation of two zoning code amendments on July 15, 2024. The first set of amendments permit walk-up windows at restaurants by-right in certain zones, provide an administrative condition use permit process for the on-site sale of alcohol at restaurants, and modify regulations for outdoor dining. The second set of amendments modifies the time limits on entitlements and the process for

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applicants seeking an extension for their entitlements and also implements technical changes to address internal consistency and other corrections.

On July 15, 2024, the Council also adopted findings that the amendments are consistent with the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan and would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience or general welfare. These findings are referred to and hereby incorporated by reference.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

These amendments (1) streamline the entitlement process for alcohol sales at restaurants to support new and existing restaurants by reducing application processing times; and (2) serve the City's commitment to periodically reviewing constraints on the development, maintenance, and improvement of housing by streamlining the City's development process and implementation of the Zoning Code.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On July 15, 2024, the Council found that these amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 (Class 5 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations). There are no features that distinguish these amendments from others in the exempt class; therefore, there are no unusual circumstances. The amendments would not introduce any uses not currently allowed.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this ordinance amendment.

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