

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA  
EXTENDING THE INTERIM UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF  
PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF  
THE CITY OF PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO SUSPEND AND MODIFY  
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES AND EXTEND CERTAIN LAND  
USE RELATED DEADLINES UNDER TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE), TITLE 16  
(SUBDIVISIONS) AND TITLE 14 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE  
MUNICIPAL CODE TO SIMPLIFY THE REBUILD PROCESS AFTER THE EATON  
FIRE**

**WHEREAS**, windstorms of extraordinary magnitude and widespread fires began on January 7, 2025, which included dangerous gusts of wind of over 80 miles per hour and wind-driven and destructive wildfires including the Eaton Fire and the Palisades Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions caused extensive damage to residential and nonresidential structures, businesses and critical infrastructure in the City of Pasadena ("City"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton Fire specifically destroyed 185 structures in the City, displacing Pasadena residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the combined fires in the County of Los Angeles ("County") collectively burned over 47,900 acres, destroyed or damaged more than 16,250 structures, including homes, small businesses, and places of worship, with initial estimates placing this disaster among the most destructive in California history; and

**WHEREAS**, the fires displaced approximately 150,000 in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 8, 2025, the Director of Disaster Emergency Services of the City proclaimed the existence of a local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2025, the City Council ratified that January 8, 2025 Declaration of Local Emergency – Windstorms and Fires, which shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, that Declaration of Local Emergency – Windstorms and Fires has not been terminated; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2025, the Health Officer for the City issued a declaration of local health emergency due to the potential public health impacts on the

City by the windstorms and fires due to widespread damage to property, disruption of services, and potential immediate and long-term health risks to City residents including from environmental contaminants that are suspected to have settled on the ground, and that declaration was amended on February 24, 2025, and ratified by the City Council on March 3, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 13, 2025, the Governor issued Executive Order N-20-25, which acknowledged efforts and need to provide relief to impacted communities, protect survivors, to expedite and aid recovery efforts, to enable Los Angeles to build back quickly and safer and more resilient, and to avoid unreasonable delay in rebuilding homes; and

**WHEREAS**, City residents are in the process of preparing for rebuild, which includes removal of hazardous waste and other debris, and there is a need to streamline rebuilding requirements to avoid exacerbating the existing threat to public health, safety, or welfare caused by the destruction of the combined fires and loss of housing; and

**WHEREAS**, under Government Code Section 8634, during a local emergency, the City Council may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, under Government Code Section 65858, the City Council may adopt by a four-fifths vote an interim zoning ordinance to protect the public safety, health, and welfare, and may extend such ordinance after notice and public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council on March 24, 2025, adopted an Interim Uncodified Ordinance of the City of Pasadena Amending Various Sections of Title 17 (Zoning Code) of the City of Pasadena Municipal Code to Suspend and Modify Development Standards and Procedures and Extend Certain Land Use Related Deadlines Under Title 17 (Zoning Code), Title 16 (Subdivisions) and Title 14 (Buildings and Construction) of the Municipal Code to Simplify the Rebuild Process After the Eaton Fire, which took effect upon publication on March 27, 2025 ("Ordinance No. 7444");

**WHEREAS**, the local emergency continues, post-fire conditions continue to exist, and such conditions continue to pose current and immediate threats to the public health, safety, or welfare, and that failing to streamline the rebuild process for those who lost

their home would result in a threat to public health, safety, or welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that there continues to be a local emergency that requires the City Council to extend Ordinance No. 7444 to protect life and property, and there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare and that the approvals of certain entitlements required to comply with the Zoning Code threatens the public health, safety or welfare by delaying the rebuilding of structures including homes damaged by the fires.

**WHEREAS**, public notice was provided in accordance with Government Code Section 65090, and a public hearing was held on May 5, 2025 to consider this extension;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pasadena that pursuant to Government Code Section 8634, and alternatively Government Code Section 65858, and Section 13 of the Ordinance No. 7444, the Ordinance No. 7444 is hereby extended for 22 months and 15 days.

Adopted at the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the City Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:


ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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MARK JOMSKY, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Caroline K. Monroy  
Deputy City Attorney