



Ordinance Fact Sheet

January 12, 2026

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE CITY OF PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE PERMIT THRESHOLDS, SIGNAGE AND AWNING REQUIREMENTS, OUTDOOR STORAGE, ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATIONS, TEMPORARY USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS, NOTICE PROCEDURES AND AREAS WHERE ANIMAL GROOMING AND ANIMAL HOSPITAL USES ARE PERMITTED USES

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE

As directed by the City Council on October 27, 2025, this ordinance amends various sections of the Zoning Code to improve and update development review processes, thresholds for development review authorities, clarify sign requirements, temporary use codes, and revise locations where animal grooming and animal hospital uses are permitted. This will also implement certain state law requirements and requests for clarification on the City's accessory dwelling unit ordinance.

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REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

Over the past two years, the Planning and Community Development Department undertook amendments to the Zoning Code to encourage housing development, improvement development review processes and incorporate state requirements. This legislation continues this process by updating the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADUs) ordinance, updates and clarifies sign and awning requirements, development application review processes, consolidates temporary use permit processes, and makes various miscellaneous such as updating public noticing requirements and locations where animal grooming and animal hospital uses may be located.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

Planning will implement this ordinance, which makes changes citywide and that will affect various classes of permit applicants.

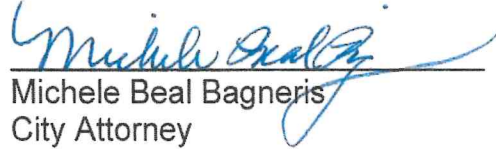
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On October 27, 2025, the Council found that the revisions to the Zoning Code are exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the “common sense” exemption that provides CEQA applies only to project 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. The proposed amendments focus on procedural changes to review process and provide additional clarity on terms and standards used. They also revise sections to comply with state legislation and implement programs of the 2021-2029 Housing Element. This ordinance is wholly addressed by the Council’s prior determination and no additional CEQA review is needed for this ordinance.

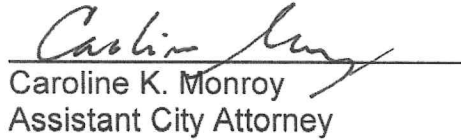
FISCAL IMPACT

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

Respectfully submitted,


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