



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** December 11, 2000

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: An ordinance of the City of Pasadena amending Title 14 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, adding provisions for alternative materials, alternate design and methods of construction.

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 14 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 104.2.8 TO INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS, ALTERNATE DESIGN AND METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION.

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to recognize current established alternatives for materials and methods of construction for projects being built in the City of Pasadena. The development of building codes is a process generally taking from 3-5 years. After the building codes are developed the State of California usually takes an additional 1-2 years to incorporate them into State Law. The Codes that we are currently using were developed in 1993, 1994 and 1995. The Code Development Process has been substantially advanced by the merging of the three major national building codes, (the Uniform Building Code, The Basic National Building Code, and the Southern Standard Building Code) into a single document titled, the International Building Code. This Code contains the most modern provisions recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for protection of property against natural disasters. This ordinance will allow the City of Pasadena to review and approve the most modern and safest materials and methods for projects.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

The adoption of this legislation will allow the recognition of the latest materials and construction techniques without the necessity of individual special review processes for each project. It will also help create a level playing field by allowing all projects the

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same opportunities to use the latest approved methods of construction and alternative materials without having to go through time consuming appeal hearings.

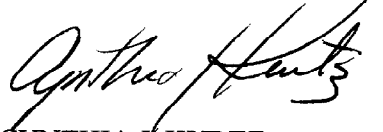
FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Fiscal impacts are negligible. The standardizing of the methods for comparing alternate materials and alternate methods of construction will have the tendency to reduce costs for the City and the project developer along with improvements in building safety. It will reduce the amount of staff time spent researching and evaluating proposals.

POLICY CHANGES:

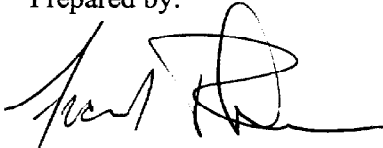
The adoption of this ordinance does not create any policy changes.

Respectfully Submitted,



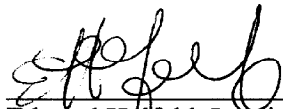
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