

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 12.04 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code by amending the zoning map.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Sec. 1. Section 12.04.B of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is hereby amended by changing the zones and zone boundaries shown upon portions of the zone map attached thereto and made a part of Article 2, Chapter 1, of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, so that such portions of the zoning map entitled "Downtown Plan Area," the accompanying diagrams and the Table for Section 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The Los Angeles City Council at its meeting on June 14, 2023, voted unanimously to approve the Downtown Community Plan and New Zoning Code. There have been a few updates to the ArcGIS mapping technology since the Downtown Community Plan was approved by City Council. The modification to Zone Change Map and Matrices reflects more current ArcGIS technology practices, is more user friendly, and provides easy access to the public.

Sec. 2. Sec.1.5.1.A.B. (Maintenance and Access) of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is hereby amended by changing the zones and zone boundaries shown upon portions of the zone map attached thereto and shown in the associated Geographical Information System Shapefile and geospatial data information and made part of Sec. 1.4.1.B.1.a. (Zoning Code Maps) of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, so that such portions of the zoning map entitled "Downtown Plan Area," the accompanying diagrams and the Table for Section 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Sec. 3. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which can be implemented without the invalid provisions and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each and every provision and portion thereof not declared invalid or unconstitutional, without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Sec 5. **OPERATIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be operative on January 27, 2025 to comply with the rezoning program deadline of February 12, 2025 and upon the operative date of the implementing ordinances found in Council File No. 22-0617.

Sec 6. **URGENCY CLAUSE.** The City Council finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety because this ordinance is necessary for urgently needed housing. As recognized in the Housing Element, the City has a need for the development of approximately 450,000 housing units by the year 2029, including an immediate need of tens of thousands of units to serve an existing shortfall. In order to address this shortfall, the City must complete a rezoning program by February 12, 2025 pursuant to California Government Code 65583(c)(1)(A), at which time a determination of non-compliance could trigger a significant loss of funding for housing and infrastructure, loss of local zoning control, and court-imposed fines. This potential loss of funding for housing could result in less affordable housing being developed citywide, posing a severe threat to the stability of lower income households and further contributing to the City's ongoing homelessness and affordable housing crisis. This ordinance implements a rezoning program that would make the City compliant with state-mandated requirements. For these reasons, this ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Section 253 of the Los Angeles City Charter.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by positing for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Pursuant to Section 558 of the City Charter, the City Planning Commission on **June 17, 2021** recommends this ordinance **BE ADOPTED** by the City Council.

By  _____
Cecilia Lamas
Commission Executive Assistant II

File No. 22-0617

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____