

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the public health and economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and further appreciates the need to facilitate temporary Zoning Code relief to support the local economy and livelihood of those living and working in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City's declared local emergency initially issued on March 4, 2020 in response to the threat and risks posed by Covid-19 pandemic, and that declaration was subsequently amended and affirmed, and extraordinary measures were undertaken by the City to support residents, tenants, business owners, and property owners Citywide; and

WHEREAS, although the formally declared local emergency terminated February 1, 2023, the need for measures to provide targeted regulatory relief to local businesses continues to exist in order to maintain economic stability as they try to recover from the effects of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to extend the provisions within the Municipal Code, Section 16.02.1, Relief from Specified Land Use Provisions, that allow for regulatory relief from specific time limitations for approvals and certain automobile parking requirements in the Municipal Code, and must affirmatively activate them by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City intends for the relief to provide needed flexibility for businesses and projects by extending time limits for approvals, and provide targeted automobile parking relief for existing buildings and operators that are underpinned by a desire to provide cost savings to local proprietors while furthering the environmental and mobility goals of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, an extension of these provisions will provide the Planning Department the ability to engage in outreach and analysis to determine what permanent changes to the Municipal Code should be made to support the economic vitality of Los Angeles' commercial districts; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has undertaken an evaluation of the effectiveness of Section 16.02.1, Relief from Specified Land Use Provisions, on regulatory relief for small businesses and efficiency of City operations in their report back dated January 28, 2025 pursuant to CF 20-0380-S2 and recommend extending the provisions of the ordinance for the final 12-month period until February 1, 2026; and

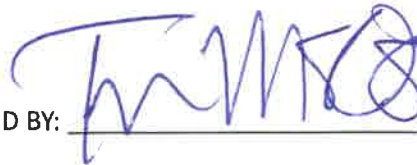
WHEREAS, the City has undertaken an environmental review of the proposed provisions and found that will not have a significant effect on the environment (ENV-2020-4927-ND), and further found that aspects of the proposed regulatory relief are exempt from environmental review (ENV-2021-325-CE-SE);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council hereby extends the provisions of Section 16.02.1 of the Municipal Code, 'Relief from Specified Land Use Provisions', to provide temporary regulatory relief from certain time limitations and automobile parking provisions during and for an additional 12-month period for a total of 36 months, after the termination or expiration of the local emergency order, as provided in that section.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFELD
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SECONDED BY:



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