

NEGATIVE DECLARATION and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Code Amendment to Article 6 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), to provide regulatory relief from certain time limitations and specific Zoning Code provisions related to automobile parking during a declared local emergency.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15074(b), after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, including the Negative Declaration, No. ENV-2020-4927-ND, and all comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment; FIND that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgement and analysis of the City; and, ADOPT the Negative Declaration for a Code amendment creating a mechanism for City Council or the Mayor to enact temporary regulatory relief from certain time limitations and automobile parking provisions in Chapter 1 of the LAMC.
2. ADOPT the Findings of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) as the Findings of Council.
3. DIRECT the Department of City Planning (DCP), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), to report back on an Emergency Building Amnesty Program to allow small businesses with unpermitted construction or unpermitted commercial occupancies to apply for building permits for existing buildings, additions, and remodels; which Program should include financial incentives that waive or reduce investigative fees, fines, penalties, any other related permitting costs; and, allow the approval of projects utilizing the building and zoning code in effect at the time of construction, with exemption from certain fire and life safety provisions.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance amending Article 6 of the LAMC to provide regulatory relief from specific Zoning Code provisions during a declared local emergency, aimed at minimizing adverse impact on local businesses and properties, including the following amendments as amended by the PLUM Committee:
 - a) Amend the proposed Ordinance to allow for the creation or expansion of outdoor dining areas on-site or in adjacent public right-of-way without triggering additional parking requirements.
 - b) Amend the proposed Ordinance to authorize the suspension of all requirements to provide off-site parking.
 - c) Amend the proposed Ordinance so that, when there is a change of use, the first 5,000 square feet of tenant improvement are exempt from a requirement to provide additional parking.

6. REQUEST the City Attorney and the DCP to prepare and present a draft Resolution when the Ordinance is presented for consideration as to form and legality, to implement each of the provisions of said Ordinance, as amended by the PLUM Committee, for a period of 12 months.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Case No. CPC-2020-4926-CA

Environmental Nos. ENV-2020-4927-ND; ENV-2021-325-CE-SE

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LACPC reports that there is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary

At its regular meeting held on February 16, 2021, the PLUM Committee considered the LACPC report and proposed Ordinance relative to a Code Amendment establishing new provisions within Article 6 of Chapter 1 of the LAMC, to create a mechanism for the Council and Mayor to enact regulatory relief from certain time limitations and specific Zoning Code provisions related to automobile parking during a declared local emergencies. DCP staff provided an overview of the matter. A Representative from Council District 11 provided comments regarding an Emergency Building Amnesty Program. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to adopt the Negative Declaration, the Findings of the LACPC as the Findings of Council, and the proposed Ordinance as amended, with instructions to the LADBS, DCP, and the City Attorney. This matter is now submitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	YES
LEE:	YES