



## APPLICATIONS:

# APPEAL APPLICATION

## Instructions and Checklist

**Related Code Section:** Refer to the City Planning case determination to identify the Zone Code section for the entitlement and the appeal procedure.

**Purpose:** This application is for the appeal of Department of City Planning determinations authorized by the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

### A. APPELLATE BODY/CASE INFORMATION

#### 1. APPELLATE BODY

- ☐ Area Planning Commission    ☐ City Planning Commission    ☒ City Council    ☐ Director of Planning  
☐ Zoning Administrator

Regarding Case Number: DIR-1993-36-RV-PA3

Project Address: 1355 West Florence Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90044

Final Date to Appeal: 03/31/2022

#### 2. APPELLANT

**Appellant Identity:**  
(check all that apply)

- ☐ Representative    ☒ Property Owner  
☒ Applicant    ☒ Operator of the Use/Site

☐ Person, other than the Applicant, Owner or Operator claiming to be aggrieved

☐ Person affected by the determination made by the **Department of Building and Safety**

- ☐ Representative    ☐ Owner    ☐ Aggrieved Party  
☐ Applicant    ☐ Operator

#### 3. APPELLANT INFORMATION

Appellant's Name: In Ok Choi

Company/Organization: Tom's Market

Mailing Address: 1355 West Florence Avenue

City: Los Angeles    State: CA    Zip: 90044

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

a. Is the appeal being filed on your behalf or on behalf of another party, organization or company?

☒ Self    ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Is the appeal being filed to support the original applicant's position?    ☒ Yes    ☐ No

#### 4. REPRESENTATIVE/AGENT INFORMATION

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Company: Genesis Consulting Inc.  
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#### 5. JUSTIFICATION/REASON FOR APPEAL

- a. Is the entire decision, or only parts of it being appealed? ☒ Entire ☐ Part  
b. Are specific conditions of approval being appealed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, list the condition number(s) here: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a separate sheet providing your reasons for the appeal. Your reason must state:

- ☐ The reason for the appeal ☐ How you are aggrieved by the decision  
☐ Specifically the points at issue ☐ Why you believe the decision-maker erred or abused their discretion

#### 6. APPLICANT'S AFFIDAVIT

I certify that the statements contained in this application are complete and true:

Appellant Signature:  Date: 3/31/22

#### GENERAL APPEAL FILING REQUIREMENTS

#### B. ALL CASES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS - SEE THE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIC CASE TYPES

##### 1. Appeal Documents

- a. **Three (3) sets** - The following documents are required for each appeal filed (1 original and 2 duplicates)  
Each case being appealed is required to provide three (3) sets of the listed documents.

- ☐ Appeal Application (form CP-7769)  
☐ Justification/Reason for Appeal  
☐ Copies of Original Determination Letter

##### b. Electronic Copy

- ☐ Provide an electronic copy of your appeal documents on a flash drive (planning staff will upload materials during filing and return the flash drive to you) or a CD (which will remain in the file). The following items must be saved as individual PDFs and labeled accordingly (e.g. "Appeal Form.pdf", "Justification/Reason Statement.pdf", or "Original Determination Letter.pdf" etc.). No file should exceed 9.8 MB in size.

##### c. Appeal Fee

- ☐ Original Applicant - A fee equal to 85% of the original application fee, provide a copy of the original application receipt(s) to calculate the fee per LAMC Section 19.01B 1.  
☐ Aggrieved Party - The fee charged shall be in accordance with the LAMC Section 19.01B 1.

##### d. Notice Requirement

- ☐ Mailing List - All appeals require noticing per the applicable LAMC section(s). Original Applicants must provide noticing per the LAMC  
☐ Mailing Fee - The appeal notice mailing fee is paid by the project applicant, payment is made to the City Planning's mailing contractor (BTC), a copy of the receipt must be submitted as proof of payment.

<b>SPECIFIC CASE TYPES - APPEAL FILING INFORMATION</b>
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**C. DENSITY BONUS / TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITES (TOC)****1. Density Bonus/TOC**

Appeal procedures for Density Bonus/TOC per LAMC Section 12.22.A 25 (g) f.

**NOTE:**

- Density Bonus/TOC cases, only the *on menu or additional incentives* items can be appealed.
- Appeals of Density Bonus/TOC cases can only be filed by adjacent owners or tenants (must have documentation), and always only appealable to the Citywide Planning Commission.
- ☐ Provide documentation to confirm adjacent owner or tenant status, i.e., a lease agreement, rent receipt, utility bill, property tax bill, ZIMAS, drivers license, bill statement etc.

**D. WAIVER OF DEDICATION AND OR IMPROVEMENT**

Appeal procedure for Waiver of Dedication or Improvement per LAMC Section 12.37 I.

**NOTE:**

- Waivers for By-Right Projects, can only be appealed by the owner.
- When a Waiver is on appeal and is part of a master land use application request or subdivider's statement for a project, the applicant may appeal pursuant to the procedures that governs the entitlement.

**E. TENTATIVE TRACT/VESTING****1. Tentative Tract/Vesting** - Appeal procedure for Tentative Tract / Vesting application per LAMC Section 17.54 A.

NOTE: Appeals to the City Council from a determination on a Tentative Tract (TT or VTT) by the Area or City Planning Commission must be filed within 10 days of the date of the written determination of said Commission.

- ☐ Provide a copy of the written determination letter from Commission.

**F. BUILDING AND SAFETY DETERMINATION**

- ☐ **1. Appeal of the Department of Building and Safety determination, per LAMC 12.26 K 1, an appellant is considered the **Original Applicant** and must provide noticing and pay mailing fees.**

**a. Appeal Fee**

- ☐ Original Applicant - The fee charged shall be in accordance with LAMC Section 19.01B 2, as stated in the Building and Safety determination letter, plus all surcharges. (the fee specified in Table 4-A, Section 98.0403.2 of the City of Los Angeles Building Code)

**b. Notice Requirement**

- ☐ Mailing Fee - The applicant must pay mailing fees to City Planning's mailing contractor (BTC) and submit a copy of receipt as proof of payment.

- ☐ **2. Appeal of the Director of City Planning determination per LAMC Section 12.26 K 6, an applicant or any other aggrieved person may file an appeal, and is appealable to the Area Planning Commission or Citywide Planning Commission as noted in the determination.**

**a. Appeal Fee**

- ☐ Original Applicant - The fee charged shall be in accordance with the LAMC Section 19.01 B 1 a.

**b. Notice Requirement**

- ☐ Mailing List - The appeal notification requirements per LAMC Section 12.26 K 7 apply.
- ☐ Mailing Fees - The appeal notice mailing fee is made to City Planning's mailing contractor (BTC), a copy of receipt must be submitted as proof of payment.

## G. NUISANCE ABATEMENT

### 1. Nuisance Abatement - Appeal procedure for Nuisance Abatement per LAMC Section 12.27.1 C 4

#### NOTE:

- Nuisance Abatement is only appealable to the City Council.

#### a. Appeal Fee

- ☐ Aggrieved Party the fee charged shall be in accordance with the LAMC Section 19.01 B 1.

### 2. Plan Approval/Compliance Review

Appeal procedure for Nuisance Abatement Plan Approval/Compliance Review per LAMC Section 12.27.1 C 4.

#### a. Appeal Fee

- ☐ Compliance Review - The fee charged shall be in accordance with the LAMC Section 19.01 B.
- ☐ Modification - The fee shall be in accordance with the LAMC Section 19.01 B.

## NOTES

*A Certified Neighborhood Council (CNC) or a person identified as a member of a CNC or as representing the CNC may not file an appeal on behalf of the Neighborhood Council; persons affiliated with a CNC may only file as an individual on behalf of self.*

***Please note** that the appellate body must act on your appeal within a time period specified in the Section(s) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) pertaining to the type of appeal being filed. The Department of City Planning will make its best efforts to have appeals scheduled prior to the appellate body's last day to act in order to provide due process to the appellant. If the appellate body is unable to come to a consensus or is unable to hear and consider the appeal prior to the last day to act, the appeal is automatically deemed denied, and the original decision will stand. The last day to act as defined in the LAMC may only be extended if formally agreed upon by the applicant.*

This Section for City Planning Staff Use Only		
Base Fee:	Reviewed & Accepted by (DSC Planner):	Date:
Receipt No:	Deemed Complete by (Project Planner):	Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> Determination authority notified		<input type="checkbox"/> Original receipt and BTC receipt (if original applicant)

## Reason for appeal

I, In Ok Choi, owner/operator of Tom's Market is appealing the decision in its entirety due to the fact that we have exhibited and established substantial compliance with the previous conditions. The conditions were in adhered to and validated by the many residents who spoke in support of our continued operation. The new conditions that were added for this Letter of Determination prohibits us from continuing to providing the public convenience and necessity to our customers. Furthermore, some conditions will put us line for potential lawsuits for racial profiling and discrimination. Lastly, the decision-maker erred by stipulating conditions that are really not enforceable.