

FINDINGS

Land Use Findings

Charter Finding 556 (General Plan). In accordance with City Charter Section 556, the proposed Ordinance is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan in that it would further accomplish the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan as outlined below:

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| Framework Element - Economic Development (Chapter 7) |
| <p>Objective 7.4 Improve the provision of governmental services, expedite the administrative processing of development applications, and minimize public and private development application costs.</p> <p>Key Policy Develop and maintain streamlined approval processes and reduce uncertainty for the developers and the community</p> |
| Framework Element - Housing (Chapter 4) |
| <p>Objective 4.4 Reduce regulatory and procedural barriers to the production and preservation of housing at all income levels and needs.</p> |

The proposed Ordinance supports and maintains the purpose of Ordinance 187,712 to comprehensively reorganize Zoning Code processes and procedures, with the intention of laying the groundwork for a more user-friendly, transparent, and predictable set of zoning regulations. The proposed Ordinance supports improvements to the provision of governmental services and processing of development applications by making it easier for both applicants and the public to clearly understand how the Department of City Planning considers land use and development proposals and how to navigate the decision-making process, specifically in the City's coastal zones. Further, the proposed Ordinance will ensure that the City's coastal development permit program will continue to be consistent with the requirements of the California Coastal Act and prevent any lapse in the ability to administer permits for development projects within the coastal zone, thereby reducing the potential for regulatory and procedural barriers to the production and preservation of housing and other development in the coastal zone.

For the reasons stated above, the proposed Ordinance is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent, and provisions of the General Plan.

City Charter Finding 558 and LAMC Section 12.32 (Public Necessity, Convenience, General Welfare, Good Zoning Practice).

In accordance with City Charter Section 558 (b)(2) and LAMC Section 12.32 C.2 and C.7, the proposed Ordinance is in substantial conformance with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice.

The proposed Ordinance supports and maintains the purpose of Ordinance 187,712 to comprehensively reorganize Zoning Code processes and procedures, with the intention of laying the groundwork for a more user-friendly, transparent, and predictable set of zoning regulations. The proposed Ordinance continues to make it easier for both applicants and the public to clearly understand how the Department of City Planning considers land use and development proposals and how to navigate the decision-making process, specifically in the City's coastal zones. Further, the proposed Ordinance will ensure that the City's coastal development permit program will continue to be consistent with the requirements of the California Coastal Act and prevent any lapse in the ability to administer permits for development projects within the coastal zone, and further ensure that all updated zoning regulations are operative simultaneously throughout the City, thereby supporting public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice.

Environmental Findings

The Department of City Planning has determined, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the proposed Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3) and Section 15378(b)(5), and there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.

The proposed Ordinance consists of administrative procedures for the processing of coastal development permit requests and appeals and has no effect on the physical environment. Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), the proposed Ordinance is not a project under CEQA, because "the activity is covered by the common sense exception that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA."

The proposed Ordinance is also not a project under CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) because "organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment" are not considered a project. The proposed Ordinance does not change any discretionary actions into non-discretionary actions. Therefore, the proposed Ordinance will continue to ensure that projects meet all procedural requirements of CEQA, and that impacts are analyzed

and environmental mitigations are imposed where necessary and appropriate. Furthermore, the proposed Ordinance does not change the zoning of any properties and is limited to administrative provisions for processing coastal development permit requests and appeals. Therefore, the proposed Ordinance does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and is not considered a project under CEQA.