

RESOLUTION NO. PC 24-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE ORANGE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND PROVISIONS RELATED TO APPLICATION EXPIRATION, NOTICING REQUIREMENTS AND THE TIME FOR APPEAL

APPLICANT: CITY OF ORANGE

WHEREAS, staff is continuing its ongoing effort to review the language contained in the City of Orange's Title 17 ("Zoning Ordinance") with respect to general administrative matters; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of staff's continuing review is to streamline processes, where possible, clarify ambiguities and/or address issues that either have not been addressed or are not clearly and/or fully addressed by the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, staff has determined that there is excess and unnecessary verbiage throughout various sections of the Zoning Ordinance which should be deleted in order to increase clarity and understanding of OMC requirements for both staff and the public; and

WHEREAS, staff also believes that allowing an application to expire after six months of inactivity and allowing "reactivation" causes the City and staff to have a backlog of "stale" applications that needlessly burden staff's workload and assignments and delays processing of other applications; and

WHEREAS, staff believes that appeals can be processed more efficiently, giving applicants, appellants, and the public quicker certainty as to whether a project will or will not proceed, without imposing confusing notice and notification requirements, when Brown Act noticing is sufficient notice for appellants and the public; and

WHEREAS, staff also believes that the Zoning Ordinance should reflect the City's current requirements, as contained in the Table within Section 17.08.040, to require noticing for only certain administrative determinations that do not entail hearings; and

WHEREAS, further, staff believes that a shortened appeal period will also increase efficiency and certainty in the development process; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, having considered the proposed Ordinance at a public hearing held on August 19, 2024, including review of the staff report and having received

public testimony on the item, has determined the proposed amendment is justified and recommends approval thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends the City Council approve the subject Ordinance included as Attachment A to this Resolution, attached hereto.

ADOPTED this 19th day of August 2024.

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David Vazquez
Planning Commission Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Orange at a regular meeting thereof held on the 19th day of August 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Vazquez, Vejar, Maldonado, Tucker, McCormack, Leslie
NOES: None
ABSENT: Martinez

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Anna Pehoushek
Assistant Community Development Director