

**RESOLUTION
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles has reviewed the matter of an amendment to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Angeles County Code relating to allowing secondhand stores in Zone C-2; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. On January 31, 2012, the Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Regional Planning to: 1) prepare an ordinance to allow secondhand stores in Zone C-2; 2) prepare an appropriate environmental document for the ordinance in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the County's environmental review procedures; and 3) present the ordinance and environmental document to the Regional Planning Commission for consideration in a public hearing by September 26, 2012.
2. Secondhand stores are currently permitted only in Zone C-3, C-M and all manufacturing zones, but they are not permitted in Zone C-2;
3. Secondhand stores are currently not defined in the Zoning Ordinance;
4. Secondhand stores are currently treated like pawn shops and used auto sales, even though the manner of operations of secondhand stores is distinctively different from the latter uses;
5. Secondhand stores, although they specialize in donated and used merchandise, have no more impacts than other retail stores and operate similarly to retail stores selling brand-new merchandise in terms of building size, staffing, traffic generation, hours of operation, inventory delivery and merchandise display;
6. The majority of secondhand stores are operated by nonprofit charitable organizations that provide valuable community service, including but not limited to job training, counseling, and health services for the poor and disfranchised members of society;
7. The current economic climate has severely impacted people's spending habits, and there is a greater demand for bargain merchandise, and greater availability of secondhand stores would serve to fill that demand. Allowing such stores to be established in Zone C-2 would meet that demand;
8. A definition for secondhand stores is necessary to separate it from other uses that engage in sale or processing of used items;
9. Secondhand stores are to be allowed by right as long as certain development standards are met, as explained below;
10. To address the potential for littering and illegal dumping in conformance with the prohibition on outdoor storage in Zone C-2, all donations are to be dropped off, sorted, and processed within

an enclosed building, along with required signage to prohibit drop-offs outside of the building during non-business hours;

11. To clarify that secondhand stores do not permit yard sales, residential uses are prohibited in conjunction with secondhand stores; and
12. In compliance with California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study was prepared for the project, which demonstrates that this regulatory action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, staff has prepared a related Negative Declaration for this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Planning Commission recommends that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

1. Hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendment to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Angeles County Code relating to making allowances for secondhand stores by right in Zone C-2;
2. Certify the completion of and adopt the attached Negative Declaration and find that the ordinance amendment will not have a significant effect on the environment; and
3. Adopt the attached ordinance allowing secondhand stores in Zone C-2, and determine that it is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on August 22, 2012.

By _____
Rosie O. Ruiz, Secretary
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County of Los Angeles

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