

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

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission (Commission) of the County of Los Angeles (County) conducted a duly noticed public hearing on October 14, 2020, regarding Project Number R2020-001427-(1-5), the proposed Title 22 Tune Up Ordinance (Tune Up Ordinance).

WHEREAS, the Technical Update to Title 22, a major comprehensive update to the County Planning and Zoning Code, was adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on January 29, 2019 and went into effect on February 28, 2019.

WHEREAS, at its hearing on December 11, 2019, the Commission authorized periodic updates to Title 22 to make corrections and clarifications on an annual or as-needed basis to ensure that Title 22 – Planning and Zoning Code – is consistent, coherent, error-free, and implementable.

WHEREAS, the proposed Tune Up Ordinance amends Title 22, the County's Planning and Zoning Code, in ways which include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Corrects errors and omissions and removes duplicative language.
2. Restores certain language from Title 22 that was in place before the Technical Update if the original language was more clear.
3. Clarifies applicability of development standards for certain land uses in certain zones.
4. Removes an unmapped zone.
5. Clarifies standards and case processing procedures for administrative reviews, including Signs, Adult Business Permits, Administrative Oak Tree Permits, and short-term Special Events Permits.
6. Maintains Title 22 consistency with State law.
7. Maintains Title 22 consistency with other County regulations.
8. Provides minimal edits to Community Standards Districts to correct or update code references.
9. Reorganizes non-coastal specific plans and development fee programs as new chapters, with no changes made to the text except to correct or update internal code references.

WHEREAS, the Commission finds as follows:

1. Department of Regional Planning staff identified several issues with Title 22 providing unclear guidance on interpreting and implementing Title 22.
2. Recent changes to State law rendered obsolete a limited number of provisions in Title 22.
3. Updates to Title 22 were made to correct discrepancies and typographical errors, clarify provisions, remove redundant language, streamline procedures, remove outdated provisions, reformat/reorganize a limited number of sections for readability, and be consistent with State law and other County regulations.
4. Pursuant to Section 22.222.180 of Title 22, the public hearing notice was published in 12 local newspaper throughout the County. The hearing notice and materials were posted on the Department's website and promoted through social media. In addition to the minimum notification requirements, staff also sent out notices to 620 individuals and organizations.
5. Four written comments were received from the public regarding the proposed Tune Up Ordinance prior to the public hearing. One commented on fixing code references in the Filming section of Title 22, while others asked for more information.
6. Two testifiers commented at the public hearing their concerns regarding removal of notification for oak tree permits, especially for heritage oaks, and the film ordinance. After discussion with staff, the Commission requested that notifications for oak tree permits be provided to the public through other means, with the exception of heritage oak trees, which should include notifications.
7. The proposed Tune Up Ordinance is compatible with and supportive of the policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan in that the Ordinance improves governmental effectiveness by making Title 22 easier to understand and use.
8. The adoption of the proposed Tune Up Ordinance is statutorily exempt from the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Public Resources Code Section 15305 (Class 5, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations), and categorically exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). The proposed Tune Up Ordinance is administrative in nature and has minimal to no physical effect on the environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commission recommends to the Board as follows:

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1. That the Board find the adoption of the Title 22 Tune Up Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. That the Board hold a public hearing to consider the amendment to Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code to adopt the Title 22 Tune Up Ordinance; and
3. That the Board adopt the ordinance to amend Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the County Code.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Commission on October 14, 2020.

Rosie O. Ruiz

Rosie O. Ruiz, Secretary
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