

**DRAFT RESOLUTION
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS ORDINANCE
PROJECT NO. PRJ2021-03654-(1-5)
ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. RPPL2021010116**

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission (“Commission”) of the County of Los Angeles conducted a duly noticed public hearing on April 5, 2023 to consider the Residential Design Standards Ordinance (“Ordinance”), an amendment to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code (“Title 22”) to incorporate development standards applicable to residential development projects, including single-family, multi-family, and mixed use residential projects throughout the unincorporated County, to ensure new residential projects are designed in a manner that integrates into existing neighborhood contexts, and to ensure that residential development is designed to foster walkable, livable, and healthy neighborhoods that enhance the comfort of residents and the experience of the public: and

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission finds as follows:

1. In accordance with County Code Chapter 22.244 (Ordinance Amendments), the Director of the County Department of Regional Planning (“LA County Planning”) initiated the Residential Design Standards Ordinance (“Ordinance”) to incorporate development standards applicable to residential development projects including mixed-use projects throughout the unincorporated County.
2. Unincorporated County has been assigned a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (“RHNA”) allocation of 90,052 housing units for the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period.
3. State laws, including SB 35 and SB 330, and the County’s By-Right Housing Ordinance direct how residential projects can be approved, require ministerial approval of housing projects that meet certain criteria, and allow only objective design standards to apply.
4. The County received a Local Early Action Planning (“LEAP”) grant to prepare the Ordinance. LEAP grants are awarded for process improvements and the preparation and adoption of planning documents that accelerate housing production and help local jurisdictions meet their assigned RHNA allocations.
5. The proposed Ordinance provides clear and easily implementable design standards based on building typology, use, and scale. The standards build upon existing adopted policies to improve residential projects by promoting a high-quality built environment, responding to community and environmental contexts, and equitably supporting all mobility types.
6. The proposed Ordinance is consistent with and supportive of the goals, policies, and principles of the Los Angeles County General Plan (“General

Plan”), including: Policy LU 10.3 to consider the built environment of the surrounding area and location in the design and scale of new or remodeled buildings, architectural styles, and reflect appropriate features such as massing, materials, color, detailing or ornament; Policy LU 10.9 to encourage land uses and design that stimulate positive and productive human relations and foster the achievement of community goals; and Policy LU 9.1 to promote community health for all neighborhoods.

7. The proposed Ordinance will not increase the allowed density or expand the list of allowed land uses within any zone. Therefore, the proposed Ordinance is consistent with other applicable provisions of Title 22.
8. The proposed Ordinance requires residential projects to provide design elements that promote pedestrian activity, environmental health, sustainable building design, and encourages land use design that stimulates community interaction. Approval of the proposed Ordinance will be in the interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare and in conformity with good zoning practice.
9. Pursuant to County Code Section 22.222.120, a public hearing notice was published in 13 local newspapers of general circulation and public hearing notices were mailed to 233 contacts on LA County Planning’s Zoned District Courtesy List and CEQA Courtesy List. The public hearing notice and materials were posted on the project website and promoted through email and social media campaigns.
10. The proposed Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and County CEQA Guidelines pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).
11. On April 5, 2023, the Regional Planning Commission conducted a duly-noticed public hearing to **[Reserved for Hearing Proceedings]**.

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

1. That the Board hold a public hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance;
2. That the Board find that the proposed Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of CEQA for the reasons in the record;
3. That the Board determine that the proposed Ordinance is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the General Plan and in the interest of public health, safety, and general welfare and in conformity with good zoning practice, and consistent with other applicable provisions of Title 22; and
4. That the Board adopt the proposed Ordinance.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the voting members of the Regional Planning Commission on the County of Los Angeles on April 5, 2023.

Elida Luna, Commission Services
County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM: OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

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