

## Fact Sheet

# MODIFICATIONS ORDINANCE



### About the Project

The County of Los Angeles (County) is in the process of updating Title 22, Planning and Zoning (Zoning Code), of the County Code, to update and streamline permits and procedures for modifying development and performance standards. The Modifications Ordinance will allow for an updated, streamlined, and user-friendly set of regulations for modifying development and performance standards for unincorporated communities in the County.

### Why Update the Process for Modifications?

Over several decades, incremental amendments to Title 22 have resulted in unclear procedures for modifying development and performance standards. In many cases, “use” permits such as Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) and Minor CUPs are currently used to modify development and performance standards, even when there are no proposed changes in use. This has led to confusion for staff and applicants, inconsistent practices in how applications for modification of development standards are reviewed, and a lack of streamlined pathways for requesting modifications.

### WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING PROPOSED?

The Modifications Ordinance proposes several changes to improve the process to modify development and performance standards which fall into the following general categories: permit and administrative changes, clean up and consistency revisions, and public notice updates.



#### Permit and Administrative Changes

Revising Title 22 to create new Ministerial Modification Review and Modification Permit procedures, resulting in new review pathways to authorize modifications of development and performance standards, as well as creating a Zoning Administrator role to oversee discretionary modification requests.



#### Clean Up and Consistency Revisions

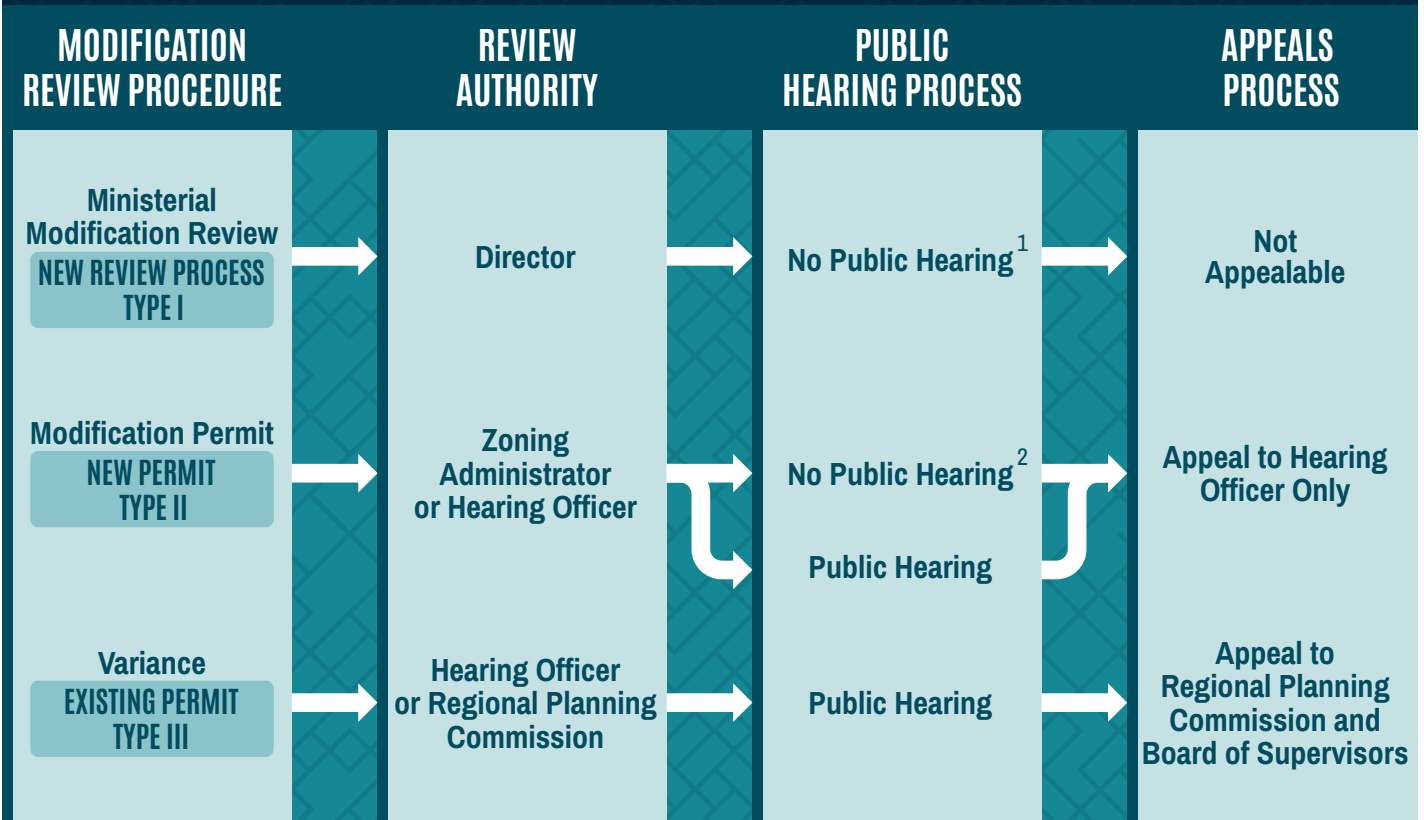
Implementing minor or editorial Title 22 revisions, such as updating references, citations, removing permits and duplicative provisions, clarifying vague wording, and corrections to three specific plan areas for consistency with Title 22.



#### Environmental Review and Public Notice

Expanding the public hearing notice radius from 500 to 1,000 feet and allows certain Modification Permit requests to waive a public hearing, unless the hearing is requested.

# NEW PROCESS FOR MODIFYING PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS



1. Noticing is Required

2. A public hearing may be waived but noticing is still required. The public may request the project to hold a public hearing.

## Project Timeline



### SPRING 2026

- Public Review Draft
- Incorporate Public Comments



### SUMMER 2026

- Final Draft & Hearings



### WINTER 2026/2027

- Ordinance goes into effect

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Public hearings for the project are anticipated in early Summer 2026. Community members can review the proposed updates and submit comments or questions to Alyson Stewart, Project Manager at [ordinance@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:ordinance@planning.lacounty.gov).



Find the draft online or learn more information at the project website using the following link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/PlanModOrd>  
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