

## RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 22-03 TO REPEAL CHAPTER 15.40 (OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS AND STRUCTURES) OF TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION), ADD CHAPTER 18.23 (SIGN STANDARDS) TO TITLE 18 (ZONING), AND AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 18 (ZONING) FOR CONSISTENCY WITH CHAPTER 18.23 (SIGN STANDARDS) OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO SECTION 15061(B)(3) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES**

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

- A. On January 17, 2023, the City Council directed City staff to initiate proceedings to update the City's Sign Code Ordinance.
- B. Investigations made by this Commission and on its behalf reveal the following facts:
  1. Chapter 15.40 (Outdoor Advertising Signs and Structures) of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) contains outdated and/or obsolete section references to the California Building Code and has proven to be difficult to implement;
  2. The addition of new sign regulations under Chapter 18.23 (Sign Standards) in the La Habra Municipal Code (LHMC) along with the City's other design standards would be more appropriate;
  3. The City of La Habra's existing sign regulations require an update to maintain compliance with Federal and State law;
  4. On April 25, 2023, the City held a luncheon for the City's Top 25 businesses and informed all of the attendees of the City's intent to comprehensively update the sign code regulations;
  5. On June 28, 2023, the City welcomed all local businesses to a Sign Code Workshop and again, presented all of the workshop attendees with information on the City's plans to comprehensively update the sign code regulations.

- C. On August 28, 2023, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) and Title 18 (Zoning) of the La Habra Municipal Code, at which time it considered all material and evidence presented, whether written or oral and continued Zone Change 22-03 to a date uncertain and directed staff to research and provide alternatives for the use of electronic message signs.
- D. On October 23, 2023, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) and Title 18 (Zoning) of the La Habra Municipal Code, at which time it considered all material and evidence presented, whether written or oral.
- E. In making the various findings, the Planning Commission has considered all of the evidence presented by staff, and the public, whether written or oral, and has considered the procedures and standards required by the La Habra Municipal Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.** The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council find that adoption of the proposed ordinance is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, since the proposed amendments to the La Habra Municipal Code have no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment.

**SECTION 2. CONSISTENCY WITH GENERAL PLAN.** The Planning Commission finds and determines that the proposed amendments under Zone Change 22-03 to Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) and Title 18 (Zoning) of the La Habra Municipal Code are consistent with the goals and objectives of the La Habra General Plan. More specifically, the proposed amendments support the City's goal (Goal CI 3 Attractive Signage) of being a city characterized by its well-designed, high quality, and distinctive public and private signs that contribute to La Habra's appearance as an attractive place to live, work, and trade.

**SECTION 3. ZONE CHANGE.** The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the ordinance attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, to approve Zone Change 22-03 to allow for a comprehensive update to the City's sign regulations by repealing Chapter 15.40 (Outdoor Advertising Signs and Structures) of Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) in its entirety, adding Chapter 18.23 (Signs Standards) to Title 18 (Zoning) and amending various Section of Title 18 (Zoning) for consistency with Chapter 18.23.

**SECTION 4. RECORD.** Each and every one of the findings and determinations in

this Resolution are based on the competent and substantial evidence, both oral and written, contained in the entire record relating to the proposed action. All summaries of information in the findings which precede this section are based on the entire record. The absence of any particular fact from any such summary is not an indication that a particular finding is not based in part on that fact.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**SECTION 6. CERTIFICATION.** The Secretary shall certify the passage of this Resolution and transmit a copy thereof to the City Clerk.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of October, 2023.

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Esther Rojas, Chair

I, Veronica Lopez, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the City of La Habra, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. \_\_\_ was adopted at a regular meeting of the City of La Habra Planning Commission held on October 23, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:            COMMISSIONERS:  
NOES:            COMMISSIONERS:  
ABSTAIN:        COMMISSIONERS:  
ABSENT:         COMMISSIONERS:

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Veronica Lopez, Secretary