

**PC RESOLUTION NO. XX-XXX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMONA, RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF ZONING CODE AMENDMENT (CODE 11576-2019) TO MODIFY POMONA ZONING ORDINANCE SECTIONS “.503. K. B. SIGNS DEFINITIONS,” “.503. K. E. EXEMPTED SIGNS,” AND “.503. K. F. PROHIBITED SIGNS,” TO INCLUDE WAYFINDING SIGNS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE.**

**THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMONA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pomona has duly initiated Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019);

**WHEREAS**, there are certain development standards required by the City of Pomona Zoning Ordinance for signs within the City boundaries;

**WHEREAS**, the Pomona Zoning Ordinance Section 503. K. B. provides definitions for sign types;

**WHEREAS**, the Pomona Zoning Ordinance Section 503. K. E. exempts certain signs from the permit requirements of such section, provided they conform with the standards contained in such section;

**WHEREAS**, the Pomona Zoning Ordinance Section 503. K. F. provides types of signs and devices that are prohibited;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pomona duly initiated Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019) to establish a definition and standards for wayfinding signs, and to allow wayfinding signs as an exempted sign type that may serve as off-street advertising.;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019) will provide a definition for wayfinding signs;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019) will include wayfinding signs as an exempted sign type;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019) will not prohibit wayfinding signs as off-site advertising signs;

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of Pomona, after giving notice thereof as required by law, held a public hearing on March 27, 2019, concerning Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019) and carefully considered all pertinent testimony and the staff report offered in the case as presented; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has duly considered the proposed changes to the Pomona Zoning Ordinance as well as finding consistency with the General Plan of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:**

**SECTION 1.** The Planning Commission exercising independent judgment finds that Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019) is exempt from further review under the State Guidelines to Implement the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3). These sections pertain to activities that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change to the environment and that are not defined as a *project* under Section 15378. Therefore, Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019) is not subject to CEQA in that the proposed code amendment is not defined as a project.

**SECTION 2.** The Planning Commission recommends City Council approval of Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019) amending Zoning Ordinance Section .503. K. B pertaining to the definitions of sign types in the zoning ordinance to read as follows:

.503. K. B.

*“Wayfinding Sign” means a sign intended for directional and informational purposes that is placed by or on behalf of the City on City property and/or right-of-way that is used to identify and promote historical sites, economic development efforts, significant commercial enterprises or significant residential projects developed in the City of Pomona.*

*For purposes of this subsection the term “significant commercial enterprises or significant residential development projects” shall be defined as a grouping of similarly situated commercial land uses with an integrated commercial or economic development theme and major residential projects containing a minimum of 50 units or dwellings. For the purposes of this subsection the term “historical sites” shall be defined as Nationally or State Registered Historic sites and/or Locally Designated Historic sites.*

**SECTION 3.** The Planning Commission recommends City Council approval of Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019) amending Zoning Ordinance Section .503. K. E pertaining to exempted sign types in the zoning ordinance to read as follows:

.503. K. E

*10. Wayfinding Signs. All Wayfinding signs shall be subject to the following requirements:*

- a. Sign Copy. Wayfinding signs shall be subject to the review and approval of the Development Services Director.*
- b. Size and Height. Wayfinding Signs shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in total sign area with a maximum height of ten (10) feet from grade.*

- c. Placement. Off-Site Directional and Wayfinding Signs may be placed in the following locations:
  - a. Private property with the consent of the owner(s).
  - b. City Property and/or right-of-way.
    - i. Exact sign locations shall be subject to review and approval by the Development Services Director and the City Public Works Department prior to the installation of the signs. Applicant (if other than City) shall obtain an encroachment permit from the City Public Works Department prior to installation of any wayfinding sign structure in the public right-of-way. No wayfinding sign shall be placed within the visibility area as determined by Public Works.
- d. Maintenance and Replacement. Wayfinding signs shall comply with the following maintenance and replacement requirements:
  - a. Wayfinding signage shall be maintained within a six foot radius and remain clear of all obstructions that may inhibit its visibility, including vegetation.
  - b. Individual panels on all wayfinding signage that has been damaged due to theft, vandalism, graffiti, fading or any other damage shall be repaired, replaced, or removed within 48 hours of notification.
  - c. Kiosk signs or other structures associates with wayfinding signage that have been damaged due to theft, vandalism, graffiti, fading or any other damage shall be repaired, replaced, or removed within 10 days of notification.

**SECTION 4.** The Planning Commission recommends City Council approval of Code Amendment (CODE 11576-2019) amending Zoning Ordinance Section .503. K. F pertaining to prohibited sign types in the zoning ordinance to read as follows:

.503. K. F

10. Off-Site Advertising Signs (billboards), except as permitted herein. (Ord. No. XX-XX).

**SECTION 5.** The Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and forward the original to the City Clerk.

**APPROVED AND PASSED THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2019.**

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DR. KYLE BROWN  
PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

**ATTEST:**

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ANITA D. GUTIERREZ, AICP  
PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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MARCO A. MARTINEZ  
INTERIM ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES )  
CITY OF POMONA        )

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

"Pursuant to Resolution No. 76-258 of the City of Pomona, the time in which judicial review of this

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action must be sought is governed by Sec. 1094.6 C.C.P."