

PC RESOLUTION NO. 26 – 005

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A CITY-INITIATED, ZONING CODE AMENDMENT (CODE-000378-2025) AMENDING THE POMONA ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO MODIFY EXISTING OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS, USE DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona has duly initiated Zoning Code Amendment (CODE-000378-2025), a request to amend the Pomona Zoning & Development Code to modify objective design standards, use definitions and standards, and administrative processes;

WHEREAS, the interpretation of consistency with the 2014 General Plan shall be done through the updating of the Pomona Zoning Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Pomona Zoning and Development Code implements the 2014 Pomona General Plan, 2022 Housing Element (2021-2029 Sixth Cycle) and the 2012 Pomona Green Plan and 2012 Active Transportation Plan;

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2024, the Planning Commission of the City of Pomona, approved CODE-000698-2024 and recommended City Council approval (7-0-0-0) of the updated Zoning & Development Code;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2024, the City Council of the City of Pomona, after giving notice thereof as required by law, held a public hearing concerning the requested Code Amendment (CODE-000698-2024);

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2024, the City Council of the City of Pomona, approved (5-1-0-0) the updated Zoning & Development Code (CODE-000698-2024);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Pomona, after giving notices thereof as required by law, held a public hearing on February 11, 2026, concerning Zoning Code Amendment (CODE-000378-2025) and carefully considered all pertinent testimony and the staff report offered in the case as present;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the City of Pomona as follows:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission hereby finds that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as substantive findings of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Planning Commission, exercising independent judgment, finds that

the project will not have an adverse impact on the environment pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) as the proposed project described above hereby meets the guidelines for the general rule exemption which exempts activities that can be seen with certainty to have no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment;

SECTION 3. In accordance with Pomona Zoning & Development Code Section 1150.D.(2), the Planning Commission must make findings in order to approve Zoning Code Amendment (CODE-000378-2025). Based on consideration of the whole record before it, including but not limited to, the staff report, public testimony received at the public hearing on this matter, and evidence made part of the public record, the Planning Commission hereby finds as follows:

- a. The proposed Zoning and Development Code Amendment is consistent with the goals, policies, plans and exhibits of the General Plan; and*

The land use and community design chapters of the General Plan place high priority on building form and places focus on design that supports public activity and strengthens safety. The reiterated goals and policies in the General Plan promote the efficient use of land that encourage walking, bicycling and transit use across all place types. To accomplish this, the General Plan discusses moving away from “exclusively auto-oriented shopping and toward open-air, amenity driven formats that have both daytime and nighttime activity and are clustered at major crossroads”. Additionally, the community design chapter emphasizes the creation of more walkable & accessible street environments, strives to improve pedestrian safety, and improve the livability and cultural life of the community through physical design considerations.

To implement the vision set by the General Plan, regular maintenance including the proposed revisions of the New Code must occur to ensure intended outcomes as envisioned by the General Plan. Development standards found within the New Code should continue to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare and continue to change with the changes that occur at the national, state, and local scale politically, economically, technologically, and environmentally. The Zoning Code Amendment modifies regulations that enhance the pedestrian experience and supports public activity.

- b. The proposed Zoning and Development Code Amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City.*

The proposed Zoning Code Amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City as it will enable property owners to implement the vision set by the General Plan through the modification of existing standards.

SECTION 4. Based on consideration of the whole record before it, including but not limited to, the staff report, public testimony received at the public hearing on this matter, and evidence made part of the public record, the Planning Commission hereby finds that the proposed

Code Amendment is in the public interest and in the interest of the furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare and is, as a matter of law, consistent with the Pomona General Plan pursuant to Government Code Section 65852.2(a)(1)(c).

SECTION 5. For the reasons set forth above, the Planning Commission of the City of Pomona hereby recommends that the City Council approve Code Amendment (CODE 000378-2025), attached hereto as Exhibit A (Text).

SECTION 6. The Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and forward the original to the City Clerk.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2026

DELANA MARTIN-MARSHALL
PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

GEOFFERY STARNES, AICP, AIA, LEED AP
PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
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 action must be sought is governed by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6.

EXHIBIT “A”