



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: 6/20/2023

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

SUBJECT:

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF CITY-INITIATED ORDINANCES TO AMEND TITLES 5 AND 9 OF THE LAKE FOREST MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADDRESS LOW BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTERS, TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, STREAMLINED REVIEW OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS, EMPLOYEE HOUSING, EMERGENCY SHELTER PARKING, AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES AND FINDING THE ACTIONS TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15060(C)(1) AND 15061(B)(3))

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Conduct Second Reading of and Adopt Ordinance No. 363 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE LAKE FOREST MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADDRESS LOW BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTERS, TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, STREAMLINED REVIEW OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS, EMPLOYEE HOUSING, EMERGENCY SHELTER PARKING, AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15060(c)(1) AND 15061(b)(3). 2. Conduct Second Reading of and Adopt Ordinance No. 364 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 5.44 TO THE LAKE FOREST MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15060(c)(1) AND 15061(b)(3).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This item consists of two ordinances (Attachments 1 and 2) that amend Lake Forest Municipal Code (“LFMC” or “Code”) Titles 5 and 9 to address low barrier navigation centers, transitional and supportive housing, streamlined review for eligible projects, employee housing, emergency shelter parking, and residential care facilities. These Code amendments are contemplated by the City’s Sixth Cycle Housing Element (2021-2029), specifically Housing Element Program 7 (Zoning Code Amendments- Housing Constraints). Collectively, they respond to the California Department of Housing and Community Development’s (HCD)

request that the City remove certain constraints on housing development and ensure that the City's standards and permitting requirements are consistent with state law.

Staff recommends the City Council conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance Nos. 363 and 364.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is minimal fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance No. 363
2. Ordinance No. 364

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