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1 D. Culver City's most recent comprehensive Zoning Code Update  
2 became effective on October 9, 2024, prior to the CPUC authorization of AV fleet  
3 operations in Southern California, and does not include definitions, zoning  
4 classifications, or development standards specific to AV uses or fleet service  
5 operations.

6 E. In recent months, the Culver City Current Planning Division has  
7 received multiple inquiries regarding the permissibility of AV fleet-related services and  
8 uses on properties throughout the City, and the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC)  
9 does not provide adequate clarity regarding whether AV fleet service operations are  
10 allowed, which zoning districts may accommodate such uses, and whether any  
11 applicable development standards, operational requirements, or other regulatory  
12 provisions would apply.

13 F. Without the proposed interim urgency ordinance, the City may  
14 be required to issue permits for AV fleet service operations while staff prepares the  
15 draft ordinance for a code amendment defining this use and establishing appropriate  
16 approval processes and development standards.

17 G. The City Council finds that the proposed Interim Urgency  
18 Ordinance is necessary to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare, as the  
19 unmitigated development of AV fleet service operations throughout the City under the  
20 existing zoning regulations has the potential to create health and safety hazards  
21 resulting from continuous 24-hour facilities with staging, dispatching and associated  
22 activities, noise, lighting, and operational impacts during all hours of the day and  
23 night; potential proximity to sensitive receptors and existing residential  
24 neighborhoods, and excessive queuing and stacking of vehicles in public rights-of-  
25 way with potential impacts to alleys, loading areas, and emergency access routes.

26 H. The City Council finds that the proposed Interim Urgency  
27 Ordinance is necessary to avoid conflict with the goals and policies of the General  
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1 Plan 2045, including objectives related to active transportation, pedestrian-oriented  
2 development, and efficient land utilization.

3 I. The City Council finds that the adoption of the urgency ordinance  
4 is necessary to allow City staff adequate time to prepare a future Zoning Code  
5 Amendment to update the City's development standards regulating AV fleet service  
6 operations citywide to protect the public health, safety, general welfare and character  
7 of existing neighborhoods and viability of nearby businesses.

8 J. The City Council finds that the threat to the public health, safety  
9 and welfare is current and immediate because there are pending inquiries regarding  
10 the permissibility of AV fleet-related services and uses on properties throughout the  
11 City.

12 **SECTION 2. CITYWIDE MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE**  
13 **OF BUILDING PERMITS OR ENTITLEMENTS FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE**  
14 **FLEET SERVICES.**

15 A. Based on the above recitals and to protect the public safety,  
16 health, and welfare, the Council finds it is necessary to adopt the Interim Urgency  
17 Ordinance that enacts a 45-day moratorium on autonomous vehicle fleet services  
18 citywide.

19 B. As used in this ordinance, autonomous vehicle fleet services  
20 means passenger transportation services, local delivery services, and other  
21 businesses that rely on fleets of three or more autonomous vehicles, as defined by  
22 Vehicle Code Section 38750, with rated capacities less than 10,000 lbs. This  
23 classification includes the following activities for autonomous vehicles, including, but  
24 not limited to, dispatching, storage, cleaning, software servicing, vehicle maintenance  
25 and servicing, and offices. It does not include charging only facilities, as EV charging  
26 must be permitted by right per State law. However, facilities with electric vehicle  
27 charging are not exempt from this classification solely because electric vehicle  
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1 charging occurs on site. During the 45-day moratorium, no building permit or land  
2 use determination or entitlement shall be granted for, nor shall any application for a  
3 subdivision, use permit, variance, building permit, or land use determination or  
4 entitlement required to comply with the CCMC, including any appeals, be accepted  
5 or processed for any autonomous vehicle fleet service citywide. "Building permit" for  
6 purposes of this Ordinance shall not include plumbing, mechanical and electrical  
7 permits for existing structures.

### 8 **SECTION 3. URGENCY MEASURE.**

9 Based on the findings set forth in section 1, the City Council finds and  
10 declares that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety and  
11 welfare of the community and upon that basis has determined that an urgency  
12 ordinance pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 65858 and Culver  
13 City Charter Section 614 is warranted and shall take effect immediately upon  
14 adoption by a four-fifths vote of the City Council.

### 15 **SECTION 4. CEQA.**

16 The City Council finds that the adoption of this ordinance is statutorily  
17 exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of  
18 Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, section 15061(b)(3), because the activity is covered  
19 by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for  
20 causing a significant effect on the environment. The proposed urgency ordinance  
21 maintains the status quo and prevents changes in the environment pending the  
22 completion of the contemplated Zoning Code Amendment, and because there is no  
23 possibility that this urgency ordinance may have a significant adverse effect on the  
24 environment, the adoption of this urgency ordinance is exempt from CEQA.

### 25 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

26 Pursuant to Section 614 of the City Charter, this Ordinance shall be  
27 introduced and adopted at one and the same meeting and shall become effective  
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1 immediately. This ordinance shall be of no further force and effect upon the expiration  
2 of 45 days from the date of adoption, unless extended in accordance with  
3 Government Code section 65858.

4                   **SECTION 6.           SEVERABILITY.**

5                   The City Council hereby declares that, if any provision, section,  
6 subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this Ordinance is rendered or  
7 declared invalid or unconstitutional by any final action in a court of competent  
8 jurisdiction or by reason or any preemptive legislation, then the City Council would  
9 have independently adopted the remaining provisions, sections, subsections,  
10 paragraphs, sentences, phrases, or words of this Ordinance, and as such they shall  
11 remain in full force and effect.

12                   **SECTION 7:           RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.**

13                   Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding  
14 impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes  
15 of action acquired or existing, under any act or Ordinance hereby repealed or amended  
16 as cited in this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be  
17 lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

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**SECTION 8: PUBLICATION.**

Pursuant to Section 616 and 621 of the City Charter, prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days after the adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary thereof, to be published in the Culver City News and shall post this Ordinance or a summary thereof in at least three (3) places within the City.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2026.

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FREDDY PUZA, MAYOR  
City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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JEREMY BOCCHINO  
City Clerk

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HEATHER BAKER  
City Attorney