

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CITY-INITIATED ZONING CODE AMENDMENT P2024-0083-ZCA AMENDING TITLE 17 ZONING SECTIONS: 17.330.015 - DEFINITIONS, 17.330.040 - SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, AND 17.700.010 - DEFINITIONS OF SPECIALIZED TERMS AND PHRASES RELATED TO DIGITAL WAYFINDING KIOSKS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

(Zoning Code Amendment, P2024-0083-ZCA)

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2024, after conducting a duly noticed public hearing on City-initiated Zoning Code Amendment (P2024-0083-ZCA), amending Sections: 17.330.015 - Definitions, 17.330.040 - Signs in the Public Right-of-Way, and 17.700.010 - Definitions of Specialized Terms and Phrases, of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) as it relates to digital wayfinding kiosks on public property, fully considering all reports, studies, testimony, and environmental information presented, the Planning Commission, by a vote of 3 to 2, recommended to the City Council denial of Zoning Code Amendment P2024-0083-ZCA, as set forth herein below;

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2024, after concluding the duly noticed public hearing on City-initiated Zoning Code Amendment (P2024-0083-ZCA), amending Sections: 17.330.015 - Definitions, 17.330.040 - Signs in the Public Right-of-Way, and 17.700.010 - Definitions of Specialized Terms and Phrases, of the CCMC, fully considering all reports, studies, testimony, and environmental information presented, the City Council, by a vote of 3 to 2, introduced an ordinance to approve Zoning Code Amendment P2024-0083-ZCA, as set forth herein below.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Culver City, California, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

1 **SECTION 1. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT** Pursuant to the foregoing recitations
2 and the provisions of the CCMC, the following required findings for an amendment to the
3 Zoning Code, as outlined in CCMC Section 17.620.030.A, are hereby made:

4 **1. The proposed amendment ensures and maintains internal consistency**
5 **with the goals, policies, and strategies of all elements of the General Plan and**
6 **will not create any inconsistencies.**

7 The proposed Zoning Code Amendments are intended to allow the City to install
8 digital wayfinding kiosks on public property. These amendments implement the
9 following goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan: Goal Economic vitality
10 that serves the community and protects quality of life; Land Use Objective 22
11 Encourage reinvestment in Downtown area to improve the area’s economic vitality,
12 visual quality and pedestrian environment; and Land Use Policy 22A Encourage
13 uses that contribute to a positive nightlife ambiance, such as sidewalk cafes,
14 specialty retail and newsstands that could support an 18 to 24-hour day patronage.

15 **2. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public**
16 **interest, health, safety, convenience or welfare of the City.**

17 These proposed amendments would allow the City to install digital wayfinding
18 kiosks on public property. This would improve the City’s ability to share information
19 with the public in public spaces. The amendments support the public interest,
20 health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the City.

21 **3. The proposed amendment is in compliance with the provisions of the**
22 **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).**

23 The proposed Zoning Code Amendment is considered exempt from CEQA
24 pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3 Exemption), because this
25 amendment would allow the construction and location of limited numbers of new,
26 small facilities or structures, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4
27 Exemption), because this amendment would allow for minor alterations to public
28 land.

29 **SECTION 2.** Pursuant to the foregoing recitations and findings, the City
Council of the City of Culver City, California, hereby adopts the Ordinance approving
Zoning Code Amendment (P2024-0083-ZCA), as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto
and made a part thereof.

1 **SECTION 3.** Pursuant to Section 619 of the City Charter, this Ordinance shall
2 take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. Pursuant to Section 616 and 621 of the City
3 Charter, prior to the expiration of 15 days after the adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this
4 Ordinance, or a summary thereof, to be published in the Culver City News and shall post this
5 Ordinance or a summary thereof in at least three places within the City.
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7 **SECTION 4.** The City Council hereby declares that, if any provision,
8 section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this Ordinance is rendered
9 or declared invalid or unconstitutional by any final action in a court of competent
10 jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, then the City Council would have
11 independently adopted the remaining provisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs,
12 sentences, phrases, or words of this Ordinance, and as such they shall remain in full
13 force and effect.
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17 APPROVED and ADOPTED this ___ day of _____ 2024.
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21 YASMINE-IMANI MCMORRIN, Mayor
22 City of Culver City, California

23 ATTESTED BY:

23 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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26 JEREMY BOCCHINO, City Clerk

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26 HEATHER BAKER, City Attorney

Exhibit A

17.330.015 DEFINITIONS

~~**Public property.** All real property owned or controlled by the City, including but not limited to, the public right-of-way, parks.~~

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Wayfinding kiosk. An interactive digital wayfinding kiosk, with a screen no greater than 15 square feet in size, installed on public property which shall provide public information and other messaging selected by the City and may include commercial advertising.

~~§ 17.330.040 SIGNS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.~~ ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

~~The authorizations, prohibitions and restrictions of this Section shall apply to all publicly and privately owned or controlled signs in the public right-of-way on public property, except as provided in Subsection 17.330.025.K. (Temporary Signs).~~

A. ~~Privately owned or controlled temporary or permanent signs shall be prohibited on or over the public right-of-way public property, except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Title or other duly enacted legislation of the City. This Section also shall not apply to signs in any portion of public property the public right-of-way that is temporarily or permanently in use for private commercial or non-commercial purposes, other than transportation purposes, pursuant to a lease, license, permit or other entitlement issued by the City.~~

B. ~~Temporary or permanent signs placed by the City, Redevelopment Agency or other authorized government agency (as specified in Subsection 17.330.040.B.8. below), or their respective agents, for public purposes shall be allowed in the public right-of-way on public property. This Section shall not be interpreted to impose an obligation on the City or Redevelopment Agency to place any signs in the public right-of-way on public property, except as required by law. Allowable signs may include signs relating to any of the following.~~

1. ~~Regulation of traffic and traffic safety, including pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and parking.~~
2. ~~Identification or directions to streets; public buildings and facilities; public or private medical, lodging, transportation, educational, sanitation, or other facilities or services; public or private places or events of public interest; scenic or historical resources, or other destinations or points of interest.~~
3. ~~Access to public services or facilities.~~
4. ~~Safety and emergencies, including identification and warning signs concerning potential hazards or hazardous conditions, utility installations, flood hazards or flood control facilities, emergency conditions or services and crime and accident scene control.~~
5. ~~Flags or emblems of the United States, California or of another government, governmental agency or public institution.~~
6. ~~Statements concerning any policy of the City and/or Redevelopment Agency.~~
7. ~~Promotion of civic events and activities.~~

a. Signs allowed by this Subsection shall be limited to signs, banners, pennants or other displays placed by the City ~~and/or Redevelopment Agency~~ relating to any civic event or activity organized or sponsored by the City or Redevelopment Agency.

b. For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

i. Civic Event or Activity. Any event or activity organized or sponsored by the City ~~or Redevelopment Agency~~, including but not limited to: (a) any public program or educational activity; and (b) the commemoration or celebration of any historical date, event or person, holiday or persons or events of local, state or national significance.

ii. Sponsored. Means that the City ~~and/or Redevelopment Agency~~ is: (a) participating in an official capacity in the planning, preparation or promotion of the event or activity; and (b) contributing 25% of the total estimated costs of the civic event or activity, or at least \$1,000, whichever is less. This contribution may take the form of funds, labor, staff time, materials, a waiver of fees, or any combination of the foregoing.

8. Wayfinding kiosks pursuant to an agreement with the City.

9. Any other signs posted by a public agency exercising its legal authority or performing governmental functions within the City's public right-of-way.

§ 17.700.010 DEFINITIONS OF SPECIALIZED TERMS AND PHRASES

Signs

32. Wayfinding Kiosk. An interactive digital wayfinding kiosk, with a screen no greater than 15 square feet in size, installed on public property which shall provide public information and other messaging selected by the City and may include commercial advertising.

33. Window Sign. A permanent or temporary sign that is displayed on the surface of any glass or glazed material, or that is displayed interior and close enough to a window to be reasonably visible from outside the window.