

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-P002

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF A CITY-INITIATED ZONING CODE AMENDMENT P2022-0357-ZCA, AMENDING VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE (CCMC), TITLE 17-ZONING CODE, RELATED TO CCMC SECTIONS; 17.400.100 RESIDENTIAL USES - ACCESSORY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES; 17.610.020 NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES; 17.320.035-PARKING DESIGN AND LAYOUT GUIDELINES AND TITLE 17, CHAPTER 17.700: DEFINITIONS.

(Zoning Code Amendment, P2022-0357-ZCA)

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, after conducting a duly noticed public hearing on a City-initiated Zoning Code Amendment (P2022-0357-ZCA) amending various portions of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC), Title 17 – Zoning (Zoning Code), including, CCMC Sections; 17.400.100 Residential Uses – Accessory Residential Structures; 17.610.020 Nonconforming Structures; 17.320.035 – Parking Design and Layout Guidelines and Title 17, Chapter 17.700: Definitions, fully considering all reports, studies, environmental information, and testimony presented, the Planning Commission, by a vote of 5 to 0, recommended to the City Council approval of Zoning Code Amendment, P2022-0357-ZCA.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

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

1. The proposed amendment ensures and maintains internal consistency with the goals, policies and strategies of all elements of the General Plan, and, in the case of a Zoning Code Amendment, will not create any inconsistencies with this Title.

There are several unintended discrepancies in the Zoning Code that require corrections and/or updates to apply the Zoning Code effectively and consistently. The proposed Zoning

1 Code Amendments are intended to: clarify various residential standards related to
2 accessory residential structures; address a conflict between standards for re-construction
3 and expansion of existing legal non-conforming accessory residential structures and unique
4 physical circumstance for through lots on the 4100 block of Charles Avenue; and provide
5 clear language for certain definitions for certain Zoning Code terms that are ambiguous.
6 These amendments implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan and
7 create internal consistency. The amendments further General Plan Land Use Element
8 Implementation Measure 1 – Revise the Zoning Ordinance, by changing and revising
9 provisions to eliminate impediments to reuse and rehabilitation of nonconforming structures,
10 resulting in greater consistency within the Code. The amendments also implement Measure
11 7 – Continue Current Planning Administration, because the revised language results in
12 improved Building Permit plan check and Planning Entitlement review processes.

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14 Development thresholds, as guided by the goals, objectives, policies, and strategies of all
15 General Plan elements will not be impacted because the Amendment does not introduce
16 new uses or changes in the allowable density/intensity of development. Development
17 proposals will continue to be subject to applicable review processes to and any conditions
18 of approval deemed necessary to reduce potential impacts. Thus, the proposed
19 Amendment will not create any inconsistencies and maintains internal consistency with the
20 goals, policies, and strategies of all elements of the General Plan.

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

23 There are several unintended discrepancies in the Zoning Code that require correction
24 and/or update to apply the Zoning Code effectively and consistently. The proposed Zoning
25 Code Amendments will help ensure that the Zoning Code is clear and internally consistent
26 with regard to residential development standards, and Zoning Code definitions. The
27 amendments will serve to improve Current Planning’s implementation of General Plan
28 policies and Zoning standards affecting residential and commercial property owners and
29 developers. The amendments support the public interest, health, safety, convenience, and
welfare of the City.

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

32 The proposed Zoning Code Amendment is considered exempt from CEQA pursuant to
33 CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), common sense exemption, because it can be seen
34 with certainty there is no possibility the Amendment will have a significant effect on the
35 environment. The Amendment, by itself, does not result in any physical changes in the
36 environment because it only clarifies and updates various discrepancies in the Zoning
37 Code, and does not result in changes to existing land use, density, or an intensification of
38 development beyond what the Zoning Code currently allows.

1 SECTION 2. Pursuant to the foregoing recitations and findings, the Planning
2 Commission of the City of Culver City, California, hereby recommends to the City Council
3 approval of City-initiated 2023 Annual Zoning Code Amendment, P2022-0234-ZCA, as set forth
4 in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

5 APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of February 2023.

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9 NANCY BARBA – CHAIRPERSON
10 PLANNING COMMISSION
11 CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

12 Attested by:

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14 Ruth Martin del Campo, Administrative Clerk