ORDINANCE NO. 2018-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA APPROVING ZONING CODE MAP AMENDMENT, P2017-0021-ZCMA FOR A NEW, 44 FOOT TO 56 FOOT, 3- TO 4-STORY, 155,986 SQUARE FOOT (SF) COMMERCIAL BUILDING (KNOWN AS THE BRICK AND THE MACHINE) WITH 75,467 SF OF SUBTERRANEAN PARKING AND 80,519 SF OF OFFICE AND RETAIL SPACE WHICH INCLUDES 13,598 SF OF GROUND FLOOR RETAIL AND RESTAURANT USES, AND A REQUESTED REDUCTION IN REQUIRED PARKING SPACES THROUGH SHARED PARKING BY TWENTY-FOUR (24), AT 9735 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) AND COMMERCIAL DOWNTOWN (CD) ZONES.

(Zoning Code Map Amendment, P2017-0021-ZCMA)

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2017, Clarett West Development (the "Applicant") filed applications for an Administrative Modification, Administrative Use Permit, Site Plan Review, General Plan Map Amendment, and Zoning Code Map Amendment to allow the development of a new, 44 foot to 56 foot, 3- to 4-story, 155,986 Square Foot (SF) commercial building with 75,467 SF of subterranean parking and 80,519 SF of office and retail space which includes 13,598 SF of ground floor retail and restaurant uses (the "Project"). The Project Site is more specifically described by Los Angeles County Assessors Numbers 4207-002-014, 4207-002-024, and 4207-002-025 in the City of Culver City, County of Los Angeles, State of California; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, an Initial Study was prepared for this Project. The Initial Study determined that the Project would not result in significant impacts on the environment provided certain mitigation measures are required and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared as the required CEQA clearance documentation for the Project. The MND determined that the Project

will require mitigation measures to reduce "potentially significant" impacts on the environment to a less than significant level. The mitigation measures address items related to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Noise, and Public Services; and

WHEREAS, the MND was adopted by the Planning Commission on June 27, 2018, which determined that the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Pursuant to Section 15162 of CEQA, Zoning Code Map Amendment, P2017-0021–ZCMA is within the scope of the adopted MND, the circumstances under which the MND was prepared have not significantly changed, and no new significant information has been found that would impact the MND. Therefore, no additional environmental analysis is required; and.

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2018, after conducting a duly noticed public hearing on the subject applications, including full consideration of the applications, plans, staff report, environmental information and all testimony presented, the Planning Commission (i) by a vote of 5 to 0, adopted an MND and Mitigation Monitoring Program, in accordance with CEQA, including findings required by CEQA; (ii) by a vote of 5 to 0, conditionally approved Administrative Modification, Administrative Use Permit, and Site Plan Review, Case No. P2017-0021; (iii) by a vote of 5 to 0, recommended to the City Council approval of General Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Code Map Amendment, Case No. P2017-0021; and (iv) by a vote of 5 to 0 recommended to the City Council approval of a reduction in required parking spaces by twenty-four (24) parking spaces through the use of an in-lieu fee; and,

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2018, after conducting a duly noticed public hearing on the Zoning Code Map Amendment, the City Council, by a vote of 5 to 0, continued the public hearing to the October 22, 2018 City Council meeting; and,

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2018, after conducting a duly noticed public hearing on the Zoning Code Map Amendment, fully considering the Planning Commission's recommendation and all reports, testimony and environmental information presented, the City Council, by a vote of ___ to ___, introduced an ordinance to approve Zoning Code Map Amendment, P2017-0021-ZCMA, regarding 9735 Washington Boulevard (the "Ordinance"), as set forth herein below.

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the foregoing recitations and the provisions of CCMC, the following required findings for a Zoning Code Map Amendment as outlined in CCMC Title 17, Section 17.620.030, are hereby made:

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

The Project is proposing a Zoning Code Map Amendment that will shift a portion of the Project's CG Zoning approximately 16 feet to 23 feet south towards Washington Boulevard. The current line dividing the Project's CG and CD zoning designations occurs at an angle within the Site boundaries. The shift will make the division line between the Project's zoning designations parallel with the rear property line creating the ability to provide a more uniform and efficient building division where height will increase from a maximum allowed 44 feet in the CD Zone to a maximum allowed 56 feet in the CG Zone. The change in the zoning designation will maintain land use and zoning consistency with an accompanying resolution that will shift the General Plan Land Use designation approximately 16 feet to 23 feet south towards Washington Boulevard from Downtown to General Corridor. These minor map amendments will result in changing one type of commercial designation for another type of commercial designation on a

small portion of a lot in the Downtown commercial area. Overall General Plan commercial related goals, policies, and strategies will not be affected by this minor shift in the Project's internal boundary between the two different commercial land use and zoning designations. The Projects two separate components will include office, retail, and restaurant uses which are allowed in both the CG and CD Zones. The retail and restaurant uses will be required at the ground floor as stipulated in the CD Zone. The differing heights will be consistent with the CG maximum allowed 56 feet and the CD maximum allowed 44 feet and three stories. The different heights will occur at the new internal boundary between the two different commercial land use and zoning designations thereby assuring consistency with the Zoning Code.

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

The map amendment affecting the Project's internal boundary between two different zoning designations will only affect the Project site and no other surrounding properties. Further the amendment results in changing a small portion of the Project site from one commercial zoning designation to another zoning designation. The only significant result from this amendment is that the Project's height limit of 56 feet in the CD Zoned portion of the Project will be shifted a maximum of 23 feet south towards Washington Boulevard. Allowed commercial land uses and CD ground floor restrictions will not be affected. The majority of the site will maintain its General Plan Downtown and CD Zone designations which are more restrictive compared to the Project's General Plan General Corridor and CG Zone designations which will continue to be at the rear of the Project site. Therefore the proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience or welfare of the City.

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

The proposed Zoning Code Map Amendment is in compliance with CEQA as more fully outlined in the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration environmental finding and related documentation for this Project including the Project's traffic study.

4. Additional Finding for Zoning Map Amendments: The site(s) is physically suitable (including access, provision of utilities, compatibility with adjoining land uses and absence of physical constraints) for the requested zoning designation(s) and anticipated land use development.

The site is physically suitable (including access, provision of utilities, compatibility with adjoining land uses and absence of physical constraints) for the requested zoning and the anticipated land use development because a full review by City staff determined all applicable design standards and public services can be provided.

The Project's internal boundary between its two different Zoning designations occurs at an arbitrary point. Without the Zoning Map Amendment the building would be comprised

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of two irregularly shaped structures creating difficulty in mapping floor plans for each level. This minor map amendment will result in changing one type of commercial zone for another type of commercial zone for only a small portion of the property. This Zoning Code Map Amendment will facilitate a commercial development that is consistent with surrounding Downtown commercial uses and that is less intense than the nearby The Project's height, setbacks, and proposed office and pedestrian oriented commercial uses are consistent with development standards and allowed land uses as stipulated the CCMC for the CG and CD Zones. These same standards apply to adjacent and surrounding Downtown properties that also support similar office and pedestrian oriented commercial uses. The amendment will shift the boundary between the Project's CG and CD Zoned areas by approximately 23 feet while still assuring that the majority of the Project site is designated with the more restrictive CD Zone. Vehicular access to the Project site has been located at a physically suitable location that is sufficiently distant from the Washington Boulevard frontage. In addition, locating on-site parking access from Delmas Terrace will lessen potential traffic conflicts with commercial uses along Washington Boulevard.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the foregoing recitations and findings, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, hereby introduces the Ordinance approving Zoning Code Map Amendment, P2017-0021-ZCMA, thereby changing a portion of the Project Site's Commercial Downtown (CD) Zone to the Commercial General (CG) Zone as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 619 of the City Charter, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption. Pursuant to Sections 616 and 621 of the City Charter, prior to the expiration of fifteen 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 places within the City.

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SECTION 4. The City Council hereby declares that, if any provision, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this ordinance is rendered or declared invalid or unconstitutional by any final action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, then the City Council would have independently adopted the remaining provisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, phrases or words of this ordinance and as such they shall remain in full force and effect.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 22nd day of October, 2018.

THOMAS AUJERO SMALL, Mayor City of Culver City, California

ATTESTED BY:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JEREMY GREEN, City Clerk

