



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: Ordinances Amending the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) and Title 30 of the Glendale Municipal Code, 1995, Regarding Miscellaneous Clean-Ups and Minor Amendments (General Plan Amendment Case No. PGPA2205740 and Zoning Code Text Amendment Case No. PZC2205401)

1. Ordinance for Adoption Amending the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP)
2. Ordinance for Adoption Amending Title 30

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Ordinance for Adoption

Approved for September 20, 2022 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Miscellaneous clean-ups and minor amendments to the DSP, and associated Zoning Code standards related to the DSP, are being presented to City Council for adoption, as introduced and discussed on May 24, 2022.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopt the proposed amendments to the DSP and Title 30 of the Glendale Municipal Code, 1995.

BACKGROUND

Miscellaneous clean-ups and minor amendments to the DSP and associated Zoning Code standards related to the DSP are being presented to City Council for adoption, as introduced and discussed by Council on May 24, 2022, and following Planning Commission's unanimous recommendation from May 4, 2022. However, due to graphic software issues and the need to redo/retype the three DSP chapters, the reformatting took much longer than expected and the completed DSP-related amendments are finally ready for adoption.

ANALYSIS

The list of DSP proposed amendments, which were initially identified in the July 17, 2020 staff report during the one-year DSP amendments update as necessary clean-ups and clarifications, and formally introduced and discussed during the Council meeting on May 24, 2022, focused primarily on clarifications and clean-ups to certain urban design standards in the DSP Chapter 4 - Urban Design. The amendment list also included a covenant requirement for all Publicly Accessible Open Spaces, as well as a prohibition of drive-through's in the DSP, requiring a code modification to the Zoning Code's Parking Chapter 30.32. Lastly, Council supported the two additional considerations presented by staff for introduction: a proposal to include veterinary offices as a permitted use in the DSP and a clean-up in the Zoning Code Section 30.14.060 for a DSP setback reference. Council introduced the amendments with no revisions, and the attached ordinances reflect the updates.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

Public notices consistent with state law and Glendale Municipal Code were provided for the proposed amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

The Project has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under a Categorical Exemption, pursuant State CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 (Minor alterations in Land Use Limitations), because the Project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in the DSP area, which has an average slope less than 20%, and which do not result in any changes in land uses generally permitted in the DSP or change the density. The majority of the amendments include the miscellaneous clean-ups and corresponding DSP reference reconciliations regarding

design standards in the DSP, as described in the May 24, 2022 Council report, including the detailed Environmental Review Section.

The Project has also been determined to be exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) because the majority of the proposed amendments deal with clarifications and clean-ups to existing DSP design standards, and the minor additional amendments, as described above, do not affect the current development thresholds related to FAR, density and height, and do not have any potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

This item is exempt from campaign disclosure requirements.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: Adopt the ordinances amending the DSP and associated sections in Title 30, as described in the May 24, 2022 Council report.

Alternative 2: Do not adopt the ordinances amending the DSP and Title 30, in which case the development standards and guidelines in the DSP and Title 30 will remain as is.

Alternative 3: Propose revisions to the ordinances, which would require review by Planning Commission and the return of the amended ordinances to City Council at a later date.

Alternative 4: The City Council may consider any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS / ATTACHMENTS

1. City Council Staff Report dated May 24, 2022, with attachments