



Notice of Public Hearing

City Council

Zoning Code Amendments related to Restaurant Regulations

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed are Amendments to various sections of Title 17 (the Zoning Code) of the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) that would codify three pandemic-era measures for restaurants, including: a) allowing walk-up windows at restaurants by-right; b) creating an Administrative Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process for the on-site sale of alcohol at restaurants; and c) allowing outdoor dining on private property (e.g., parking lots and plazas) for restaurants.

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City Council will consider whether adoption of the proposed Zoning Code Amendments are exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15305 (Class 5 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) and whether there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class, therefore resulting in no unusual circumstances.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: On April 24, 2024, the Planning Commission considered the proposed Zoning Code Amendments at a publicly noticed hearing and recommended that the City Council approve the environmental determination and Zoning Code Amendments as presented by staff, with the following amendments:

- 1) Walk-up Windows - Amend Zoning Code definition of “Restaurants with Walk-up Window” to include the service of beverages, in addition to food; and
- 2) Outdoor Dining - Parking lot dining within 50 feet of any abutting residential use shall require the approval of a Minor CUP. This shall not apply to properties within the Central District Specific Plan.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On May 21, 2024, the Economic Development & Technology Committee voted to recommend the City Council approve the proposed Zoning Code Amendments as recommended by staff.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will conduct a public hearing and consider the proposed Zoning Code Amendments and proposed environmental determination. The hearing is scheduled for:

Date: Monday, July 15, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, Pasadena City Hall
100 North Garfield Avenue, Room S249.

The meeting agenda will be posted by July 12 at

http://ww2.cityofpasadena.net/councilagendas/council_agenda.asp

PUBLIC INFORMATION: All interested persons may submit correspondence to correspondence@cityofpasadena.net prior to the start of the meeting. During the meeting and prior to the close of the public hearing, members of the public may provide live public comment. Please refer to the agenda when posted for instructions on to how to provide live public comment. If you challenge the matter in Court, you may be limited to raising those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, or in written correspondence sent to the Council or the case planner at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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