

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

FINDINGS OF APPROVAL

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 19-002

FINDINGS FOR PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA:

The Planning Commission finds that the project will not have any significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 4501, Class 20, which supplements CEQA because the request is a minor amendment to the zoning ordinance that does not change the development standards intensity or density.

FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL - ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 19-002:

1. Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) No. 19-002 to amend Chapter 203 (Definitions), Chapter 204 (Use Classifications), Chapter 210 (Residential Districts), Chapter 211 (Commercial Districts), Chapter 212 (Industrial Districts), Chapter 230 - Section 230.22 (Residential Infill Lot Development) and Section 230.74 (Outdoor Facilities), and Chapter 231 (Off-Street Parking and Loading Provisions) of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (HBZSO) to reorganize certain entitlement applications, codify existing policies, and clarify sections of the code is consistent with the objectives, policies, general land uses and programs specified in the General Plan including:

Land Use Element

Goal LU-11: Commercial land uses provide goods and services to meet regional and local needs.

Policy LU-11 (A): Encourage a variety of commercial uses that cater to local and regional demand to create an environment that meets resident needs and increases the capture of sales tax revenues.

Goal LU-13: The city provides opportunities for new businesses and employees to ensure a high quality of life and thriving industry.

Policy LU-13 (A): Encourage expansion of the range of goods and services provided to accommodate the needs of all residents and the market area.

Policy LU-2 (E): Intensify the use and strengthen the role of public art, architecture, landscaping, site design, and development patterns to enhance the visual image of Huntington Beach.

Policy LU-4 (D): Ensure that single-family residences are of compatible proportion scale and character to surrounding neighborhoods.

The ZTA will allow the City to process new development and land use applications in a more effective and efficient manner which will encourage a variety of commercial uses, goods, and services to meet market needs and capture sales tax revenues. The proposed amendments would decrease processing time for applicants by updating review processes, provide clarity, reflect market conditions within the City, and ultimately improve customer service.

2. In the case of a general land use provision, ZTA No. 19-002 is compatible with the uses authorized in, and the standards prescribed for the zoning district for which it is proposed because it primarily revises the processing of entitlements and clarifies various sections of the HBZSO. The few uses that have been added or clarified will not change the character of the base zoning district and the uses authorized therein.
3. A community need is demonstrated for the changes proposed because there is a constant community desire to improve customer service with decreased processing time and ensure the HBZSO is clear, current, and consistently adapting to market trends.
4. Its adoption will be in conformity with public convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice because ZTA No. 19-002 ensures the HBZSO is clear, current, consistently adapting to market trends, and reflective of the City's ongoing effort to improve customer service.