

VANC - APRIL UPDATE

2020 Annual Report

On March 23, City Planning published the [2020 Annual Report](#), which highlights the significant milestones many initiatives reached in the past year and the Department's expansion of online services to streamline the review of project submittals.

Access the 2020 Annual Report [HERE](#)

Processes and Procedures

On March 25, the City Planning Commission (CPC) voted to approve the Department's proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance. The proposed ordinance aims to consolidate the administrative provisions of the Zoning Code in one centralized location.

These improvements strive to make Zoning Code processes and procedures easier for local businesses and residents to understand. Several years ago, City Planning set out to create a modern zoning system for Los Angeles. The Processes and Procedures Ordinance marks an important milestone in this endeavor by establishing the overarching framework that will eventually house the new Code as Community Plan Updates are adopted by City Council.

The ordinance also reduces redundancies by consolidating entitlements with similar procedures—reducing the total number of processes for planning entitlements from over 120 to about 60. The ordinance will now advance to City Council's PLUM for their consideration.

- [CF 12-0460-S5](#)
 - Official LOD/full transmittal will be available by tomorrow
 - Comments can be submitted at any time to the CF
- [Staff Recommendation Report](#)
- [Draft Ordinance](#)
- [Notes](#)

Citywide Sign Ordinance

On February 25, the City Planning Commission (CPC) considered the proposed Citywide Sign Ordinance, which would comprehensively revise and consolidate the existing sign regulations in the Zoning Code. After taking public comment, the CPC instructed the Department to modify the regulatory framework it prepared at the City Council's request.

With CPC's changes, the proposed ordinance reverts to the provisions outlined in Version B+, an earlier iteration of the Citywide Sign Ordinance first recommended by the Commission in 2015. Unlike Council's recommendation, Version B+ includes provisions that would restrict allowances for off-site signs, remove options for placement on public property, and apply stricter standards for the placement and operation of off-site signs.

The revised ordinance and supplemental report will be transmitted to the City Council for consideration by the Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee.

- [Council File No. # 11-1705](#)
- [Staff Recommendation Report](#)
- [Exhibit C: Comparison Chart](#)