

City Planning Updates 2023 (Jan - Feb)

Citywide

Department Implementation Memo on Assembly Bill 2097: [AB 2097](#) is a California law that prohibits public agencies or cities from imposing a minimum automobile parking requirement on most development projects located within a half-mile radius of a major transit stop. More information is now available on our [website](#).

- [Implementation Memo](#)

AI Fresco Ordinance (CF 20-1074): A proposed ordinance to update and expand outdoor dining provisions within the Zoning Code. The proposed ordinance will provide for a permanent program on private property.

- [Public Hearing](#) is scheduled for Wednesday, 02/08/23
- City Planning hosted a [Webinar](#) on 1/18/23, which included a presentation and Q&A segment, along with a presentation at the [Virtual Plan Check NC meeting](#) on 1/14/23
- Results from [survey](#) conducted Summer 2022 also now available
- Next steps: CPC, PLUM Committee, and full City Council
- To sign up for updates or provide feedback, please email AlFresco.Planning@lacity.org
- Materials for public review: [Draft Permanent AI Fresco Ordinance](#), [Fact sheet](#), [FAQ & Hoja Informativa](#)

Deemed Approved Ordinance (CF 17-0957): In response to a City Council motion, Los Angeles Department of City Planning is preparing an ordinance that amends the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish operating standards for existing alcohol-selling businesses citywide that do not have a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). These establishments began operating and selling alcohol before the City began requiring a CUP to sell alcohol in the 1970's and 1980's. Businesses in compliance

with these new standards would be considered “deemed to be approved” to continue selling alcohol.

- Anticipated release of draft ordinance: February/March 2023
- [Project Webpage](#)
- [11/2/22 Webinar](#)

Regional

South LA CPIO Amendment (CF 20-1265-S1): [Proposed amendments](#) create a new administrative process to review projects within a new “CPIO Protected Unit Area” whereby residential projects would be subject to existing CPIO Residential Subarea development standards. New, additional provisions would require the replacement of affordable housing and delay demolitions.

- Approved with amendments by Council on 1/25/23
- Next steps: Form and legality review by the City Attorney and final adoption of the ordinance
- Materials for public review:
 - [\(New\) 1/17/23 Report from PLUM](#)
 - [12/6/22 Report from PLUM](#)
 - [Presentation to the PLUM Committee](#)
 - [Proposed Zoning Ordinance Map](#)
 - [Proposed Text Amendments to the South LA CPIO](#)

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Wildlife Pilot Study (CF 14-0518): A proposed ordinance to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and create a Wildlife Ordinance District that establishes regulations restricting location, size, fencing, landscaping and design requirements of new development within the Wildlife Ordinance District.

- To be considered by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee in early 2023
- Approved by the City Planning Commission (CPC) on 12/8/22
- Pending consideration by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee
- Materials for public review:

- [A revised version of the proposed Wildlife Ordinance](#)
- [Staff Recommendation Report to CPC](#)
- [A Summary of the Ordinance and Revisions](#)
- [Updated Fact Sheet](#)

Oil and Gas Drilling Ordinance (CF 17-0447-S2): This adopted ordinance prohibits new oil and gas extraction, makes existing extraction activities a nonconforming use in all zones, and requires phasing out of existing operations after an amortization period.

Planning has released guidance documents relating to the implementation of the ordinance, including a Zoning Administrator’s interpretation defining maintenance and a Zoning Administrator’s memo outlining procedures to request exceptions from the ordinance’s ban on maintenance and other activities in instances where it is necessary to preserve public health, safety, and the environment.

- [ZA Memo 141 on Health and Safety Exception Projects](#)
- [Zoning Administrator's Interpretation on Well Maintenance \(City Planning Case No. ZA-2022-8997-ZAI\)](#)
- Ordinance effective date: 1/18/23
- Materials for public review:
 - [Ordinance No. 187709](#)
 - [Fact Sheet](#)
 - [Hoja Informativa](#)

Process and Procedures Ordinance (CF 12-0460-S4): The Ordinance streamlines case processing and reorganizes the rules that govern the steps involved in reviewing projects or adopting land use policy, while introducing a more user-friendly format with flowcharts and visual aids. It reduces over 120 different types of planning entitlements in the current Zoning Code down to about 60 unique review paths. It makes the rules for how the Department reviews land use and development applications more consistent and accessible.

- Ordinance operative date: 7/22/23
- Materials for public review:
 - [Ordinance No. 187712](#)
 - [Processes Comparison Chart](#)
 - [Fact Sheet](#)
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