

RESOLUTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
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WHEREAS, on October 18, 2006, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 178,124 (CF 06-0400) imposing interim regulations on the issuance of building permits for certain structures in the Beverly Grove area; and

WHEREAS, this residential neighborhood presents a unique blend of scale, massing, building setbacks, architectural styles, and landscaping, and is composed of many structures that are still the original modest-sized, single-story, single-family homes built approximately 75 years ago; and

WHEREAS, prior to the January 21, 2007 effective date of the Beverly Grove Interim Control Ordinance, construction activity had largely resulted in two-story, box-like structures roughly 80% larger than the average single-family structure in the neighborhood, creating congested relationships between adjoining houses and deteriorating the character and inherent charm of the Beverly Grove area; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Interim Control Ordinance has helped curb the proliferation of such structures by establishing a maximum floor area and height that prevents structures which are extremely out of proportion with the existing scale of the neighborhood, but still allows for reasonable growth in terms of square footage; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Baseline Mansionization Ordinance, which would restrict out-of-scale development on a citywide basis and address the concerns of the Beverly Grove neighborhood, was approved by the City Planning Commission on June 28, 2007, is currently under review by the City Council, and has not yet become effective; and


WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 178124 will expire on January 21, 2008 leaving the neighborhood unprotected from the inappropriate, out-of-scale development until the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance is adopted and becomes effective; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may, by resolution, extend the provisions of this Ordinance for two periods of six months each, so long as the City Council makes the following finding: That the appropriate City Agencies and officials are exercising due diligence to assure that the permanent land use regulations that regulate the size and height of structures in the area subject to the Interim Control Ordinance are being expeditiously processed; and

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the City Council hereby finds that the appropriate City Agencies and officials are exercising due diligence in processing permanent regulations, as the Department of City Planning has prepared the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance, which is currently undergoing hearings in the Planning and Land Use Management Committee; and

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby extends by Resolution, Ordinance No. 178,124 imposing interim regulations on the issuance of building permits for certain structures in the Beverly Grove area for one period of six months, or until such time as other permanent land use regulations that regulate the size of residences in the area subject to the Interim Control Ordinance are imposed.

Presented by:   
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Seconded by: 