

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2015, the Council of the City of Los Angeles, under Council File No. 14-0656, adopted Ordinance No. 183496 as an urgency measure pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 183496 establishes a moratorium on the issuance of building and demolition permits for properties within the following five proposed Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs):

1. Sunset Square – Council District 4
2. Carthay Square – Council District 5
3. Holmby – Westwood – Council District 5
4. Oxford Square – Council District 10
5. El Sereno – Berkshire Craftsman District – Council District 14

WHEREAS, current trends to renovate or replace historic homes with large-scale, out-of-character new construction have led to the substantial alteration or demolition of important historic structures, irreversibly impairing their historical significance and the character of the surrounding neighborhood;

WHEREAS, the Department of City Planning is contemplating proposed HPOZs in the above-listed neighborhoods, but will not have staff in place to begin establishing the HPOZs until later this year;

WHEREAS, the substantial alteration and demolition of historic homes continues to pose a current and immediate threat to the public welfare, including loss of historically important resources, degradation of neighborhood character, and negative impacts to aesthetics and general quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 183496 expires on May 9, 2015, unless extended by the City Council:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 183496 is extended for 22 months and 15 days.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than four-fifths** of all of its members, at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By _____ Deputy

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WHEREAS, on March 25, 2015, the Council of the City of Los Angeles, under Council File No. 14-0656, adopted Ordinance No. 183497 as an urgency measure pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 183497 prohibits the issuance of building permits for the construction of single-family dwellings on RA, RE, RS, and R1 zoned lots in the following neighborhoods where the proposed construction does not meet certain neighborhood-specific criteria:

1. Valley Village – Council District 2
2. South Hollywood – Council District 4
3. La Brea Hancock Neighborhood – Council District 4
4. The Oaks of Los Feliz – Council District 4
5. Miracle Mile – Council District 4
6. Larchmont Heights – Council District 4
7. Lower Council District 5 – Council District 5
8. Beverlywood – Council District 5
9. Inner Council District 5 – Council District 5
10. Fairfax Area – Council District 5
11. Bel Air – Council District 5
12. Faircrest Heights Neighborhood – Council District 10
13. Kentwood – Council District 11
14. Mar Vista/East Venice – Council District 11
15. Old Granada Hills – Council District 12

WHEREAS, these residential neighborhoods present unique blends of scale, massing, building setbacks, architectural styles, and landscaping;

WHEREAS, a rapid increase of property values in these neighborhoods has accelerated a recent trend of property owners and developers tearing down original houses and replacing them with hulking, box-like structures or significantly remodeling existing structures with bulky two-story additions that are out of scale with neighboring properties;

WHEREAS, the proliferation of such construction continues to pose a current and immediate threat to the public welfare, including degradation of neighborhood character, loss of neighbors' privacy, curtailment of development potential, and negative impacts to aesthetics and general quality of life; and

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