

EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA), PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT, and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending Sections 19.00 through 19.12 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to update the Department of City Planning's (DCP) fees for applications and appeals for planning approvals.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DETERMINE that the adoption of the Ordinance does not constitute as a "project", as defined by CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), which states that a "project" does not include the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and, FIND, that the adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and, where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated September 16, 2021, amending Sections 19.00 through 19.12 of the LAMC to update the DCP's fees for applications and appeals for planning approvals.
3. NOTE and FILE the DCP report, dated August 26, 2021, relative to a report back on various case processing fees and data, inasmuch as the DCP report is for informational purposes only.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney to work with the DCP to update the City's Eldercare Facilities Ordinance to streamline the land use process.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney or DCP. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

Against:

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council  
North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on September 21, 2021, the PLUM Committee considered a report from the City Attorney and draft Ordinance relative to amending LAMC Sections 19.00 through 19.12 to update the DCP's fees for applications and appeals for planning approvals; and, a DCP report relative to a report back on various case processing fees and data for the Comprehensive Fee Update. DCP staff provided an overview of the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the CEQA exemption and draft Ordinance, noted and filed the DCP report dated August 26, 2021; and, requested the City Attorney to work with the DCP to update the City's Eldercare Facilities Ordinance. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
LEE:	YES
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	ABSENT

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