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Los Angeles City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
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Attention: City Council

Dear Honorable Members:

MODIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS FOR THE LANDSCAPE AND SITE DESIGN ORDINANCE; CASE NO. CPC-2022-4856-CA; CF NO. 24-1399

On October 24, 2024, the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (CPC) recommended approval of the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance to amend the following Sections of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to: 1) Sections 12.03, 12.22, 12.40, 12.41, 12.42, 12.43, 13.08, 13.09, and 14.00 to replace the current 1996 Landscape Ordinance with the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance and associated Point System; 2) amend Sections 12.03, 12.10.5, 12.11.5, 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.21, 12.21.1 and 12.22 to define Outdoor Amenity Areas and establish development standards; 3) Section 19.04 to establish a new fee to support Administrative Review – Landscape and Site Design Approval and Verification; and 4) Section 62.177 of Chapter 6 (Establishment of Tree Replacement and Planting In-Lieu Fee) of Article 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the LAMC; and, 5) Section 91.7012 of Chapter 9 (Planting and Irrigation of Cut and Fill Slopes in Hillside Areas) of Division 70: Grading, Excavations, and Fills, of Article 1 of the LAMC necessary for the implementation of the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance. The Landscape and Site Design Ordinance was recommended for approval by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee on December 3, 2024.

The following corrections and additions are requested to be incorporated into Council File 24-1399 (Landscape and Site Design Ordinance / Landscape Ordinance No. 170978 Rescission / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment) in (1) Exhibit A (Proposed Landscape and Site Design Ordinance) and (2) Exhibit B (Landscape and Site Design Point System) to be considered by the City Council for approval.

Deleted text is shown in ~~strike through~~ and added text is shown in underline.

Revisions to Exhibit A - Proposed Landscape and Site Design Ordinance

The following corrections and additions were inadvertently omitted and require modifications to Exhibit A, Proposed Landscape and Site Design Ordinance:

Additions to Section 14:

Revise Section 12.40 C.2 Exceptions to include the following exemption from Projects which shall be subject to the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance:

(h) Fire stations, police stations, and public utilities.

Revise Section 12.40 G. Procedures to include the following language to clarify the relationship to land use provisions in the Coastal Zone:

2. Projects in the Coastal Zone. Projects located in the Coastal Zone shall continue to be subject to any applicable Coastal Development Permit procedures pursuant to Sec. 13B.9.1 of Chapter 1A of the Code.

Revise Section 12.40 I. Relationship To Other Provisions of The Los Angeles Municipal Code to include the following language:

1. Specific Plans and Supplemental Use Districts. Where development standards in Specific Plans, Supplemental Use Districts, Redevelopment Plans, or other overlays contain similar ~~landscaping~~ regulations, these standards may be used to satisfy Mandatory and Elective Standards in the Landscape and Site Design Point System. In instances where the provisions of this Section 12.40 of this Code or the Landscape and Site Design Point System conflict with any provisions of any Specific Plan, Supplemental Use District, Redevelopment Plans, or other overlay, or other general provisions of the Zoning Code, the more restrictive provisions shall prevail.

Revisions to Exhibit B - Landscape and Site Design Point System

The following corrections and additions were inadvertently omitted and require modifications to Exhibit B, Landscape and Site Design Point System:

Addition to Standard a. of Category 3.4 Healthy Soil and Water Quality:

Revise Standard 3.4.a. Landscape Management Plan to include the following language:

- a. **Landscape Management Plan.** A long-term tree and landscape management plan shall be provided by the project's Landscape Practitioner at the time of building permit issuance to indicate:
- recommended watering during five-year plant establishment period
 - recommended summer watering after plant establishment
 - recommended winter watering after plant establishment

- once-yearly inspection for hazards and other emergent issues
- pruning is performed *only* for plant structure and health per the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) standards.

The plan shall be provided to the building management and made available on site.

This strategy is required of all projects and is not eligible for substitution with alternative strategies.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the referenced technical corrections be incorporated in the City Council's final decision.

Sincerely,

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