

DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION (NO. ENV-2022-4857), NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. (ENV-2022-4857-ND), AND RELATED CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FINDINGS, and PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PLUM) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to replace the current 1996 Landscape Ordinance with the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance and associated Point System, define Outdoor Amenity Areas and establish development standards, and establish a new fee to support Administrative Review – Landscape and Site Design Approval and Verification.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(a), the Los Angeles City Planning Commission (LACPC) considered the draft negative declaration (No. ENV-2022-4857) and in its independent judgment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(b), after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, including the Negative Declaration, No. ENV-2022-4857-ND (“Negative Declaration”), and all comments received, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment; FIND the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City; and ADOPT the Negative Declaration.
2. APPROVE the proposed ordinance to Amend Chapter 1 of the LAMC to:
 - a. Amend 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Amend Section 19.04 to establish a new fee to support Administrative Review – Landscape and Site Design Approval and Verification.
 - d. Amend Section 62.177 of Chapter 6 (Establishment of Tree Replacement and Planting In-Lieu Fee) of Article 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of the LAMC.
 - e. Amend 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.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present the following draft ordinances:
 - a. Landscape and Site Design Ordinance
 - b. Recission of the Landscape Ordinance (Ordinance No. 170978).
4. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a report as to the fiscal impact of the proposed fees for the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance.

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Case No. CPC-2022-4856-CA

Environmental No. ENV-2022-4857-ND

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LACPC reports that there is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on December 3, 2024, the PLUM Committee considered a report from the Los Angeles City Planning Commission relative to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to replace the current 1996 Landscape Ordinance with the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance and associated Point System, define Outdoor Amenity Areas and establish development standards, and establish a new fee to support Administrative Review – Landscape and Site Design Approval and Verification. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the proposed ordinance, request the City Attorney to prepare draft ordinances and instruct the CAO to prepare a report as to the fiscal impact of the proposed fees for the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance, as listed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE:	YES
HUTT:	ABSENT
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
PADILLA:	ABSENT
DE LEON:	YES

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