

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Cottage Food Operation Controls]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code, by adding Section 102.37 and amending Section 204.1, to allow Cottage Food Operation as an accessory use for dwelling units and increase the allowable area for accessory uses in dwelling units; and making environmental findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

The Planning Code does not currently provide for community-based food production (also referred to as “cottage food,” “artisan food,” “slow food,” or “locally-based food”) to operate as an accessory use in dwellings.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed legislation would amend the Planning Code to add a definition of “Cottage Food Operation”, which definition references the California Health Code, and allow cottage food operations to operate as an accessory use in dwelling units under Section 204.1.

Background Information

The State recently passed Assembly Bill 1616, which established regulations for cottage food operations and required cities and counties to permit cottage food operations in dwellings.