

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Scooter Parking]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to allow scooter parking in certain designated parking spaces; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings under Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

The Planning Code currently regulates parking space requirements, including minimum and maximum amounts of permitted parking, depending on the zoning district and the use of the site. There are no special provisions for parking scooters.

Amendments to Current Law

The legislation would create a category for parking spaces to be used by scooters, defined as light two-wheeled open motor zero emission vehicles on which the driver sits over an enclosed motor with legs together and feet resting on a floorboard. A building owner or operator may use parking spaces for scooters in certain circumstances, which include (1) If a building is subject to a minimum parking requirement and provides more parking than is required by the Planning Code, such additional parking spaces may be used as parking spaces for scooters; (2) If a building is subject to a maximum parking requirement, and is not subject to a minimum parking requirement, up to 50% of the parking spaces may be used as parking spaces for scooters, provided that such use shall not result in the creation of additional parking spaces; (3) If a building contains commercial or retail uses that require parking spaces, any parking spaces above the minimum requirement may be used as parking spaces for scooters; or (4) A building owner may use any garage space that is not currently in use as parking space or for tenant amenities, including but not limited to space that is used for tenant storage space or laundry facilities, as parking spaces for scooters.

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