

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Business and Tax Regulations Code - Streamlined Permitting Review in C-3 Districts]

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to expand streamlined permitting review of principally permitted commercial uses to upper floors in C-3 (Downtown Commercial) Districts; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 32 creates a coordinated and streamlined permitting review process for the establishment, modification, and/or operation of a principally permitted storefront use.

Downtown Commercial (C-3) Districts contain a variety of commercial uses, including retail, entertainment, clubs and institutions, many of which are principally permitted uses on all floors of a building.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend Business and Tax Regulations Code Section 32 to enable principally permitted commercial uses in C-3 Districts on all floors of a building to qualify for coordinated and streamlined permitting review. This ordinance provides that expansions of the interior square footage of a principally permitted commercial use in a C-3 District also qualify for coordinated and streamlined review.

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