LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Deletion of Duplicate Definitions and Outdated Article 7 Zoning Control Tables]

Ordinance amending Planning Code, Article 7, to delete Zoning Control Tables that are superseded by new Zoning Control Tables in a companion ordinance and to delete duplicate definitions previously relocated to Article 2 and related outdated text; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Existing Law

Article 7 establishes a number of general and named Neighborhood Commercial (NC) and Neighborhood Commercial Transit (NCT) Districts as well as some Subdistricts and Restricted Use Districts. Land use controls, development standards, and density controls for each District are outlined in a Zoning Control Table. Specific uses are defined in Sections 790.2 through 790.142. Other sections of the Planning Code that are applicable to Neighborhood Commercial Districts are listed in Section 799.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance is one of two interrelated ordinances that reorganize and update Article 7 of the Planning Code. Because the two ordinances are interrelated, the amendments made by this ordinance will not go into effect unless the companion ordinance is also enacted and in effect.

This ordinance deletes all the current Article 7 zoning control tables, the definitions that were added to Section 102 in the Article 2 reorganization legislation but temporarily left in Article 7, and other text that became outdated with the enactment of the Article 2 reorganization legislation. The companion ordinance reorganizes Article 7, revises all the Article 7 Zoning Control Tables to match the format of the Tables in Article 2, and makes technical and substantive amendments to applicable sections in other Articles to update, correct, clarify, and simplify language.

All the proposed amendments – both technical and substantive -- are detailed and explained in the Executive Summary that was prepared for the Planning Commission hearing by Department staff, which will be transmitted to the Board as part of the legislative package. The Executive Summary describes the Main Amendments, the Definition Changes, the specific amendments to the Sunset Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD), the co-terminous North Beach NCD and North Beach Special Use District, and an amendment to the Broadway NCD.

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