

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to adjusting time limits to comply with mandatory seismic retrofitting requirements, and clarifying related engineering analysis terms and specifications.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND that the accompanying Ordinance amending Subsections 91.9305.2, 91.9309.2 and 91.9309.3 of Article I of Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Sections, 15061(b)(3), 15301, 15302 and 15269; City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines, Class 1, Type 1 and Class 2, Type 2.
2. APPROVE the accompanying FINDINGS of the City Attorney as contained in the report to Council dated January 28, 2016, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.5, 17958.7 and 19163.
3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE amending Subsections 91.9305.2, 91.9309.2 and 91.9309.3 of Article I of Chapter IX of the LAMC to adjust time limits to comply with mandatory seismic retrofitting of existing wood-frame buildings with soft, weak or open-front walls; and, clarify engineering analysis terms and specifications.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**- URGENCY CLAUSE -**

**(12 VOTES REQUIRED)**

## SUMMARY

Accompanying a report to Council dated January 28, 2016, the City Attorney presents Ordinance amending the LAMC to adjust time limits to comply with mandatory seismic retrofitting requirements, and clarify related engineering analysis terms and specifications. The Ordinance contains an urgency clause.

The City Attorney reports that the accompanying Ordinance amends Division 93 of Article 1 of Chapter IX of the LAMC by permitting two years, instead of one, for property owners to submit building or demolition plans to the Department of Building and Safety; and allowing three and a half years, instead of two, for owners to obtain the required permits for the proposed demolition or retrofit work. The draft ordinance does not change the seven-year limit to complete all retrofit work. As a result, because the new time limits are measured from the date an owner receives an order from the Department of Building and Safety, property owners will have one and a half years to acquire permits after submitting plans, and three and a half years after permits are issued to complete all retrofit construction. In addition, the proposed ordinance clarifies technical terms and specifications used in the engineering analysis applicable to soft first-story buildings.

At its meeting held February 3, 2016, the Housing Committee recommended that Council approve the accompanying Ordinance.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
CEDILLO <i>8/6/16</i>	YES
FUENTES:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
PRICE:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT

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**-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-**