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ORDINANCE NO. 189027

An ordinance adding Subdivision 41 to Subsection 12.22 A of Article 2, Chapter I and Division 1.7 to Article 1, Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to exempt certain projects from planning and zoning requirements of the Zoning Code for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section. 1. A new Subdivision 41 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.22 of Article 2 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

41. 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games Exemptions.

(a) Intent. The intent of this subdivision is to establish relief from planning and zoning review for certain projects in advance of and during the 2028 Olympic and/or Paralympic Games in order to successfully execute and timely deliver the Games.

(b) Applicability. Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects, as defined herein, are exempt from all planning and zoning regulations but are subject to the requirements of this subdivision. This Subdivision 41 shall have no further force and effect after February 27, 2029. Any approval under this Subdivision 41 is limited in duration and valid only through February 27, 2029 for Temporary Projects, as defined herein, and only through October 27, 2028 for signs of any type (inclusive of Digital Display signs as defined in LAMC Section 14.4.2). From and after the applicable expiration date, the approvals provided under this Subdivision 41 are invalid and/or void as if they had never been granted, and the applicant, the owner of the project and the parcel and their principals have the obligation to demolish and completely remove the project or other subject of the temporary approval and to restore the location to the same condition as existed at the time the project was approved absent prior approval under this Subdivision 41 as a Permanent Project. No vested rights are provided for or by the approval of a Temporary Project or sign of any type under this Subdivision.

(1) The following permits are eligible under this subdivision:

- (i)** New construction;
- (ii)** Additions;
- (iii)** Alteration or repairs;

- (iv) Grading;
- (v) Retaining/fence walls;
- (vi) Sign permits;
- (vii) Swimming pools;
- (viii) Change of use; and
- (ix) Use of land permits.

(2) The following projects shall not be eligible under this subdivision:

- (i) Large-scale cable-guided transportation projects or other aerial mobility projects;
- (ii) LA Metro 28 by 28 Rail projects;
- (iii) Previously disapproved projects;
- (iv) Hotel Development Projects pursuant to Section 12.03;
- (v) Modifications to projects containing restricted affordable units;
- (vi) Demolition of housing;
- (vii) For historic structures, Demolition, as defined in Section 13B.8.1.C. (Historic Preservation) of Chapter 1A of this Code, or permanent and substantial alterations, or relocation of a designated historic resource;
- (viii) Alteration of a designated historic resource without the proper planning clearance, pursuant to Division 13B.8. (Historic Preservation);
- (ix) Any sign proposed by an applicant, advertising company, or property owner that is currently operating, or facilitating the operation of, an unapproved sign(s) or any unapproved alteration(s) of a sign(s) within City limits; or

(x) Any other permit not specifically set forth in Section 12.22 A.41.(b)1 above.

(3) Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects pursuant to this subdivision are not exempt from:

(i) Measure HLA, LAMC Sections 19.210–19.214 and LAMC Sections 85.11–85.12, required Mobility Improvements; or

(ii) Special Event Permitting requirements pursuant to Section 41.20 and/or any other applicable fee.

(c) Relationship to Other Zoning Provisions

An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project shall not be considered a project nor require any review procedures under any Specific Plan, Supplemental Use District, Streetscape Plan, Redevelopment Plan, and/or other overlay of Chapter I and/or 1A of the LAMC except to the extent incorporated or specified to the contrary in this Subdivision 41.

Despite any provisions of the LAMC or any other overlay to the contrary, Section 12.22 A.41. and/or Article 1, Division 1.7 of Chapter 1A shall prevail and supersede any conflicting planning and zoning regulations.

(d) Definitions

(1) **Olympic and/or Paralympic Project.** Any supporting facilities, installations, uses, and/or activities that serve athletes, officials, spectators, visitors, and/or residents at approved competition venue(s) or non-competition venue(s) necessary to host Olympic and/or Paralympic event(s) including, but not limited to, training facilities, security perimeters, broadcast and media centers, transit infrastructure, live sites, and fan zones.

(2) **Temporary Project.** An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project seeking a planning and zoning exemption built or implemented solely for the Games and which must be demolished, dismantled and/or removed after the conclusion of the Games and no later than February 27, 2029.

(3) **Permanent Project.** An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project built or implemented for the Games and later applied or intended to remain after the conclusion of the Games. No sign that

is built, implemented, or altered under this Subdivision 41 is eligible to become a Permanent Project.

(4) **Games.** Games, 2028 Games, and/or Olympic and/or Paralympic Games, as used herein, shall mean the 2028 Olympic Games and/or Paralympic Games under the authority of the International Olympic Committee and/or the International Paralympic Committee.

(e) **Eligibility.** Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects seeking planning and zoning exemption under this Section 12.22 A.41. shall meet one of the following criteria:

(1) The Olympic and/or Paralympic Project is a Temporary Project pursuant to Section 12.22 A.41.(d)(2) located at an approved competition venue in the City's Official Venue Plan for the 2028 Olympic and/or Paralympic Games, pursuant to procedures in Section 12.22 A.41.(g);

(2) The Olympic and/or Paralympic Project is a Temporary Project pursuant to Section 12.22 A.41.(d)(2) cleared by each of the following City Liaisons as defined in the Games Agreement: City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, the Mayor's Office of Major Events, and the Office of the City Attorney, pursuant to procedures in Section 12.22 A.41.(g); or

(3) The Olympic and/or Paralympic Project is a Permanent Project as defined in Section 12.22 A.41.(d)(3) approved by the City Council pursuant to the procedures in Section 12.22 A.41.(h).

(f) **Planning and Zoning Exemption**

(1) Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects that are eligible under Section 12.22 A.41.(e) shall be exempt from all planning and zoning regulations in Chapter I or Chapter 1A of the LAMC, except as otherwise incorporated or specified in this Subdivision 41.

(2) Eligible Permanent Projects defined in Section 12.22 A.41.(d)(3) that are then approved by the City Council pursuant to the procedures in Section 12.22 A.41.(h) shall be exempt from all planning and zoning regulations in Chapter I of the LAMC to the extent set forth in the approval by the City Council.

(3) Despite any other provision of this Subdivision 41, any and all projects that are signs or Digital Displays as defined in

LAMC Section 14.4.2, must be and must remain Temporary Projects, only permitted pursuant to Section 12.22 A.41.(g)(1)(iii), and shall be subject to all the following standards:

(i) Signs, including any Digital Displays, may only be displayed/operational from January 1, 2028 to October 27, 2028. All signs shall be reverted to their previous project-entitlement status and site condition on or before October 27, 2028.

(ii) Signs granted relief pursuant to this Subdivision 41 are ineligible to become Permanent Projects or for permanent relief provided in Section 12.22 A.41.(h).

(iii) A Digital Display sign must not have a nighttime luminance of greater than 300 candelas per square meter or a daytime luminance greater than 6,000 candelas per square meter. The applicant shall not be permitted to operate a Digital Display sign absent an installed functioning device that automatically adjusts brightness levels to comply with these requirements. Each Digital Display sign shall automatically transition smoothly at a consistent rate from the permitted daytime brightness to the permitted nighttime brightness levels, beginning 45 minutes prior to sunset and concluding 45 minutes after sunset via ambient sensors.

(iv) No Digital Display sign shall be arranged or illuminated in a manner that will produce a light intensity of greater than three foot candles above ambient lighting, as measured at the property line of the following:

- a. An adjoining lot that is zoned residential (R5 or more restrictive) and with one or more Dwelling Units;
- b. An adjoining lot that contains one or more dwelling units that have an applied Residential Use District (Division 5B.3.) or Residential-Mixed Use District (Div. 5B.4.) under Chapter 1A;

Digital Display signs in locations identified in this sub-subparagraph 12.22 A.41.(f)(3)(iv) may only be operational from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and shall not be illuminated outside of these times.

(v) The hours of operation for a Digital Display, other than those described in Section 12.22 A.41.(f)(3)(iv), shall be limited to 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily and shall not be illuminated outside of these times.

(vi) Signs, including Digital Displays, must not produce any audible sound.

(vii) The refresh rate is the rate at which a Digital Display, or Digital Display element may change content. The refresh rate shall be no more than one refresh every eight seconds with an instant transition between images. The sign image must remain static between refreshes.

(viii) Digital Displays which are visible from any public street shall incorporate the following vehicular safety features:

a. Digital Displays shall not incorporate driver interaction features;

b. Digital Displays shall not use colors or images that replicate or could be confused with traffic safety signage;

c. Digital Displays shall not use stroboscopic or flashing images; and

d. Digital Displays shall use dissolves for transitions between static and animated content.

(ix) Digital Displays may not include strobe lights, flashing lights, revolving beacon, or any other technology that interferes with traffic safety or visibility.

(x) Digital Display signs must have the capability to and must immediately display public safety alerts and/or emergency management messaging as directed by the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department.

(xi) No construction, installation, electrification, or conversion of any sign to digital may commence until all necessary departmental approvals have been obtained and permits have been issued. Said sign must not be operational until final inspection approval has been obtained.

(4) Any conflicting existing conditions associated with planning entitlement approvals are suspended only for the duration of the provisions of this subdivision, unless permanent relief is granted through the procedures for a Permanent Project in Section 12.22 A.41.(h). The applicant and each legal or beneficial owner of a Temporary Project or the parcel on which such Temporary Project is located are jointly and severally liable for the timely removal and restoration of the Temporary Project under this Subdivision 41. The failure to timely remove any Temporary Project as required may subject each such person and, in the case of an entity applicant or owner, each of such entity's officers, directors, members, managers, and principals, to civil liability for the cost of removal or to criminal liability pursuant to Section 11.00 *et seq.* of the LAMC.

(g) **Process for a Temporary Project.** An applicant of an eligible Temporary Project pursuant to Section 12.22 A.41.(d)(2) seeking Temporary Project status is subject to the following:

(1) **Review Process**

(i) Applicants of eligible Temporary Projects pursuant to Section 12.22 A.41.(d)(2) located within an approved competition venue shall file an administrative review application with the Department of City Planning.

(ii) Applicants of eligible Temporary Projects pursuant to Section 12.22 A.41.(d)(2) located outside of an approved competition venue shall file an administrative review application with the Department of City Planning. No administrative review application may be approved until a clearance is obtained from each of the following City Liaisons: City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Mayor's Office of Major Events, and the Office of the City Attorney.

(iii) Applicants of eligible Temporary Projects that are signs pursuant to Section 12.22 A.41.(f)(3), whether located within or outside of an approved competition venue, shall file an administrative review application with the Department of City Planning. No administrative review application may be approved until a clearance is obtained from each of the following City Liaisons: City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Mayor's Office of Major Events, and the Office of the City Attorney.

(2) **Authority.** The Department of Building and Safety and Department of City Planning initially shall review project applications pursuant to Applicability, Section 12.22 A.41.(b), and Eligibility, Section 12.22 A.41.(e).

(3) **Application.** Applicants for an eligible Temporary Project must file an application by August 27, 2028.

(4) **Time to Act.** The City Liaisons and the Department of City Planning should act on the Planning and Zoning Exemption within 14 business days after receipt by the Department of City Planning of a complete administrative review application for a temporary project.

(5) **Notice.** Notice shall be sent to the affected Council Office by the Department of Building and Safety upon accepting a complete building permit plan check application filing. A list of all Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects shall be transmitted upon permit clearance to the Council File Management System for public record keeping. No permits may be issued until a summary of the project is transmitted and posted for at least 5 calendar days.

(h) **Process for a Permanent Project.** A project, other than a sign, that is eligible to become a Permanent Project, may seek Permanent Project status from City Council by way of Resolution that is separate and distinct from any planning or zoning action, as outlined below.

(1) **Review Process.** A project seeking eligibility through City Council Resolution must meet all the applicability requirements in Section 12.22 A.41.(b). Projects within the Coastal Zone are subject to Coastal Development Program requirements including coastal development procedures pursuant to Div. 13B.9. (Coastal Development).

(2) **Authority.** The City Council shall have the discretion and authority to establish a project's eligibility for the regulatory relief provided in this subdivision through the adoption of a Resolution upon satisfying the findings set forth in Section 12.22 A.41.(h)(6).

(3) **Application.** Applicants for a Permanent Project must apply, and any City Council Resolution pursuant to Section 12.22 A.41.(h)(5) must be adopted before February 27, 2029. For Temporary Projects seeking Permanent Project relief, a building permit application shall be filed with the Department of Building and Safety.

(4) **Conditions.** The City Council shall have the authority to add, modify, and/or remove conditions to an existing quasi-judicial approval to make an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project permanent. Any changes to existing conditions shall be detailed within the Resolution and the applicant shall be responsible for recording and applying any changes through the appropriate bodies including, but not limited to, the Department of City Planning.

(5) **Council Procedures.**

(i) A Resolution, if presented and at the discretion of the City Council, must be presented at a meeting of the City Council and shall include relevant project information including a project description, Assessor Parcel Number(s) (APN), and an address.

(ii) The City Council shall conduct a public hearing before taking action on a proposed Resolution for a Permanent Project. If the City Council proposes any modification to a Resolution, that proposed modification must be considered and the City Council shall either adopt or reject the proposed amendment by Resolution.

(iii) Before adopting a Resolution, the City Council must make and satisfy the findings outlined in 12.22 A.41.(h)(6) and shall adopt the written findings of fact supporting the decision within a Resolution.

(iv) A Resolution must be adopted by majority vote of the City Council.

(v) If a Permanent Project is determined to be eligible and is approved through the City Council Resolution, the applicant for the Permanent Project shall file a permit application with the Department of Building and Safety for the Permanent Project as approved by the City Council.

(6) **Findings.** Despite any other provision of this Subdivision 41, the City Council may approve a Permanent Project only if the City Council finds on the basis of evidence in the record that each of the following is true:

(i) The project meets the definition of an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project, and is otherwise eligible to become a Permanent project under this Subdivision 41;

(ii) The project substantially conforms to findings from applicable previous entitlements, if any;

(iii) That the project is or was essential to the successful delivery of the Games and its exclusion would or could have jeopardized the successful execution of the Games;

(iv) That the project will be beneficial to the community and will have a lasting benefit beyond the Games;

(v) That the project substantially conforms to the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan and otherwise conforms with public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice;

(vi) If the project was a Temporary Project, that the project was a Temporary Project approved under this Subdivision 41; and

(vii) The project has been reviewed under and is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.

(7) **Notice.** An adopted City Council Resolution for an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project granted permanent relief shall be transmitted to the Council File Management System for public record keeping.

Sec. 2. A new Division 1.7 is added to Article 1 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

DIV. 1.7. 2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES EXEMPTIONS

SEC.1.7.1. PLANNING AND ZONING RELIEF.

A. Intent

To establish relief from planning and zoning review for certain projects in advance of and during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games to successfully execute and timely deliver the Games.

B. Applicability

Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects, as defined herein, are exempt from all planning and zoning regulations but are subject to the requirements of this *Section*. This *Section* shall have no further force and effect after February 27, 2029. Any approval under this *Division* 1.7. is limited in duration and valid only through February 27, 2029 for Temporary Projects, as defined herein, and only through October 27, 2028 for signs of any type (inclusive of *digital displays*). From and after the applicable expiration date, the approvals provided under this *Division* 1.7. are invalid and/or void as if they had never been granted, and the applicant, the owner of the project and the parcel and their principals have the obligation to demolish and completely remove the project or other subject of the temporary approval and to restore the location to the same condition as existed at the time the project was approved absent prior approval under this *Division* 1.7. as a Permanent Project. No vested rights are provided for or by the approval of a Temporary Project or sign of any type under this *Section*.

1. Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects involving any of the following project activities listed in *Sec. 14.2.15.B. (Project Activities)* are eligible under this *Section*, with the exception of the projects enumerated below:
 - a. Large-scale cable-guided transportation projects or other aerial mobility projects;
 - b. LA Metro 28 by 28 Rail projects;
 - c. Previously disapproved *projects*;
 - d. *Lodging* uses;
 - e. Modifications to projects containing restricted affordable units;
 - f. Demolition of housing;
 - g. For historic structures, *Demolition*, as defined in *Sec. 13B.8. (Historic Preservation)*, or permanent and substantial alterations, or relocation of a *designated historic resource*;
 - h. Alteration of a *designated historic resource* without the proper planning clearance, pursuant to *Div. 13B.8. (Historic Preservation)*;
 - i. Any sign proposed by an applicant, advertising company, or property owner that is currently operating or facilitating the

operation of, an unapproved sign(s) or any unapproved alteration(s) of a sign(s) within City limits; or

- j. Any other permit not specifically set forth in Sec. 14.2.15.B., above.
- 2. Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects pursuant to this *Section* are not exempt from:
 - a. Measure HLA, Secs. 19.210–19.214 and Secs. 85.11–85.12 of the LAMC, required Mobility Improvements; or
 - b. Special Event Permitting requirements pursuant to Sec. 41.20 and/or any other applicable fee.

C. Relationship to Other Zoning Provisions

- 1. An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project shall not be considered a *project* nor require any review procedures under any *Specific Plan*, *Supplemental District*, *Redevelopment Plan*, or *Special Zone* except to the extent incorporated or specified to the contrary in this *Division 1.7*.
- 2. Despite any provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (“LAMC” or “Code”) or any other reconciling provisions outlined in *Article 8 (Supplemental & Special Zoning)* to the contrary, the following provisions shall prevail and supersede any conflicting planning and/or zoning regulations in this Zoning Code (Chapter 1A).

D. Definitions

- 1. Olympic and/or Paralympic Project: Any supporting facilities, installations, uses, and/or activities that serve athletes, officials, spectators, visitors, and/or residents at an approved competition venue(s) or non-competition venue(s) necessary to host Olympic and/or Paralympic event(s) including, but not limited to, training facilities, security perimeters, broadcast and media centers, transit infrastructure, live sites, and fan zones.
- 2. Temporary Project: An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project seeking planning and zoning exemption built or implemented solely for the Games and which must be demolished, dismantled and/or removed after the conclusion of the Games and no later than February 27, 2029.

3. Permanent Project: An Olympic and/or Paralympic Project built or implemented for the Games and later applied or intended to remain after the conclusion of the Games; provided that no sign that is a Temporary Project or otherwise built, implemented, or altered under this *Division 1.7* is eligible for status as a Permanent Project.
4. Games: Games, 2028 Games, and/or Olympic and/or Paralympic Games, as used herein, shall mean the 2028 Olympic Games and/or Paralympic Games under the authority of the International Olympic Committee and/or the International Paralympic Committee.

E. Eligibility

Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects seeking planning and zoning exemption under this *Section 1.7.1.F. (Planning and Zoning Exemption)*, below, shall meet one of the following criteria:

1. The Olympic and/or Paralympic Project is a Temporary Project, pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.2. (Temporary Project)*, above, located at an approved competition venue in the City's Official Venue Plan for the 2028 Olympic and/or Paralympic Games, pursuant to the procedures in *Sec. 1.7.1.G.1. (Process for Temporary Project)*, below;
2. The Olympic and/or Paralympic Project is a Temporary Project, pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.2. (Temporary Project)*, above, cleared by the City Liaisons as defined in the Games Agreement (City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Mayor's Office of Major Events, and the Office of the City Attorney) pursuant to procedures in *Sec. 1.7.1.G.1. (Process for a Temporary Project)*, below; or
3. The Olympic and/or Paralympic Project is a Permanent Project, as defined in *Sec. 1.7.1.D.3. (Permanent Project)*, above, approved by the City Council pursuant to the procedures in *Sec. 1.7.1.G.2. (Process for a Permanent Project)*, below.

F. Planning and Zoning Exemption

1. Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects that are eligible under *Sec. 1.7.1.E.* shall be exempt from all planning and zoning regulations in this Zoning Code (Chapter 1A), except as otherwise incorporated or specified in this *Div. 1.7.*
2. Eligible Permanent Projects defined in *Sec. 1.7.1.D.3.* that is then approved by the City Council pursuant to the procedures in *Sec.*

1.7.1.G.2. (*Process for Permanent Project*) shall be exempt from all planning and zoning regulations in Chapter 1A of the LAMC to the extent set forth in the approval by the City Council.

3. Despite any other provision of this *Div. 1.7*, any and all projects that are signs or *digital displays* must be and must remain Temporary Projects, only permitted pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.G.1.a.iii. (Process for a Temporary Project)*, below, and shall be subject to all of the following standards:

- a. *Signs*, including any *digital displays*, may only be displayed/operational from January 1, 2028 to October 27, 2028. All *signs* shall be reverted to their previous project-entitlement status and site condition on or before October 27, 2028.
- b. *Signs*, including *digital displays*, granted relief pursuant to *Div. 1.7* are ineligible to become Permanent Projects or for permanent relief provided in *Sec. 1.7.1.G.2. (Process for a Permanent Project)*.
- c. A *digital display* sign must not have a nighttime luminance of greater than 300 candelas per square meter or a daytime luminance greater than 6,000 candelas per square meter. The applicant shall not be permitted to operate a *digital display* sign absent an installed functioning device that automatically adjusts brightness levels to comply with these requirements. Each *digital display* sign shall automatically transition smoothly at a consistent rate from the permitted daytime brightness to the permitted nighttime brightness levels, beginning 45 minutes prior to sunset and concluding 45 minutes after sunset via ambient sensors.
- d. No *digital display* sign shall be arranged and illuminated in a manner that will produce a light intensity of greater than three foot candles above ambient lighting, as measured at the property line of the following:
 - i. An *Adjoining lot* that contains one or more *dwelling units* that have an applied *Residential Use District (Div. 5B.3.)* or *Residential Mixed-Use District (Div. 5B.4.)* under Chapter 1A;
 - ii. An *Adjoining lot* that is zoned residential (R5 or more restrictive) and with one or more Dwelling Units under Chapter I;

Digital displays in locations identified in this subparagraph may only be operational from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and shall not be illuminated outside of these times.

- e. The hours of operation for a *digital display* sign, other than those described in Sec. 1.7.1.F.3.d., above, shall be limited to 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily and shall not be illuminated outside of these times.
- f. *Signs*, including *digital display* signs, must not produce any audible sound.
- g. The refresh rate is the rate at which a *digital display*, or *digital display* element may change content. The refresh rate shall be no more than one refresh every eight seconds with an instant transition between images. The sign image must remain static between refreshes.
- h. *Digital displays* which are visible from any public street shall incorporate the following vehicular safety features:
 - i. *Digital displays* shall not incorporate driver interaction features;
 - ii. *Digital displays* shall not use colors or images that replicate or could be confused with traffic safety signage;
 - iii. *Digital displays* shall not use stroboscopic or flashing images; and
 - iv. *Digital displays* shall use dissolves for transitions between static and animated content.
- i. *Digital displays* may not include strobe lights, flashing lights, revolving beacon, or any other technology that interferes with traffic safety or visibility.
- j. *Digital displays* must have the capability to immediately display public safety alerts and/or emergency management messaging as directed by the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department.
- k. No construction, installation, electrification, or conversion of any sign to digital may commence until all necessary

departmental approvals have been obtained and permits issued. Said sign must not be operational until final inspection approval has been obtained.

4. Any conflicting existing conditions associated with planning entitlement approvals are suspended only for the duration of the provisions of this *Section*, unless permanent relief is granted through the permanent procedures in *Sec. 1.7.1.G.2. (Process for Permanent Project)*. The applicant and each legal or beneficial owner of a Temporary Project or the parcel on which such Temporary Project is located are jointly and severally liable for the timely removal and restoration of the Temporary Project under this *Div. 1.7*. The failure to timely remove any Temporary Project as required may subject each such person and, in the case of an entity applicant or owner, each of such entity's officers, directors, members, managers, and principals to civil liability for the cost of removal or to criminal liability pursuant to *Section 11.00 et seq.* of the LAMC.

G. Processes

1. Process for a Temporary Project.

An applicant of an eligible Temporary Project pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.2. (Definitions)* seeking Temporary Project status is subject to the following:

a. Review Process

- i. Applicants of eligible Temporary Projects, pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.2.*, above, located within an approved competition venue shall file an administrative review application with the Department of City Planning.
- ii. Applicants of eligible Temporary Projects pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.D.2.*, above, located outside of an approved competition venue, shall file an administrative review application with the Department of City Planning. No administrative review application may be approved until a clearance is obtained from each of the following City Liaisons: City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Mayor's Office of Major Events, and the Office of the City Attorney.
- iii. Applicants of eligible Temporary Projects that are *signs* pursuant to *Sec. 1.7.1.F.3. (Planning and*

Zoning Exemption), above, whether located within or outside of an approved competition venue, shall file an administrative review application with the Department of City Planning. No administrative review application may be approved until a clearance is obtained from each of the following City Liaisons: City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Mayor's Office of Major Events, and the Office of the City Attorney.

b. **Authority**

The Department of Building and Safety and Department of City Planning shall initially review *project* applications pursuant to *Subsection B. (Applicability)*, above, and *Subsection E. (Eligibility)*, above.

c. **Application**

Applicants for an eligible Temporary Project must file an application by August 27, 2028.

d. **Time to Act**

The City Liaisons and the Department of City Planning should act on the Planning and Zoning Exemption within 14 business days after receipt by the Department of City Planning of a complete administrative review application for a temporary project.

e. **Notice**

Notice shall be sent to the affected Council Office by the Department of Building and Safety upon accepting a complete building permit plan check application filing. A list of Olympic and/or Paralympic Projects shall be transmitted upon permit clearance to the Council File Management System for public record keeping. No permits shall be issued until a summary of the *project* is transmitted and posted for at least 5 calendar days.

2. Process for a Permanent Project

A project, other than a sign, that is eligible to become a Permanent Project, may seek Permanent Project status from City Council by way of Resolution that is separate and distinct from any planning or zoning action, as outlined below.

a. Review Process

A project seeking eligibility through City Council Resolution must meet all the applicability requirements in Subsection B. (Applicability), above. Projects within the coastal zone are subject to Coastal Development Program requirements, including coastal development procedures pursuant to Div. 13B.9. (Coastal Development).

b. Authority

The City Council shall have the discretion and authority to establish a *project's* eligibility for the regulatory relief provided in this Section through the adoption of a Resolution upon satisfying the findings set forth in *Subparagraph f. (Findings)*, below.

c. Application

Applicants for a Permanent Project must apply and any City Council Resolution pursuant to *Subparagraph e. (Council Procedures)* must be adopted before February 27, 2029 and the applicant must file a building permit application with the Department of Building and Safety.

d. Conditions

The City Council shall have the authority to add, modify, and/or remove conditions to an existing quasi-judicial approval to make an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project permanent. Any changes to existing conditions shall be detailed within the Resolution and the applicant shall be responsible for recording and applying any changes through the appropriate bodies, including, but not limited to, the Department of City Planning.

e. **Council Procedures**

- i. A Resolution, if presented and at the discretion of the City Council, must be presented at a meeting of the City Council and shall include relevant project information including a project description, Assessor Parcel Number(s) (APN), and an address.
- ii. The City Council shall conduct a public hearing before taking action on a proposed Permanent Project. If the City Council proposes any modification to a Resolution, that proposed modification must be considered and the City Council shall either adopt or reject the proposed amendment by Resolution.
- iii. Before adopting a Resolution, the City Council must make and satisfy the findings outlined in *Subparagraph f. (Findings)*, below, and shall adopt the written findings of fact supporting the decision within the Resolution.
- iv. A Resolution must be adopted by majority vote of the City Council.
- v. If a Permanent Project is determined to be eligible and is approved through the City Council Resolution, the applicant for the Permanent Project shall file a permit application with the Department of Building and Safety for the Permanent Project as approved.

f. **Findings**

Despite any other provision of this *Div. 1.7*, the City Council may approve a Permanent Project only if the City Council finds on the basis of evidence in the record that each of the following is true:

- i. The project meets the definition of an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project, and is otherwise eligible to become a Permanent project under this *Div. 1.7*;
- ii. The project substantially conforms to findings from applicable previous entitlements, if any;
- iii. That the project is or was essential to the successful delivery of the Games and its exclusion would or

would have jeopardized the successful execution of the Games;

- iv. That the project will be beneficial to the community and will have a lasting benefit beyond the Games;
- v. That the project substantially conforms to the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan and otherwise conforms with public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice;
- vi. If the project was a Temporary Project, that the project was a Temporary Project approved under this *Div. 1.7*; and
- vii. That the project has been reviewed under and is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Section 21000, *et seq.*

g. Notice

An adopted City Council Resolution for an Olympic and/or Paralympic Project granted permanent relief shall be transmitted to the Council File Management System for public record keeping.

Sec. 3. STYLE AND FORMATTING CORRECTIONS. City Planning prior to publishing the Code shall ensure all of the following style and formatting corrections are made in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code in consultation with the City Attorney's Office:

A. All numbering of chapters, articles, parts, divisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sub-subparagraphs, and sub-sub-subparagraphs shall match the existing numbering format, style, and hierarchy in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (e.g., all numbering ends with a period, except sub-sub-subparagraphs which are punctuated with a parenthetical).

B. Formatting and typeface style for all headings shall match the existing formatting and typeface style in Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including the following, paragraph breaks after subsection headers, no periods at the end of headers, headers of divisions and sections in all caps, and headers of subsections or any lower ordinal in title case with the first letter of each word capitalized.

C. All internal citations to the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall match the formatting and style of the existing Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including adding periods at the end of the citation number, including the title that matches the cited section in parenthesis after the period (e.g., "Sec. 5A.2.2. (Use Applicability))" or "Paragraph 2. (No Net Loss of Dwelling Units)"), and citations to Chapters of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall use Roman numerals for the chapter number and include "of this Code" after the parenthetical of the title of the Chapter (e.g., "Chapter I (General Provisions and Zoning) of this Code"). Internal citations shall be italicized.

D. All internal citations within Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code referring to content modified by this ordinance shall be updated to reflect the latest titles and Section references.

E. All internal citations within Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall be updated to the correct citation where the cited Section number does not exist, but the Section name is stated clearly (e.g. correct "Sec.13.2.10. (Multiple Approvals)" to "Sec. 13A.2.10. (Multiple Approvals)" because Sec. 13.2.10. does not exist).

F. All citations stating "section" shall be updated to "Sec." and those stating "division" shall be updated to "Div." This does not apply to citations internal to the Division or Section being referenced, in which case the full term of Section or Division shall be used (e.g. "The intent of this Section (Roof Materials) is to...").

G. All citations to state law shall be updated to first state the name of the statute, followed by the referenced citation and the title of the referenced citation if available (e.g. California Government Code, Title 7. (Planning and Land Use)).

H. Words and phrases that are included in the Glossary in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall not be capitalized unless they are proper nouns, mapped areas under Article 1 of Chapter 1A, district names, or zone string components. Any glossary terms used in Chapter 1A shall be indicated by underline in the published Code and linked to the Glossary term in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. Glossary terms to be hyperlinked in this ordinance are italicized. But even if not italicized in this ordinance, shall be linked if the term is found in the glossary.

I. Consistent with Sec. 11.01. (Definitions and Interpretation), which states that, "the singular number includes the plural, and the plural, the singular," singular or plural versions of existing glossary terms may be added into the Glossary in Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code as needed to ensure exact matches in the use of the term in the text of the LAMC and its entry in the Glossary, which is a requirement of the New Interactive Web-based Zoning Code in order to allow the

definition to appear in the pop-up of a term when the site-user clicks on the term. Terms added shall include a glossary entry redirecting to the originally defined term (e.g. Applicable Story: See *applicable stories*).

J. Any defined term that is modified or added by this ordinance shall also have the same edit made to the secondary location in the list of defined terms housed in Division 14.3 of Article 14 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

K. All fonts and/or typeface and spacing and layout (including indentations) of text, headings, graphs and tables, and colors shall match that of the existing published Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

L. All numbers shall be written in accordance with the following protocol:

- a. Numbers one through nine shall be written out, unless within a table.
- b. Numbers written as the first word of sentence shall be written out (e.g. "One hundred percent of all affordable housing...").
- c. Fractions and numbers including fractions shall be displayed as numerals (e.g. "½" instead of "one-half", and 1½ instead of "one and ½").
- d. Ordinance numbers shall be written so that "Ordinance number" is abbreviated and includes a comma after 3 digits, and includes the effective or operative dates (e.g. "...as established by Ord. No. 176,445 (effective 3/9/05)...").
- e. FAR numbers and ratios remain per drafting standard.
 - i. Example: "... a FAR of 2.5:1 shall be...",
- f. Zoning District numbers remain as a number.
 - i. Example: "...those lots with a Density District 6 or more restrictive..."

M. All instances of the percentage symbol (%) shall be updated to "percent" or "percentage" as appropriate unless the percentage is shown within a table, in which case the percentage symbol (%) shall be used.

N. All instances of reference to an Ordinance number intended to refer to the ordinance being published shall be updated to include the Ordinance number issued prior to publication.

Sec. 4. **SEVERABILITY.** If any portion, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this article is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this article. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this article and each portion or subsection, sentence, clause and phrase herein, irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Sec. 5. **URGENCY.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication, in accordance with Charter Section 253. The immediate adoption and operation of the Ordinance is imperative for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety in preparation for the Olympic and Paralympic Games which are expected to attract over 10 million people to the City of Los Angeles. The immediate operation of the Ordinance will facilitate the orderly delivery of Games-related facilities, installations, uses, and/or activities for the direct benefit of athletes, officials, spectators, visitors, and/or residents at approved competition and non-competition venues. In order to address the public peace, health, and safety needs of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the regulations contained in this Ordinance must take effect immediately. For all of these reasons, this Ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Section 253 of the Los Angeles City Charter.

Sec. 6. **EXPIRATION.** Section 12.22 A.41. of Chapter I, and Div. 1.7. (2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games Exemptions) of Chapter 1A, of the LAMC shall have no further force and effect after February 27, 2029, and shall be removed from the LAMC.

Sec. 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By



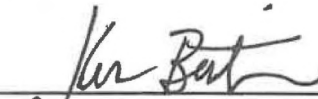
K. LUCY ATWOOD
Deputy City Attorney

Date

August 19, 2026

File No. 15-0989-S47

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I **disapprove** this ordinance on behalf of the City Planning Commission and recommend that it **not** be adopted.



VINCENT P. BERTONI, AICP
Director of Planning

Date

August 19, 2026

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK



MAYOR



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