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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., the Escondido City Council of the City of Escondido will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following item:

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders, including N-25-20 and N-29-20: Certain Brown Act requirements for the holding of a public meeting have been temporarily suspended and members of the Planning Commission and staff will participate in this meeting via teleconference. In the interest of reducing the spread of COVID-19, members of the public are encouraged to submit their agenda and non-agenda comments online at the following link <https://www.escondido.org/public-comment-form.aspx>. Council Chambers will be closed, no public allowed.

Public Comment: To submit comments in writing, please do so at the following link: <https://www.escondido.org/public-comment-form.aspx>. If you would like to have the comment read out loud at the meeting (not to exceed three minutes), please write "Read Out Loud" in the subject line. All comments received from the public will be made a part of the record of the meeting. The meeting will be available for viewing via public television on Cox Communications Channel 19 (Escondido only). The meeting will also be live streamed online at the following link: <https://www.escondido.org/> and click on the graphic showing "live stream - meeting in progress".

### **ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – PL20-0636:**

**REQUEST:** A series of Escondido Municipal Code and Zoning Code Amendments to address changes in state laws, correct errors, and clarify or improve existing regulations. The proposal involves minor amendments to Article 1 of Chapter 32 of the Municipal Code; and Article 1 (General Provisions and Definitions), Article 6 (Residential Zones), Article 16 (Commercial Zones), Article 26 (Industrial Zones), Article 39 (Off-Street Parking), Article 40 (Historical Resources), Article 57 (Miscellaneous Use Restrictions), Article 70 (Accessory Dwelling Units) of the Escondido Zoning Code. The proposal also includes the adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project.

**PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION:** Citywide

**ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS:** The Municipal Code and Zoning Code Amendments is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2), which provides that a project does not include general policy and procedure making. The adoption of this Municipal Code Amendment is also not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), which provides that a project does not include organizational and administrative action of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. In the alternative, the City has determined that if the adoption of the Amendments is a project, it is subject to exemption. The project would be categorically exempt from environmental review in conformance with CEQA Section 15061(b)(3). The activity is covered by the general rule ("common sense" rule) that exempts activities that can be seen with certainty to have no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment. Approval would not individually or cumulatively result in the possibility of creating significant effects on the environment because the proposed Amendments only updates and expands upon Citywide policy and does not create a "physical condition" that will impact the environment for the purposes of CEQA. The Amendments address changes in state laws, correct errors, and clarify existing regulations. Therefore, the proposed Municipal Code Amendment is not subject to CEQA and no further environmental review is necessary.

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:** On November 10, 2020 the Planning Commission voted 7-0-0 to recommend approval to the City Council.

If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The City of Escondido recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to public services for individuals with disabilities. Please contact the American Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) coordinator (760) 839-4643 with any requests for reasonable accommodations at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The City of Escondido does not discriminate against any person with a handicapped status. All interested persons are invited to view the meeting.

**For additional information, please contact Mike Strong  
(760) 839-4556, and refer to Case No. PL20-0636.**

ZACK BECK, City Clerk  
City of Escondido  
December 1, 2020