



**CITY OF COSTA MESA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Monday – July 13, 2020
MEETING DECISIONS**

***IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The purpose of this summary is to provide timely information regarding the Planning Commission's actions at this meeting. Planning Commission modifications to conditions of approval are shown in underline/strikeout format. For more detailed information regarding the Commission's actions, please see the **meeting minutes** for this Planning Commission meeting. You may also contact the Planning Division at (714) 754-5245 for more information.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 1. A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL GIVE FIRST READING TO AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13 OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL (ZONING CODE) TO CLEAN UP INTERNAL INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN VARIOUS CHAPTERS OF THE ZONING CODE AND TO CONFORM TO RECENT REVISIONS TO AND REQUIREMENTS OF STATE LAW (CODE AMENDMENT CO-2020-02)**

Project Description: Zoning Code update (CO-2020-02) amending Title 13 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code to clean up internal inconsistencies between various chapters of the Zoning Code and to conform to recent revisions to and requirements of State law. The update includes revisions to the following chapters:

- Chapter I, Article 2: Definitions
- Chapter III, Planning Applications
- Chapter IV, Land Use Matrix
- Chapter V, Residential Development Standards
- Chapter V, Commercial and Industrial Development Standards
- Chapter V, Planned Development – Master Plan
- Chapter VI, Off-site Parking Standards
- Chapter VII, Landscape Standards
- Chapter VIII, Sign Standards
- Chapter IX, Wireless Antennas

This item was continued from the June 22, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.

Environmental Determination: The ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule).

Planning Commission adopted a Resolution finding that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)(General Rule exemption) and recommended that the City Council give first reading to an Ordinance approving Code Amendment CO-2020-02, amending Title 13 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code (Zoning Code) with the following modifications:

Section 13-101 – Landscape Standards

13-101.1. Applicability.

(a) The provisions of this chapter apply to all zoning districts in the city, except in R-1 zones; however, landscaping in the R-1 zone is required to provide a combination of shrubs, ground cover and or trees in all visible landscape setbacks visible from public right-of-way. Landscaping in the R-1 zone is exempt from provisions of 13-106 (a) (1) through and 13-106 (a) (4).

Section 13-106 (e)

(e) Artificial plants are prohibited, but artificial turf may be installed in up to 50 percent of the yard area visible from the public right-of-way subject to approval of the Planning Division (Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97; Ord. No. 99-13, § 2, 9-20-99; Ord. No. 10-2, § 3e., 2-2-10; Ord. No. 16-03, § 2, 3-1-16)

Approved, 7-0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF SYSTEMIC INEQUALITY AND THE FORMATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THIS TOPIC

Description: At the Planning Commission meeting of June 22, 2020, the Planning Commission directed staff to work with the Chair and Commissioner Perkins to develop a summary letter (Attachment 1) to the City Council requesting the formation of a Human Relations and Equity Committee and to establish a Planning Commission working group to work with the City's Housing Element consultant to ensure that the issues of equity and equal opportunity for housing in Costa Mesa are addressed. The Planning Commission directed staff to bring the letter back to the Commission at its next meeting regarding the formation of a Human Relations and Equity Committee for consideration by the entire Commission.

Planning Commission's motion was to send the letter to City Council with the added language as provided by the Chair.

Approved, 6-1

Commissioner Zich voting no

Next Meeting: Planning Commission regular meeting, July 27, 2020, 6 PM