

ORDINANCE NO. 21-1152

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO MODIFY DRIVEWAY WIDTH REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES, CITYWIDE, IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HEREBY FINDS, RESOLVES, AND ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Zone Text Amendment is to amend driveway width requirements for residential projects in residential zoning districts in conformance with Zoning Interpretation 20-0001, issued by the Director of the Planning and Development Services. The City's needs to keep the driveway widths and driveway aprons at the public right-of-way line the absolute minimum width possible. The maximum driveway width is being amended to be determined based on the number of parking spaces.

SECTION 2. A public hearing was duly noticed for the Planning Commission meeting of April 15, 2021 by publication in the Beverly Press newspaper, the West Hollywood Independent Newspaper, and the City website and by announcement on City Channel 6 by April 1, 2021. The Planning Commission adopted Resolution 21-1404 that recommended adoption of the zone text amendments to the City Council with some clarifying language added for ease of use.

SECTION 3. A public hearing was duly noticed for the City Council meeting of May 3, 2021 by publication in the Beverly Press newspaper, the West Hollywood Independent Newspaper, and the City website and by announcement on City Channel 6 by April 22, 2021.

SECTION 4. The proposed zone text amendment is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. Section 15061 states that CEQA applies only to "projects" that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The proposed zone text amendment clarifies existing standards and does not commit the City to any future action, a particular project, or grant any specific approval that would have a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect environmental impact pursuant to CEQA. (See 14 C.C.R. § 15060(c).) Further, because the proposed zone text amendment does not have the potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, the approval of the proposed zone text amendment is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act, and no further action under CEQA is required. (See 14 C.C.R. § 15378.)

SECTION 5. The City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby finds that this amendment is consistent with the Goals and Policies of the General Plan, specifically Goal LU-8: Maintain and enhance residential neighborhoods, as this amendment will help facilitate the presence of on-street parking, street trees, safe lines of sight, and a walkable community to its residents and visitors.

SECTION 6. Subsection 19.28.130(B)(3), of Chapter 19.28 of Title 19 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 3. Driveway Width. Driveway pavement width shall be determined based on the number of parking spaces accessed by the driveway, as detailed below:
 - a. Up to 12 Parking Spaces: The allowable driveway pavement width is 10 feet (includes driveway ramp conditions going subterranean or going up to above-ground structures and on-grade driveways.)
 - b. 13 to 25 Parking Spaces: The minimum driveway pavement width is 10 feet wide for a single-car width and up to 18 foot wide maximum for two-car widths. Up to a 20 feet wide maximum driveway may be requested when the design incorporates a median or divider element with a call box or access reader, integrates mirrors at the top and bottom of ramps, and is accompanied by operational protocols governing entry and exiting priorities.
 - c. 26 Parking Spaces or greater: The allowable driveway pavement width shall be 18 feet for two-car width with up to 20 feet maximum if design incorporates a median or divider element with a call box or access reader, integrates mirrors at the top and bottom of ramps, and is accompanied by operational protocols governing entry and exiting priorities.
 - d. Exception: The Director of Public Works may approve driveway widths up to 24 feet where an applicant demonstrates a physical lack of design alternatives, the presence of special conditions, or a unique intensity of vehicular traffic in a residential use.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 17th day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Erickson, Shyne, Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, and Mayor Horvath.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

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ATTEST:
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Melissa Crowder

MELISSA CROWDER, ACTING CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD)

I, MELISSA CROWDER, Acting City Clerk of the City of West Hollywood, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 21-1152 was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2021, after having its first reading at the regular meeting of said City Council on the 3rd day of May, 2021.

I further certify that this ordinance was posted in three public places as provided for in Resolution No. 5, adopted the 29th day of November, 1984.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 18th DAY OF MAY, 2021.

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Melissa Crowder

MELISSA CROWDER, ACTING CITY CLERK