Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead

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STATUS REPORT ON AMENDMENT TO TITLE 22 (ZONING ORDINANCE) TO ENHANCE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY (JULY 17, 2012 AGENDA, ITEM No. 3)

On July 17, 2012, your Board adopted a motion instructing the Director of Regional Planning to revise Title 22 to: 1) provide definitions of emergency and non-emergency ambulance service facilities, including definitions of the different types of emergency service facilities; 2) permit appropriate types of emergency ambulance service facilities to be located in specified commercial and manufacturing zones subject to a ministerial process; 3) provide appropriate permitting standards and processes applicable to the remaining types of emergency ambulance service facilities, as well as to non-emergency facilities in specified commercial and manufacturing zones; and 4) direct the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) to conduct a public hearing and forward its recommendation on the proposed ordinance revisions to the Board for its consideration.

STEPS TAKEN TO COMPLETE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Staff has completed the following actions:

- Developed a summary report detailing issues with current provisions within the zoning code and recommendations to address the concerns of the Board.
- Developed a project timeline for completing the ordinance amendment with a public hearing to the RPC in February 2013.

NEXT STEPS IN COMPLETING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

DRP staff, in collaboration with County Counsel, must still complete the following tasks before preparing a final revised draft ordinance:

- Conduct research on other jurisdictions' regulations.
- Collect community and stakeholder input.
- Draft preliminary ordinance that addresses all actions within the Board Motion.
- Conduct internal (DRP) and other County departments' reviews.
- Draft final ordinance.
- Prepare Initial Study.
- Complete ordinance amendment process and present at a public hearing to the RPC.

PROJECTED TIMELINE FOR COMPLETING REFERRAL

Staff considered all aspects of this ordinance amendment and estimates that a final draft can be prepared and presented to the Regional Planning Commission by February 2013. Board action is expected approximately 6-8 weeks thereafter. Staff will report back to your Board on the progress of this project in November 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Bruce Durbin in the Ordinance Studies Section at (213) 974-6432.

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