



# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



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June 28, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

50 June 28, 2022

  
CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**COUNTY CODE CONSISTENCY WITH TITLE 22 ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Department of Regional Planning (Department) requests that your Board approve and adopt the County Code Consistency with Title 22 Ordinance, which corrects outdated regulations and references to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning of the Los Angeles County Code in eleven Titles in the County Code: Title 2 – Administration, Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees, Title 7 – Business Licenses, Title 12 – Environmental Protection, Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare, Title 15 – Vehicles and Traffic, Title 16 – Highways, Title 20 – Utilities, Title 21 – Subdivisions, Title 26 – Building Code, and Title 32 – Fire Code. A summary and the Ordinance are attached to this letter.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that approval of the Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record; and
2. Introduce, waive reading, and place the Ordinance on an agenda for adoption.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Ordinance corrects outdated regulations and references to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning of the Los Angeles County Code in eleven Titles in the County Code. Over the

years, the Department adopted numerous ordinances to amend Title 22. However, regulations and references to Title 22 in other Titles in the Los Angeles County Code were not updated as part of these ordinances.

### **Key Components**

The Ordinance includes the following key components:

#### **Section 2.108.060**

Deletes Section 2.108.060 because Ordinance No. 2019-0053 (Density Bonus Ordinance) amended Title 22 and authorized the Director of the Department to grant a time extension per Section 22.166.050.D.

#### **Section 7.55.010**

Updates the definition in Section 7.55.010 to refer to the California Health and Safety Code because Ordinance No. 2017-0025 (Cannabis Ban Ordinance) deleted the definition in Title 22.

#### **Section 12.04.020**

Adds “County contractors” to Section 12.04.020 to clarify that the County may use processing fees to pay consultants that are necessary to provide the County with special expertise on environmental documents. This addition is consistent with Section 22.246.050.

#### **Various Sections in the Los Angeles County Code**

Updates references in the following Sections of the Los Angeles County Code because Ordinance No. 2019-0004 (Technical Update to Title 22 Ordinance) reorganized and improved the administration and implementation of Title 22: Section 3.30.080, Section 7.92.030, Section 7.92.040, Section 12.84.430, Section 13.12.030, Section 13.41.010, Section 15.64.056, Section 15.64.057, Section 15.64.075, Section 15.64.341, Section 16.27.050, Section 20.88.070, Section 21.16.015, Section 21.16.060, Section 21.16.075, Section 21.24.065, Section 21.44.050, Section 21.56.010, Section 21.56.020, Section 21.60.030, Section 21.60.070, Section 107.6, Section 107.8, and Section 328.9.1.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The Ordinance is consistent with the principles of County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Department does not anticipate any fiscal impact on the County. The Ordinance makes only administrative changes to the Los Angeles County Code and will not impact operations for any County Department.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Ordinance shall comply with California Government Code sections 25120 through 25132 regarding the adoption of ordinances. County Counsel prepared the Ordinance at the request of the Department.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The Ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The Ordinance is also exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3). The Ordinance is administrative in nature and corrects outdated regulations and references in the Los Angeles County Code. The Ordinance has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. There is no possibility that the implementation of the Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

Approval of the Ordinance will not significantly impact County services.

For further information, please contact Adrienne Ng at (213) 974-6432 or [ang@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:ang@planning.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

1. Summary
2. Ordinance

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       Chief Executive Office  
       Consumer and Business Affairs  
       County Counsel  
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       Treasurer Tax Collector

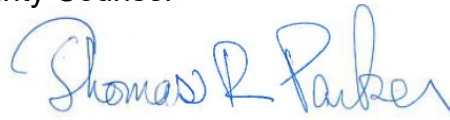
## ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends the Los Angeles County Code, Title 2 – Administration, Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees, Title 7 – Business Licenses, Title 12 – Environmental Protection, Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare, Title 15 – Vehicles and Traffic, Title 16 – Highways, Title 20 – Utilities, Title 21 – Subdivisions, Title 26 – Building Code, and Title 32 – Fire Code, to update and correct outdated references to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning.

Very truly yours,

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending the Los Angeles County Code, Title 2 – Administration, Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees, Title 12 – Environmental Protection, Title 13 – Public Peace, Morals and Welfare, Title 15 – Vehicles and Traffic, Title 16 – Highways, Title 20 – Utilities, Title 21 – Subdivisions, Title 26 – Building Code, and Title 32 – Fire Code, to update and correct outdated references to Title 22 – Planning and Zoning.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2.108.060 is hereby deleted in its entirety:

~~**2.108.060 Authority to grant extensions for certain construction work.**~~

~~Upon application of a nonprofit corporation organized to provide low-income housing for the poor or the elderly, the regional planning commission may extend the time within which a conditional use permit or variance must be used up to an additional one-year period over and above that already provided for in Sections 22.56.140 and 22.56.180 of Title 22 of this code, provided that the application requesting such additional extension is filed prior to the expiration of the first such extension.~~

**SECTION 2.** Section 3.30.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3.30.080 Powers and Duties.**

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B. The Commission shall consult with the Director of the Department of Regional Planning of the County of Los Angeles where required by ~~Part 26 of Chapter 22.52168 of Title 22~~ of this eCode in connection with the Los Angeles County Mills Act Program.

C. The Commission shall have and exercise the powers, and shall perform the duties, set forth in ~~Part 28 of Chapter 22.52124 of Title 22 (Historic Preservation Ordinance)~~ of this eCode.

**SECTION 3.** Section 7.55.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**7.55.010 Definitions.**

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F. "Medical marijuana dispensary" means any facility or location ~~as defined in section 22.08.130 M of this code~~ that distributes, transmits, gives, or otherwise provides medical marijuana to qualified patients or primary caregivers, in accordance with California Health and Safety Code sections 11362.5 through 11362.85, inclusive, commonly referred to as the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 and the Medical Marijuana Program.

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**SECTION 4.** Section 7.92.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**7.92.030 License pPrerequisite – Application pProcess.**

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C. In addition to the information required by Chapter 7.06, the owner shall submit the following information and items to the tax collector at the time of applying for either a new adult business license or a renewal of an adult business license:

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5. Documentation evidencing successful completion of the processes and receipt of the approvals required under Chapter ~~22.62~~150 of this Code. In cases where such documentation is unavailable at the time the application is filed with the tax collector, any action by the business license commission granting an adult business license shall be conditioned upon the applicant providing to the tax collector the documentation required by this Subsection, and no adult business license shall be valid unless and until such documentation has been provided to the tax collector.

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**SECTION 5.** Section 7.92.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**7.92.040 License aApproval – Standards.**

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D. The business license commission shall approve and issue an adult business license if the application and evidence submitted show that:

1. The adult business complies with all applicable requirements of Chapter ~~22.62~~150; and

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**SECTION 6.** Section 12.04.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**12.04.020 Processing Fees.\***

A. For the purpose of defraying the expenses involved in connection with the review and processing of environmental documents, the following fees and deposits shall apply:

1. Environmental Impact Reports – Minimum Filing Fees and Deposit Requirements.

a. Initial Deposit Requirements. The applicant shall pay the following minimum initial deposit fee to the Department of Regional Planning from which actual costs by all County departments and County contractors involved in the review and processing of such documents shall be billed and deducted:

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**SECTION 7.** Section 12.84.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**12.84.430 Applicability.**

A. Designated Projects. The following development projects shall comply with the provisions of ~~s~~Subsection C of Section 12.84.440, below:

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8. New development located in or directly adjacent to or discharging directly to a Significant Ecological Area ("SEA"), as defined in Section ~~22.08.190~~14.190 of ~~Title 22~~ of this Code, which will discharge storm water runoff that is likely to impact a sensitive biological species or habitat and create two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet or more of impervious surface area; and

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D. Single Family Hillside Homes. In addition to complying with all other applicable provisions of Section 12.84.440, development projects involving the construction of a single-family home in a hillside management area (as defined in Section ~~22.08.080~~14.080 of Title ~~22~~ of this Code) shall implement the following measures:

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**SECTION 8.** Section 13.12.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**13.12.030 Unlawful to ~~a~~Apply ~~g~~Graffiti – Prohibition of ~~d~~Defacement.**

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C. It is also unlawful for any person to erect, construct, place or maintain any signboard, billboard, sign or advertisement in, over or on any public highway of the ~~e~~County of Los Angeles with the exception of ~~public transportation signs as provided in Section 22.52.970 of Title 22 of this code and~~ signs and advertisements of a temporary or seasonal nature and of general community interest that may be authorized as provided in Title 16, Division 1 of this ~~e~~Code.

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**SECTION 9.** Section 13.41.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**13.41.010 Definitions.**

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C. "Residential zone" means residential zones as defined in Section ~~22.20.010~~18.020 of this eCode.

**SECTION 10.** Section 15.64.056 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**15.64.056 Altadena District – Parking Restrictions for eCommercial vehicles.**

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B. The boundaries of the Altadena District are coterminous with the boundaries of the Altadena Community Standards District as set forth in Section ~~22.44.127~~Chapter 22.306 of Title ~~22: Planning and Zoning~~ of this eCode.

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**SECTION 11.** Section 15.64.057 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**15.64.057 La Crescenta-Montrose District – Parking Restriction for Commercial Vehicles.**

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B. The boundaries of the La Crescenta-Montrose District are coterminous with the boundaries of the La Crescenta-Montrose Community Standards District as set forth in Section ~~22.44.139~~Chapter 22.328 of Title ~~22: Planning and Zoning~~ of this Code.

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**SECTION 12.** Section 15.64.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**15.64.075 Ladera Heights, View Park/Windsor Hills, Marina del Rey, Altadena, Long Beach, South Whittier/East Whittier/East La Mirada, West Whittier/Los Nietos, and Whittier Districts – Parking Restriction.**

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C. Districts.

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4. The boundaries of the Altadena District are coterminous with the boundaries of the Altadena Community Standards District as set forth in ~~Section 22.44.127~~Chapter 22.306 of Title 22, Planning and Zoning, of this eCode.

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**SECTION 13.** Section 15.64.341 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**15.64.341 Displaying Vehicle for Sale – Prohibited on Certain County Streets and County Park Facilities.**

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A. Any location on a major highway or secondary highway, as defined in Sections ~~22.08.130~~14.130 or ~~22.08.190~~14.190, respectively, of this ~~Los Angeles County~~ Code, which is posted with signage reflecting the prohibition, based upon a determination by the Department of Public Works, that one or more of the conditions described in ~~§~~Subsection J of Section 15.64.340 exists at such location.

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**SECTION 14.** Section 16.27.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**16.27.050 Permit – Fee.**

Each applicant for an annual outdoor sidewalk dining permit under this eChapter shall pay a nonrefundable permit application fee of \$1,300.00 ~~in addition to any fee imposed pursuant to Part 12 of Chapter 22.56 of the county code.~~ Each holder of such a permit shall be required to submit a renewal application along with a nonrefundable fee of \$409.00 each year to obtain a new annual permit. On July 1st of each year, each fee imposed by this sSection shall be reviewed by the commissioner and the amount of each fee shall be adjusted as follows: Calculate the percentage of movement between March of the previous year and March of the current year in the CPI for all urban consumers in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim areas, as published by the United States Government Bureau of Labor Statistics, adjust each fee by said percentage amount, and round up to the nearest dollar. No adjustment shall increase any fee to an amount more than the amount necessary to recover the reasonable cost of providing the services for which the fee is imposed.

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**SECTION 15.** Section 20.88.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**20.88.070 Enforcement oOrder, aAdministrative pPenalty, and aAppeals.**

A. Enforcement Order.

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3. The director's issuance of an enforcement order shall be final unless an appeal from the order has been filed as provided in Section ~~2220~~.88.070.C.

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**SECTION 16.** Section 21.16.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**21.16.015 Building Location and Access Restrictions – Exhibit Map.**

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H. The Director of Regional Planning may approve an amendment to an approved exhibit map at any time prior to the expiration of the tentative map, or at any time after recordation of the final map as long as the final map remains valid, subject to the following requirements:

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2. An amendment to the exhibit map shall be limited to building placement, driveway design – including location and width, walkway and landscaping design, the details of the cross-section(s), as required by ~~s~~Subsection B of this ~~s~~Section, the size and number of buildings within the proposed project, and setback modifications authorized by Section ~~22.48.180~~ of the Zoning Ordinance 110.90 (Modifications Authorized) of this Code.

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**SECTION 17.** Section 21.16.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**21.16.060 Public Hearings.**

Prior to the approval by the advisory agency of any tentative map, including a tentative minor land division map, submitted pursuant to this Title 21, a public hearing shall be held before the advisory agency. The public hearing shall be conducted in accordance with ~~Part 4 of Chapter 22.60 of this code~~ Sections 22.222.120 (Public Hearing Procedure) and 22.222.220 (Notice of Action) of this Code, and notice thereof shall be provided in the manner prescribed by Section 21.16.070 of this Title 21. Any interested person may appear at such a hearing and shall be heard.

**SECTION 18.** Section 21.16.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**21.16.075 Posting.**

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F. Content and Lettering. Major block-style letters three inches in height shall state: "NOTICE OF HEARING." Minor letters one and one-half inches in height shall specify the case number and the phone number to be called for information. A notice of hearing the same as that specified by ~~subsection (A)(2) of Section 22.60.174~~ 222.180 (Publication) of this Code indicating the time, date and location of the public hearing, the subdivision case number, a telephone number which may be called for information about the proposed division of land, and a map showing the exterior boundaries of the proposed land division in relation to the adjoining public roads, shall be securely affixed to the sign;

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**SECTION 19.** Section 21.24.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**21.24.065 Right-of-way and Roadway Width Requirements –**

**Cross-section Diagrams.**

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B. Width of Limited Secondary Highways. Where the advisory agency finds that the traffic or drainage conditions warrant, the area indicated by the asterisk in Diagram 3 shall be shown as a future or dedicated right-of-way. If such finding is not made, said area shall be subject to the provisions specified by Section ~~22.48.115~~110.080.E (Limited Secondary Highways) of this Code. Other yard requirements established by ~~Chapters 22.20 through 22.40~~ of Title ~~22~~Division 3 (Zones) and any Combining Zone identified in Section 22.06.030 (Combining Zones) of this Code shall be in addition to said provisions.

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**SECTION 20.** Section 21.44.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**21.44.050 Matters Required for Submittal.**

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F. Fees paid to the Department of Regional Planning in accordance with Chapter ~~22.268~~ (Affordable Housing Fee) of this Code, if applicable.

**SECTION 21.** Section 21.56.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**21.56.010 Procedures – Submittal and dDetermination.**

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D. All appeals shall be submitted within the time period required by, and acted upon in the manner prescribed by section 66452.5 of the Government Code. If the last day of the appeal period provided for in section 66452.5 falls on a non-business day of the applicable appellate body, then the last day of such appeal period is extended to the next business day. Notwithstanding the time limits for appeals set forth in ~~Part 5 of Chapter 22.60~~ Section 22.222.230 (Effective Date of Decision and Appeals) of ~~Title 22~~ this Code, the time period in which to file an appeal as set forth in this ~~s~~ Subsection D shall also apply to the appeal of any permit or other entitlement concurrently acted upon under Title 22 of this ~~e~~ Code which concerns, in whole or in part, the same tentative map, parcel map, or request for waiver.

**SECTION 22.** Section 21.56.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**21.56.020 Fees.\***

A. Fee for Appeals to the Board of Supervisors.

1. Processing Fee for Applicant Appeal of Decision. Upon filing of an appeal with the Board of Supervisors, the appellant shall pay a processing fee, in an amount determined by the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board, to be ample to cover the cost of a hearing to be held by the Board. The appellant shall also pay a processing fee in the amount of \$8,099.00 to be applied to the Department of Regional Planning to cover the costs of the appeal. The provisions of this ~~s~~ Subsection shall not apply to an appeal deemed to be filed pursuant to ~~s~~ Subsection C of Section 21.56.010.

Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~subsection A of Section 22.60.230~~ Chapter 22.240 (Appeals) of ~~Title 22~~ this Code, when an appeal of a decision made under this Title 21 is

filed with an appeal of any permit or other entitlement concurrently acted upon under Title 22 which concerns, in whole or in part, the same tentative map, parcel map, or request for waiver, only the fee set forth in this section must be paid for all such appeals.

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**SECTION 23.** Section 21.60.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**21.60.030 Certificate of eCompliance – For uUndersized parcels.**

Where a certificate of compliance has been issued for a parcel of less than required area that was created prior to March 4, 1972, the owner may request:

A. A review by the director, pursuant to ~~the provisions of Part 12 of Chapter 22.56~~ Chapter 22.226 (Type I Review – Ministerial) of this Code, to determine satisfaction of the following criteria:

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4. The setbacks of the underlying zone will be adhered to, unless a modification has been received pursuant to ~~Section 22.48.480~~ 110.190 (Modifications Authorized), and

5. There is sufficient area available on the parcel of land to provide automobile storage for the land use intended, as required by ~~Part 11 of Chapter 22.52~~ 112 (Parking), and

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B. Approval of a variance pursuant to ~~the provisions of Part 2 of Chapter 22.56~~ 194 (Variances).

**SECTION 24.** Section 21.60.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**21.60.070 Coastal ~~d~~Development ~~p~~Permit ~~r~~Required.**

The ~~d~~Director shall impose a condition that a coastal development permit be obtained in accordance with ~~Part 17,~~ Chapter 22.56 (Coastal Development Permits) of ~~Title 22~~this Code for a certificate of compliance that meets the following criteria:

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**SECTION 25.** Section 107.6 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**107.6 Plan Checking Fees for Grading.**

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Fees for the review of grading plans submitted in connection with parcel maps, tract maps, conditional use permits or other permits required by Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code, are set forth in Title 21, Section 21.44.065, Title 22, ~~Section 22.60.137~~Chapter 22.250, and Title 32, Section 320.

**SECTION 26.** Section 107.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**107.8 Plan Checking Fees for Landscaping.**

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Fees for the review of landscaping plans submitted in connection with parcel maps, tract maps, conditional use permits or other permits required by Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code, are set forth in Title 21, Section 21.44.065, Title 22, ~~Section 22.60.137~~Chapter 22.250, and Title 32, Sections 317 and 320.

**SECTION 27.** Section 328.9.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**328.9.1**

When an oak tree report is referred to the Fire Department for review, pursuant to ~~Title 22, Section 22.56.2140~~174.050, of the ~~County~~ Code, a fee shall be paid to the Fire Department based on the number of trees identified for review in the oak tree report, as follows:

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