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The County of Los Angeles contracts with ambulance service providers to provide emergency medical services to the unincorporated areas of the County. These emergency providers are required to meet certain response time mandates and, therefore, must strategically locate their facilities throughout the unincorporated area. However, current zoning restrictions do not provide adequate locations in all unincorporated communities to enable emergency providers to establish facilities that meet emergency response time requirements.

To enhance emergency response for ambulance services for the unincorporated areas of the County, the Zoning Ordinance needs to be amended. Adequate locations need to be identified for emergency ambulance service providers so the health and safety needs of the various communities can be met, while minimizing any potential impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods.

The Zoning Ordinance should be amended to differentiate between emergency and non-emergency ambulance service facilities and to allow certain types of emergency facilities to be located in appropriate commercial and manufacturing zones through a ministerial approval process. The Zoning Ordinance should also be amended to provide appropriate permit standards and processes for other types of emergency as well as non-emergency ambulance service facilities in commercial and manufacturing zones.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Department of Regional Planning Revise Title 22 (Zoning Ordinance) 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 to conduct a public hearing and forward its recommendation on the proposed ordinance revisions to the Board for its consideration.

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