

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

NOVEMBER 27, 2012

On January 31, 2012, at my request, the Board of Supervisors instructed the Department of Regional Planning to prepare an ordinance to amend Title 22 (Planning and Zoning Ordinance) of the County Code to allow secondhand stores in the C-2 (Neighborhood Business) zone throughout the County. Currently, the Planning and Zoning Ordinance limits secondhand stores to Zones C-3, C-M, and all manufacturing zones, and classifies such stores in the same category as used car lots and pawnshops, which have significantly more impacts on surrounding areas. However, other uses that have impacts similar to secondhand stores, such as antique stores, are permitted in Zone C-2. Therefore, in order to better serve the community, to provide consumers with more choices for affordable or specialized products, to reduce as much as possible the amount of discarded items going to landfills, and to promote economic vitality for the secondhand market in the County, it is appropriate to allow secondhand stores to be established in Zone C-2 with some controls for outdoor storage or donation drop-off areas.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

1. Close the public hearing, consider the attached Negative Declaration together with any comments received during the public review process, and find that based on the record before the Board there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County, and therefore adopt the Negative Declaration;
2. Indicate the Board's intent to approve the ordinance to amend Title 22 of the County Code to allow for secondhand stores in Zone C-2 Countywide, along with development standards regulating the use; and
3. Instruct County Counsel to prepare a final ordinance amending Title 22 relating to secondhand stores to bring back to a future Board of Supervisors meeting for the Board's consideration.

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