

ATTACHMENT 1

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT TO REVISE TITLE 16 OF THE MURRIETA MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 16.08.010 AND 16.44.150 RELATED TO GROUP HOMES, SOBER LIVING HOMES, AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Murrieta ("City") proposes an amendment to the City's Development Code for the purpose of revising and updating Sections 16.08.010 and 16.44.150 ("Development Code Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, the Development Code Amendment makes modifications that address sober living homes group homes and residential care facilities; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, the City of Murrieta Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed Development Code Amendment, at which a staff report was presented, and evidence in the record was provided to support the findings required by the Development Code Section 16.58.080; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered and discussed the public comments and written information provided at the public hearing and has determined that the proposed Development Code Amendment is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after notice duly given as required by law, held a public hearing on August 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall council chamber to consider this proposed Ordinance No. ____-25, and heard all arguments for and against this proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of Murrieta does resolve as follows:

Findings and Recommended Approval for Development Code Amendments:

1. The proposed amendment ensures and maintains internal consistency with all of the objectives, policies, general plan land uses, programs and actions of all elements of the general plan;

FACTS: The Development Code is the primary tool for implementing the General Plan, providing regulating standards, identification of permitted uses, and other regulations that support the proper implementation of the General Plan Land Use Element. This Development Code Amendment updates and amends Chapters 16.08, and 16.44 in order to address group homes, sober living homes, and residential care facilities due to the resolution of certain legal issues by the Ninth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals.

2. The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public convenience, health, safety or general welfare of the City;

FACTS: The General Plan promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the City through the listed goals and policies included within each element, the proposed project includes reasonable regulations to ensure that the public convenience, health, safety, and general welfare are protected. The proposed changes would ensure that disabled residents have the same opportunity to enjoy housing as non-disabled residents of the City.

3. The proposed amendment is internally consistent with other applicable provisions of the Development Code.

FACTS: The proposed amendment creates new sections and revises existing new sections within the Development Code related to the topic of group homes, sober living homes, and residential care facilities to ensure there are no inconsistencies.

4. The proposed amendment is in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);

FACTS: The proposed ordinance has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA guidelines, and the City's environmental procedures, and has been found to be exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule) of the CEQA Guidelines, in that the City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the passage of this Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the written information provided, the public comments received, and findings stated above, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the environmental determination and approve the Development Code Amendment amending Chapters 16.08 and 16.44 as shown in the proposed ordinance.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Murrieta, California, held on the 26th day of June 2024.

APPROVED:

Planning Commission Chairperson

ATTEST:

Carl Stiehl, City Planner

I, Carl Stiehl, City Planner, City of Murrieta, California do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on the 13th day of August, 2025 by the following roll call vote:

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER _____

SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER _____

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAINED: _____

Carl Stiehl, City Planner