

Processes and Procedures Ordinance

Questions and Answers

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What is the proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance?

The Processes and Procedures Ordinance will be the second major part of a larger effort to update the City's Zoning Code; the first part was an ordinance creating new single-family zones that went into effect in March 2017. The proposal will lay the groundwork for a more user-friendly set of guidelines. As a part of the proposed action, the new administrative provisions will go into a new Chapter 1A of the Municipal Code and will apply to both the existing Zoning Code (Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code) and the new one when it goes into effect. Chapter 1A will eventually serve as the only Zoning Code for the City of Los Angeles; however, it will be adopted in phases, replacing the content of Chapter 1 over time, and implementing the policies of Community Plans as they are adopted.

What is the Zoning Code?

The Zoning Code contains the City's land use regulations, which are the rules for what you can build on your property and how you can use your property. The Zoning Code also contains the rules for how you can request relief from certain regulations and what types of land use permits you might need.

What would the proposed Processes and Procedures Ordinance do?

A key goal of the proposed ordinance is to improve accessibility to the Zoning Code by making it easier to use and understand. By clearly stating the steps in how the Department evaluates development proposals, all stakeholders can identify the decision makers and the opportunities for public participation. The new set of processes and procedures will retain long-standing opportunities for public comment. Currently, there are over 100 different processes scattered throughout the Zoning Code. For example, there are four types of adjustments for projects subject to overlays – an additional layer of design and building standards. While the same process applies to all four types of adjustments, they have different names and are located in different sections of the Zoning Code. The ordinance consolidates redundant workflows and reduces over 100 processes down to about 50 having unique actions.

How would this ordinance affect my property or my project?

The proposed ordinance involves purely administrative provisions and does not change any land use regulations (i.e. the zoning of a property).

What are the next steps? How can I get more information or share my input?

The Planning Department will give a presentation, answer questions, and conduct a public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the date and time listed below.

PLACE:	Ronald F. Deaton Civic Auditorium, 100 W. 1 st Street, Los Angeles CA 90012
DATE:	Tuesday, June 26, 2018
TIME:	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The public hearing will be held to obtain testimony from affected and/or interested persons regarding this project. The hearing will be conducted by a Hearing Officer who will consider oral testimony and any written communication received regarding this proposed Code amendment, as well as the merits of the draft ordinance as it relates to existing regulations. After the hearings, a recommendation report will be prepared for consideration by the City Planning Commission.

The City Planning Commission will consider the Code amendment at a public meeting, and will make a recommendation to the City Council. The Code amendment will then be considered by the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee, followed by the full City Council.

Please submit comments or questions to: Bonnie Kim at bonnie.kim@lacity.org, (213) 978-1330. In order to be considered in the report to the City Planning Commission, written comments should be received by July 6, 2018. Comments can also be submitted through MarkUp, a document based feedback system, by visiting <https://recode.la/feedback/markup>. Comments received after July 6, 2018 should be addressed to the City Planning Commission at CPC@lacity.org for its consideration.