



**NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
Hybrid Public Meeting – Held in Person and via Zoom
February 26, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

**General Plan and Title 17 (Zoning) Amendments to Implement Housing Element
2023-2031 Programs and Other Amendments to Title 17
(Case Nos. 21-0002-GPA and 23-0007-ORD)**

ATTENTION: The meeting will be held in person and via the Zoom platform. The public may also view the meeting on Goleta Channel 19 and/or online at www.cityofgoleta.org/meetings-agendas.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Goleta Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider recommending to City Council adoption of amendments to the General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan (General Plan) and Title 17 (Zoning) of the Goleta Municipal Code (GMC) related to various topic areas. The City Council will consider any recommendation at a later hearing to adopt amendments to the General Plan and Title 17. The date, time, and location of the Planning Commission public hearing are set forth below. The agenda for the hearing will also be posted on the City website (www.cityofgoleta.org).

HEARING DATE/TIME: Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Goleta City Hall, 130 Cremona Drive, Goleta, CA, 93117 and Teleconference Meeting; this meeting will be held in person and via Zoom (with detailed instructions for participation included on the posted agenda).

PROJECT LOCATION: The amended regulations would apply citywide, including all areas of the City within the Coastal Zone.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed amendments to the Land Use Element of the General Plan and Title 17 address State law consistency, implement the Housing Element 2023-2031, remedy issues identified during Title 17 implementation, and provide clarity to existing regulations. The topics for these amendments include:

- Housing Element 2023-2031 Implementation related to the Approval Needed for Mixed-Use Housing, Height Standards, Lot Coverage Standards, Shared Parking Approvals, Inclusionary Housing Procedures, and Emergency Shelters.
- State law consistency related to Density Bonus, Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations, and Accessory Dwelling Units.
- Minor Revisions related to Planned Residential (RP) Zone District Street Side Setbacks, Allowances for Boarding Kennels, Sign Materials, Sign Area Allowances, Development Thresholds for Minor Changes to Zoning Permits, Permit Exemptions for Certain Interior Floor Area Expansions, and Expiration and Time Extensions for Substantial Conformity Determinations and Amendments.
- Other Clarifying Revisions.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The amendments are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations) because the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(a) but is an organizational or administrative activity by government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5). The amendments are also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because

the activity is covered by the general rule which exempts activities that can be seen with certainty to have no possibility for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Furthermore, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, projects that are consistent with the development density of existing zoning, community plan, or General Plan policies for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified shall be exempt from additional CEQA analysis, except as may be necessary to determine whether there are project-specific significant effects that are peculiar to the project or site that would otherwise require additional CEQA review. There is no new substantial information indicating that the impacts of adopting the amendments will be more severe than described in the General Plan EIR and there are no cumulative or off-site impacts from the proposed amendments that were not addressed in the General Plan EIR.

Finally, on December 5, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution 23-63, adopting an Addendum to the Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2005031151), which was certified in October 2006 by the City Council. The Addendum analyzed the environmental impacts of the actions taken in this ordinance related to Housing Element 2023-2031 implementation. The resolution to adopt the Addendum satisfied the City Council's obligations under CEQA with respect to adopting the amended Housing Element 2023-2031 and amending the General Plan and Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code as detailed in the Housing Element 2023-2031 and none of the conditions in Public Resources Code section 21166 or State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 apply. Thus, no further environmental review is required for the amendments to implement the Housing Element 2023-2031 as adoption of those amendments falls within the scope of the adopted Addendum and previously certified EIR.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Interested persons are encouraged to provide public comments during the public hearing in person or virtually through the Zoom webinar, by following the instructions listed on the Planning Commission meeting agenda. All letters/comments should be sent to ccolyer@cityofgoleta.org. Letters must be received on or before the date of the hearing or can be submitted at the hearing prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the Public Hearing.

FOR PROJECT INFORMATION: For further information on the project, contact Andy Newkirk, Supervising Senior Planner, at (805) 961-7544 or anewkirk@cityofgoleta.org. For inquiries in Spanish, please contact Marcos Martinez at (805) 562-5500 or mmartinez@cityofgoleta.org. Staff reports and documents will be posted approximately 72 hours before the hearing on the City's website at www.cityofgoleta.org.

SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION. If you require interpretation services for the hearing, please contact the City Clerk's office at (805) 961-7505 or via email to cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Please specify the language for which you require interpretation. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting helps to ensure that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the hearing.

Note: If you challenge the nature of the above action in court, you may be limited to only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or before the public hearing (Government Code Section 65009(b)(2)).

Note: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in the hearing, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 961-7505. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable City staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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