



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
June 6, 2023

TOPIC: Sunshine Ordinance Amendments – 2nd Reading

AGENDA TITLE

Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01 amending Article II.II of Chapter 2 (Sunshine Ordinance) of the Santa Ana Municipal Code Related to Noticing, Meeting Format, and Transparency Measures for Community Meetings for Certain Development Projects

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Conduct a second reading and adopt Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01 amending Section 2-153 in Article II.II of Chapter 2 of the Santa Ana Municipal Code (SAMC).

DISCUSSION

At its May 16, 2023, regular meeting, the City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance approving Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01 (OA-2023-01) as presented by staff, with three amendments requested by City Council, by a vote of 6-0 (Hernandez absent). Amendments requested by the City Council to the staff-presented ordinance include revising section 2-153(b) to reference the required information needed before deeming an application complete, revising section 2-153(c)(3) to clarify that the meeting notice is to be posted to the City's development project webpage, and revising section 2-153(g) to strike the "at minimum" text from the presentation requirements. All three City Council-requested amendments to the staff-presented ordinance are highlighted in Exhibit 2.

In summary, the ordinance amendments include increasing the community notification radius from 1,000 feet to 2,000 feet, requiring video and audio recording of meetings, standards for community meeting content and format, and clarifications to the community meetings processes.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The City Council finds and determines that this ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, the adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to sections 15061(b)(3) and 15061(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, as there is

no possibility it will have a significant effect on the environment. As a result, Environmental Review No. 2023-27 will be filed upon adoption of this ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

EXHIBITS

1. Ordinance for OA No. 2023-01
2. Ordinance for OA No. 2023-01 – City Council Amendments

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Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager