

Targeted Parking Amendments

City of Hermosa Beach – Planning Commission
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Objectives

Targeted Parking-Related Zoning Amendments:

- Implement PLAN Hermosa
 - Revitalization
 - Clear regulations
 - Economic development
 - Pedestrian-oriented urban form
 - Sustainable land use patterns
 - Mobility and access
- Promote the economic vitality of City's commercial areas.
- Support small-scale commercial establishments.

Background

A number of community conversations and studies regarding parking

- PLAN Hermosa
- Downtown Core Revitalization Strategy
- Parking Management Study and Recommended Parking Standards for the Coastal Zone
- Zoning Code Assessment Report Recommendations
 - Exempt small commercial establishments
 - Exempt or reduce parking requirements for changes of use
 - Reduce parking requirements in consideration of City goals
 - Allow flexibility in the amount and design of parking
- Specific amendment related outreach



Specific Amendment Related Outreach

| Meeting Date | Description |
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| March 4, 2020 | Joint City Council/Planning Commission Study Session – Introduction to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Assessment for Feedback |
| May 19, 2020 | Planning Commission – The Final Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Assessment Presentation |
| February 17, 2021 | Economic Development Stakeholders Advisory Working Group – Introduction to the Targeted Parking Amendments to Receive Feedback |
| March 1, 2021 | Economic Development Committee – Introduction to the Targeted Parking Amendments to Receive Feedback |
| March 3, 2021 | Joint City Council/Planning Commission Study Session – Introduction to the Comprehensive Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance for Feedback |
| April 20, 2021 | Planning Commission – Commissioner Item to Provide Input as a Follow-up to the March 3 rd Study Session |

Local Coastal Land Use Plan

- Local Coastal Land Use Plan amendment parallel process
- Incorporate PLAN Hermosa Mobility Element and parking policies into Certified Land Use Plan
- Have consulted with Coastal Commission staff on PLAN Hermosa, no outstanding issues regarding the Mobility Element



Targeted Parking Amendments

- 1. Adaptive reuse
- 2. Support small establishments
- 3. On-site outdoor dining
- 4. Flexibility in meeting parking requirements

1. Adaptive Reuse

Current requirements:

- Changes of use to a more intensive use must provide parking for increased parking requirement
 - Except Downtown non-restaurant uses less than 5,000 square feet changing to a restaurant must provide all required parking

Proposed amendments:

- Change of Use. Allow a change of use without requiring additional parking provided there is no change in building square footage
 - Does **not** apply to Late Night Alcohol Establishments
- Limited Additions. Allow up to 10% (minimum allowance of 500 square feet) addition without requiring additional parking, after which additional parking would be required for the addition, but not for the entire site
 - Does not apply to Late Night Alcohol Establishments



2. Support Small Establishments

Concept:

Exempt small commercial establishments from parking requirements

Proposed Amendments:

- Do not require parking for the first 5,000 square feet of ground floor nonresidential uses
- Limited to Downtown and C-1 Districts
- Does not apply to office or late night alcohol establishments

3. On-site Outdoor Dining

Proposed Amendments

- Do not require additional parking for the first 400 square feet of on-site outdoor dining
 - Including roof-top dining
- Allow the associated food establishment to provide the same food and beverage service in the on-site outdoor dining area that is provided indoor
 - Including alcohol and table service

4. Flexibility

Current allowances:

- Parking plan
 - The number of required parking spaces may be reduced with a parking plan approved by the Planning Commission
- Common parking facilities
 - 80% of required parking may be satisfied in common parking facilities pursuant to a parking plan approved by the Planning Commission
- Downtown in-lieu parking fees
 - Fees may be paid in-lieu of providing parking in Downtown pursuant to a parking plan approved by the Planning Commission provided that buildings exceeding a 1.0 FAR provide 25% of required parking on-site

Proposed Amendments:

 Remove codified specific limitations where a Parking Plan is required, allowing the Planning Commission to weigh merits of request



4. Flexibility

Proposed Amendments:

- Allow tandem parking for employee parking
- Allow valet parking pursuant to approval of a Parking Plan

Recommended Action

Staff recommends the Planning Commission:

Adopt the resolution recommending the City Council adopt a
text amendment to the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code
regarding off-street parking in commercial zones and
determination that the project is categorically exempt from
the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)



