

# Planning Commission STAFF REPORT

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DATE: January 5, 2017

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning & Community Preservation

# SUBJECT: Public Hearing Regarding Regulation of Group Living Facilities.

# **BACKGROUND**

At the meeting on December 15, 2016, the Planning Commission continued their evaluation regarding the regulation of "Group Living Facilities." The discussion continued the Commission's effort to amend Code Section 17.08.020-Words, terms, phrases defined; Code Section 17.60.030-Conditional use permits-When required; and the inclusion of a new Chapter 17.94. – Group Living Facilities Subject to a Conditional Use Permit.

The Commission directed staff to make the final revisions discussed in the Analysis section of this report, and directed staff to prepare a draft City Council ordinance. Attached as Exhibit A for the Planning Commission's consideration is Resolution 16-14, recommending the amendments to the City Council as agreed upon by the Commission, and Exhibit B, a draft of the City Council redline Ordinance 1385.

# <u>ANALYSIS</u>

# Revisions to Section 17.08.020 - Words, terms, phrases defined

The Commission revised Chapter 17.08 – Definitions (Exhibit C), to refine the definition of "Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Rehabilitation Facilities," by including the definitions of "Residential Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility (former drug users)" and "Sober Living Home." The revised definition provided in "green text" below reads as follows:

<u>"Drug a n d A lcoh o l Recovery and Rehabilitation Facilities" are unlicensed</u> homes, residences, facilities, or premises which provide housing and supportive services for persons recovering from drug and alcohol abuse in a group setting, but do not provide professional medical, psychiatric, psychological, or nursing care for the purpose of curing persons of drug or alcohol addiction. A Residential Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility is a type of "Sober Living Home."

"Residential <u>D</u>drug and <u>Aalcohol <u>R</u>rehabilitation <u>F</u>facility (former drug abusers)" means an unlicensed home, residence, facility, or premises which provides temporary housing and supportive services for persons recovering from drug and alcohol abuse in <u>a group setting, but does not provide professional medical, psychiatric, psychological, or nursing care is provided for the purpose of curing persons of drug addiction.</u></u>

<u>"Sober Living Home" means a home which is defined as a residential property</u> which is operated as a cooperative living arrangement to provide an alcohol and drug free environment for persons recovering from alcoholism or drug abuse, or both, who seek a living environment in which to remain clean and sober. A sober living home meets the definition when residents, including resident owners, operators, and managers, are living a sober lifestyle; residents actively participate in legitimate programs and maintain records of meeting attendance; a zero tolerance policy towards drugs and alcohol is maintained; no services requiring licensure by Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs are provided. Residents do not require care or supervision as provided by a licensed care facility.

#### Revisions to Section 17.60.030 – Conditional use permits–When required

The Commission revised Exhibit D, Chapter 17.60.030 F-Conditional Uses R-P (R-3 with Residential Entrepreneurial Overlay) Zone, and C (Commercial) Zone. The revisions include consolidating uses to conform to the Chapter 17.08 – Definitions as represented below:

Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Rehabilitation Facilities Residential Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facilities (former drug abusers), Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities,

#### <u>Revisions to Chapter 17.94 – Group Living Facilities Subject to a Conditional use</u> <u>Permit</u>

The Commission revised Exhibit E, Chapter 17.94 – Group Living Facilities Subject to a Conditional Use Permit. The revisions include Section 17.94.010 "Purpose" statement, adding "...and (4) to provide a framework for the inclusion of housing and care facilities for people with disabilities in the City." References to "handicapped" were also omitted form this Chapter, and replaced with "physically and mentally disabled" as shown in the full text below.

#### <u> 17.94.010 – Purpose.</u>

A. The purpose of this chapter is to further the purposes of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disability Act by, among other things, 1) ensuring that group living facilities, which are a form of boarding house which is otherwise a prohibited use in any zoning district, are permitted with a conditional use permit to be located in specified residentiallike settings as a reasonable accommodation for the handicapped physically and mentally disabled who would otherwise not be able to reside in a boarding house within the city, and (2) to provide comfortable living environments that will enhance the opportunity for the handicapped physically and mentally disabled and for recovering addicts to be successful in their programs, and (3) in the case of unlicensed group living facilities, provide some protection to a vulnerable population in the absence of licensing or other regulatory oversight regarding the operators of such unlicensed group homes, and (4) to provide a framework for the inclusion of housing and care facilities for people with disabilities in the City.

The Commission also revised Section 17.94.050 C, adding the word "used" to the following Section as shown below:

C. All garages and driveway spaces associated with the group living facility shall, at all times, be available for the parking of vehicles. No more than one vehicle per resident or house manager may be stored or parked on the site or on any street within 500 feet of the group living facility. Any such vehicle must be operable and currently sued used as a primary form of transportation for a resident of the group living facility.

The Commission also revised Section 17.94.050 D, to ensure consistency with the definitions section in Chapter 17.08. Staff is also suggesting minor language updates. The revisions are shown below:

- D. If the group living facility is a drug and alcohol recovery and rehabilitation facility (sober living home), due to the extremely transient populations and above-normal numbers of adults residing in an unlicensed group living facility, who may or may not be supervised and where the neighbors may have little or no knowledge idea of who does and does not reside in the group living facility, the following additional operational standards apply:
  - 1. <u>The sober living home facility-shall have a written visitation policy that shall</u> <u>preclude visitors who are under the influence of any drug or alcohol;</u>
  - The sober living home facility shall not provide any of the following services as they are defined by Section 10501(a)(6) of Title 9, California Code of Regulations: detoxification; education counseling; individual or group counseling sessions; and treatment or recovery planning;
  - 3. The sober living home facility shall have a good neighbor policy that shall direct occupants to be considerate of neighbors. The good neighbor policy shall establish a written protocol for the house manager/operator to follow when a neighbor compliant is received.

# PURPOSE AND CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN

The proposed amendments are required out of public necessity, convenience and general welfare (SMMC 17.64.010) as they would further the goals of preserving the small town character of the community, and promoting neighborhood consistency. The proposed amendments are generally consistent with the goals, policies, and objectives

of the General Plan and the 2014-2021 Housing Element in that the amendments would provide explicit provisions for a variety of special needs housing, including group living facilities. The proposed amendments will also further the purposes of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Federal Fair Housing Act, and the Americans with Disability Act by, (1) ensuring that group living facilities, which are a form of boarding house which is otherwise a prohibited use in any zoning district are permitted with a conditional use permit to be located in specified residential-like settings as a reasonable accommodation for the physically and mentally disabled who would otherwise not be able to reside in a boarding house within the city, and (2) to provide comfortable living environments that will enhance the opportunity for the physically and mentally disabled and for recovering addicts to be successful in their programs, and (3) in the case of unlicensed group living facilities, provide some protection to a vulnerable population in the absence of licensing or other regulatory oversight regarding the operators of such unlicensed group homes, and (4) to provide a framework for the inclusion of housing and care facilities for people with disabilities in the City.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

An Initial Study was prepared for the 2014-2021 Housing Element in accordance with the City's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the measures identified in the Housing Element to fulfill the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, the Planning Commission and City Council concluded that they will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration was adopted by City Council on July 28, 2013. Furthermore, the project qualifies for an exemption form the CEQA review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, because it will impose regulations and standards for unlicensed and licensed group living facilities serving six (6) or more residents that ensure protection of the residential environment and character of Sierra Madre.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCESS

This item has been noticed through the regular agenda notification process. Notice of the hearing was published consistent with the requirements of Government Code Section 65090, including publication of a notice of public hearing in the local adjudicated newspaper. Notice of the hearing was also published through the City's E-blast electronic notification process, and on the City's website and Facebook page. Copies of this report are available at the City Hall public counter, on the City of Sierra Madre website, and the City of Sierra Madre Public Library.

# ALTERNATIVES

The Planning Commission can consider the following alternatives:

- 1. Recommend approval of MCTA 16-06 pursuant to Resolution 16-14.
- 2. Recommend approval of MCTA 16-06, with modifications.
- 3. Recommend denial of MCTA 16-06.
- 4. Continue the matter and provide direction to Staff.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative No. 1; that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council adoption of Municipal Code Text Amendment 16-06, amending Section 17.08.020–Words, terms, phrases defined, Section 17.60.030–Conditional Use Permits–When required, and inclusion of a new Chapter 17.94 – Group Living Facilities Subject to a Conditional Use Permit, pursuant to Resolution 16-14.

Attachments:

- Exhibit A: Planning Commission Resolution 16-14
- Exhibit B: Draft City Council Ordinance 1385
- Exhibit C: Section 17.08.020 Words, terms phrases defined (Draft Redline Ordinance Amendments)
- Exhibit D: Section 17.60.030 Conditional Use Permits-When required (Redline Ordinance Amendments)
- Exhibit E: Chapter 17.94 Group Living Facilities Subject to a Conditional Use Permit

# EXHIBIT A

Planning Commission Resolution 16-14

January 5, 2017

#### PC RESOLUTION 16-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF MCTA 16-06 AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.08.020 – WORDS, TERMS, PHRASES DEFINED, SECTION 17.60.030 CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES-WHEN REQUIRED, AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 17.94 GROUP LIVING FACILITIES SUBJECT TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.

**WHEREAS,** on July 28, 2014, the City Council adopted the 2014-2021 Housing Element; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing Element law requires that every jurisdiction identify adequate sites to be made available through appropriate zoning and development standards to enable the development of various types of housing for all segments of the population, including group living facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** a housing program objective of the 2014-2021 Housing Element is to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance to make explicit provisions for a variety of special needs housing, including group living facilities; and

WHEREAS, the amendment will further the purposes of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Federal Fair Housing Act, and the Americans with Disability Act by, (1) ensuring that group living facilities, which are a form of boarding house which is otherwise a prohibited use in any zoning district are permitted with a conditional use permit to be located in specified residential-like settings as a reasonable accommodation for the physically and mentally disabled who would otherwise not be able to reside in a boarding house within the city, and (2) to provide comfortable living environments that will enhance the opportunity for the physically and mentally disabled and for recovering addicts to be successful in their programs, and (3) in the case of unlicensed group living facilities, provide some protection to a vulnerable population in the absence of licensing or other regulatory oversight regarding the operators of such unlicensed group homes, and (4) to provide a framework for the inclusion of housing and care facilities for people with disabilities in the City; and

**WHEREAS,** the amendment will revise the list of definitions in 17.08, Section 17.08.020 – Words, Terms, Phrases defined of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the amendment will also revise the list of conditionally permitted uses in Chapter 17.60, Section 17.60.030 – Conditionally Permitted Uses – When Required of the Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS,** the amendment also includes standards to regulate unlicensed group living facilities and licensed group living facilities serving more than six (6) residents, with a

new Chapter 17.94 – Group living facilities subject to a conditional use permit of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends to the City Council that a citywide comprehensive survey of properties 75 years and older be commissioned to compile an inventory of potential historic resources under the guidelines of the State Office of Historic Preservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission recommends to the City Council to waive 100% of any planning entitlement, building fees, and Mills Act Contract to encourage the rehabilitation of designated historical landmarks, and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study was prepared for the 2014-2021 Housing Element in accordance with the City's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the measures identified in the Housing Element to fulfill the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, the Planning Commission and City Council concluded that they will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration was adopted by City Council on July 28, 2013. Furthermore, the project qualifies for an exemption form the CEQA review pursuant to Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, because it will impose regulations and standards for unlicensed and licensed group living facilities serving six (6) or more residents that ensure protection of the residential environment and character of Sierra Madre; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was duly given of the public hearing on January 5, 2017, with all testimony being received being made part of the public record.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the evidence received at the public hearing, and for the reasons discussed by the Commissioners at said hearing, the Planning Commission resolves as follows:

The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve Ordinance 1385 amending Municipal Code Section 17.08.020 – Words, Terms, Phrases Defined, Section 17.60.030 Conditionally Permitted Uses-When Required, and by adding Chapter 17.94 Group Living Facilities Subject To A Conditional Use Permit, which are attached hereto as Exhibits C, D, and E, respectfully.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Gina Frierman-Hunt Chair, Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Vincent Gonzalez, Director Planning & Community Preservation Department



City Council Ordinance 1385

January 5, 2017

#### **ORDINANCE 1385**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 16-06 AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.08.020 WORDS, TERMS, PHRASES DEFINED, SECTION 17.60.030 CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES-WHEN REQUIRED, AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 17.94 GROUP LIVING FACILITIES SUBJECT TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.

# THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 17.08.020 ("Words, terms, phrases defined") of Chapter 17.08 ("Definitions") of Title 17 ("Zoning") is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Adult Residential Facility" is a state licensed residential home for adults 18 through 59 years of age with mental health care needs who have physical and/or developmental disabilities and require or prefer assistance with care and supervision. An Adult Residential Facility is a subset of a community care facility.

"Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs" is a state licensed residential home that provides 24-hour services for up to five adults with developmental disabilities who have special health care and intensive support needs and who would otherwise need to reside in an institution. An Adult Residential Facility with Special Health Care Needs is a subset of a Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III).

"Alcoholism hospital" means an institution intended solely for the admission, diagnosis and intensive short-term treatment of patients' addicted to excessive use of alcohol, and related conditions.

<u>"Assisted Living Facility" means the same as "Residential Care Facility for the Elderly."</u>

"Boarding house" means a facility having space for not more than ten boarders and one kitchen facility for common usage. a residence or dwelling, other than a hotel, wherein three (3) or more rooms, with or without individual or group cooking facilities, for not more than ten boarders are rented to individuals under separate rental agreement or lease, either written or oral, whether or not an owner, agent, or rental manager is in residence. Such use is prohibited in all zones excluding licensed group living facilities or similar uses. "Child care center" means a facility with an organized daytime program for the supervision and care of children who are not related to the person operating such facility and where the operator is not required to live on the property.

"Children's Day <u>Care</u> Center" (<u>E</u>emotionally <u>D</u>disturbed) means <u>a state licensed</u> institution of <u>one-bed capacity or no</u> more <u>of</u> <u>than</u> six (6) beds <u>or more</u> intended solely for the admission and treatment of minors with mental illness or behavior or emotional disorders. <u>A Children's Day Care Center is a subset of a Community Care Facility.</u>

<u>"Children's Day Center" (Emotionally Disturbed) means an institution of up to a</u> <u>capacity of six (6) beds intended solely for the admission and treatment of minors with</u> <u>mental illness or behavior or emotional disorders.</u>

<u>"Community Care Facilities" are licensed by the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services or similar state programs that provide non-medical residential care to children or adults who are physically disabled and/or mentally impaired who are in need of personal services, supervision, and/or assistance essential for self-protection or sustaining the activities of daily living. Community Care Facilities are comprised of Adult Residential Facility, Children's Day Center (Emotionally Disturbed), Group Home, and Residential School (Developmentally Disabled).</u>

<u>"Continuing Care Retirement Community" is a state licensed "Residential Care Facility for</u> the Elderly" that offers a long-term continuing care contract that provides for housing, residential services, and nursing care, usually in one location, and usually for resident's lifetime. Continuing Care Retirement Community is a subset of a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly.

"Convalescent home" means the same as "Nursing and convalescent hospital."

"Day center for the physically and/or developmentally (mentally retarded) disabled" means a facility intended solely for the admission of patients18 years of age or older who are not permitted to remain overnight with <u>a developmental disability</u>, mental retardation, who are provided with a daytime program of education or training, handicraft, vocational and recreational activities.

"Day treatment hospital" means a place intended solely for the admission and treatment of patients with mental illness or mental disorder, who are provided with a daytime program of organized treatment, activities, and supervision under medical direction, but are not permitted to remain overnight.

#### "Disabled" as defined in state or federal law.

"Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Rehabilitation Facilities" are unlicensed homes, residences, facilities, or premises which provide housing and supportive services for persons recovering from drug and alcohol abuse in a group setting, but do not provide professional medical, psychiatric, psychological, or nursing care for the purpose of curing persons of drug or alcohol addiction. A residential Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility is a type of "Sober Living Home."

"Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities" are licensed by the State Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs or similar state programs serving six (6) or fewer persons that provide 24-hour residential non-medical services to adults who are recovering from problems related to alcohol and/or drugs and need treatment or detoxification services. Individuals in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction are defined as disabled under the Federal Fair Housing Act.

"Emergency shelter" means housing with minimal supportive services for homeless persons that is limited to occupancy of six months or less by a homeless person. No individual or household may be denied shelter because of an inability to pay.

"Emergency Shelter" means any building used by a nonprofit organization to provide emergency housing and meals on a temporary basis (six months or less) to stranded, evicted, transient, or otherwise dislocated and homeless persons until a satisfactory solution to their immediate problem is found.

"Facilities for the rehabilitation of drug abusers" mean any building where two or more resident patients are kept under medical, psychological, or psychiatric supervision for the purpose of curing them of drug addiction.

<u>"Family Day Care Home, is a licensed facility offering an organized daytime</u> program for the supervision and care of children in the licensees own home. Family Day Care Homes are comprised of Family Day Care Home–Small, and Family Day Care Home–Large., School Aged Child Care Center, Nursery School, and Preschool Child Care Center.

<u>"Family Day Care Home, Large" means a licensed facility offering an organized</u> <u>daytime program for the supervision and care of nine (9) and up to fourteen (14)</u> <u>children in the licensees own home.</u>

<u>"Family Day Care Home, Small" means a licensed facility offering an organized</u> daytime program for the supervision and care of up to eight (8) or fewer children in the licensees own home.

"Family Home (Mentally <u>Developmental and/or physical</u> Retarded <u>Disabilities</u>)" means a facility intended solely for the admission of <u>not more than six</u> one or more mentally retarded patients <u>with developmental disabilities</u> who are provided with a program of services and protective supervision in a home setting.

<u>"Group Home" means a state licensed facility that provides 24-hour non-medical</u> care and supervision in a structured environment to troubled youths who exhibit social, psychological, and behavioral problems and is a subset of a Community Care Facility.

"Group living facilities" means any home, residence, facility, or premises which provides temporary, interim, or permanent housing for persons with mental, physical and/or developmental disabilities (as defined in state or federal law) in a group setting. "Home for the aged" means any building or portion thereof, other than a hospital or rest home, used and maintained to provide living accommodations, including board, room or care, for ambulatory aged persons. This shall also include "residential care home."

"Hospital, General" "General hospital" means an institution staffed and equipped to provide the various types of intensified hospital care, including, but not limited to, short-term care in acute medical, surgical and obstetrical services. but shall not include the treatment, other than on a temporary emergency basis, of alcoholic or mental patients.

"Hospitality house" means any building used by a nonprofit organization to provide emergency housing and meals on a temporary basis to stranded, evicted, transient, or otherwise dislocated and homeless persons until a satisfactory solution to their immediate problem is found.

"Long-term <u>Care F</u>facility <u>(Mental Disorders)</u>" means a state licensed facility an institution of seven-patient capacity or more intended primarily for the admission of chronic mentally ill or mentally disordered or other incompetent persons who are provided medical care, nursing services and intensive supervision. <u>A Long-term Care Facility (Mental Disorders) is a subset of Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III).</u>

"Nursery (<u>Developmentally Disabled</u> mentally retarded)" means a <u>state-licensed</u> facility intended primarily for the admission of nonambulatory mentally retarded <u>intellectually disabled</u> patients, who are provided nursing services primarily in crib accommodations <u>serving six (6) or fewer persons</u>. <u>Nursery (Developmentally Disabled)</u> is a subset of Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III).

"Nursery school" means the same as "child care center."

"Nursing and convalescent hospitals" means any place or institution which provides bed accommodations for one or more chronic or convalescent patients, who, by reason of illness or physical infirmity, are unable to properly care for themselves. Alcoholics, drug addicts, persons with mental or communicable diseases, including contagious tuberculosis, shall not be admitted or cared for in nursing and convalescent hospitals.

"Operator" means a company, business or individual who provides residential services, i.e., the placement of individuals in a residence, setting of house rules and governing behavior or the residents as residents. Operator does not include a property owner or property manager that exclusively handles real estate contracting, property management or leasing of the property and that does not otherwise meet the definition of operator.

"Preschool Child Care Center" is a licensed facility that serves children ages 2 to 4.

"Psychiatric hospital" means an institution intended primarily for the admission, diagnosis and intensive short-term treatment of patients with mental illness or behavior or emotional disorders.

<u>"Recovery Home" is a non-licensed facility serving six (6) or fewer persons</u> providing group living arrangements for people who have graduated from drug and alcohol programs, but which do not provide care or supervision.

"Resident facility (mentally retarded)" means an institution of one-bed capacity or more intended solely for the admission of developmentally mentally retarded patients who require supervision and who are provided with an organized program of services.

"Residential care home" means the same as "home for the aged."

<u>"Residential Ddrug and Aalcohol Rrehabilitation Ffacility (former drug abusers)"</u> <u>means an unlicensed home, residence, facility, or premises which provides temporary</u> <u>housing and supportive services for persons recovering from drug and alcohol abuse in</u> <u>a group setting, but does not provide professional medical, psychiatric, psychological, or</u> nursing care is provided for the purpose of curing persons of drug addiction.

"Residential facility limited (former drug abusers)" means a building with not more than five guest rooms for not more than ten persons participating in a program of rehabilitation and social readjustment for former drug abusers. "Residential facility limited" does not mean any facility wherein professional medical, psychiatric, psychological, or nursing care is provided for the purpose of curing persons of drug addiction.

<u>"Residential Care for the Chronically III" is a facility that provides care and supervision to adults who have terminal illness and is a subset of Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III).</u>

<u>"Residential Care Facility for the Elderly" means a licensed housing arrangement</u> chosen voluntarily by persons 60 years of age or over, or their authorized representative, where varying levels and intensities of care and supervision, protective supervision, personal care, or health-related services are provided, based upon their varying needs, as determined in order to be admitted and to remain in the facility. Persons under 60 years of age with compatible needs may be allowed to be admitted or retained in a residential care facility for the elderly as specified in Section 1569.316 of the Health and Safety Code. Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly include, but are not limited to is comprised of Assisted Living Facilities, and Continuing Care Retirement Communities. Facilities serving six (6) or fewer persons are allowed in residential zones.

<u>"Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III)" are licensed by the State</u> Department Health Services and State Department of Mental Health serving six (6) or fewer persons. These include congregate living health facilities, which provide inpatient care who may be terminally ill, ventilator dependent, or catastrophically and severely disabled, and intermediate care facilities for persons who need intermittent nursing care. Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III) include, but are not limited to is comprised of Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs, Long-term Care Facility (Mental Disorders), Nursery (Developmentally Disabled), and Residential Care for the Chronically III.

"Residential School (<u>Developmentally Disabled Mentally Retarded</u>)" means a statelicensed facility intended primarily for the admission, care, and treatment of educable and trainable <u>developmentally mentally disabled</u> retarded patients. The facility shall provide an educational program on the premises as one of its services. <u>Residential</u> <u>School is a subset of a Community Care Facility.</u>

"Rest home" means the same as "nursing and convalescent hospital."

<u>"School Aged Child Care Center Facility" is a state licensed facility that serves</u> <u>children ages 5 to 17.</u>

<u>"Sober Living Home" means a home which is defined as a residential property</u> which is operated as a cooperative living arrangement to provide an alcohol and drug free environment for persons recovering from alcoholism or drug abuse, or both, who seek a living environment in which to remain clean and sober. A sober living home meets the definition when residents, including resident owners, operators, and managers, are living a sober lifestyle; residents actively participate in legitimate programs and maintain records of meeting attendance; a zero tolerance policy towards drugs and alcohol is maintained; no services requiring licensure by Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs are provided. Residents do not require care or supervision as provided by a licensed care facility.

"Supportive Housing" means housing with no limit on length of stay that is occupied to the target population as defined in the Health and Safety Code 53260(d), <u>which</u> <u>provides services for six (6) or fewer persons</u> and that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his or her heath status, and maximizing his or her ability to live, and when possible, work in the community.

<u>"Target Population" is defined as adults with low incomes having one or more disabilities, including mental illness, HIV or AIDS, substance abuse, or other chronic health problems; and persons eligible for services under the Lanterman Development Disabilities Act, which provides services to persons with developmental disabilities that originate before the person turned 18.</u>

<u>"Treatment Facility" means any premise, place, or building that provides 24-hour</u> residential non-medical services to adults who are recovering from problems related to substance abuse and that at least one of these services are provided: Treatment services, or detoxification services. Existing law also requires treatment facilities with six or fewer persons to be regarded as a residential use and to be treated no differently than other residential use.

**SECTION 2.** Section 17.60.030 ("Conditional use permits—When required") of Chapter 17.60 ("Variances and Conditional Use Permits") of Title 17 ("Zoning") is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. Conditional Uses—All zones except the R-C Zone. Child care center (four or more children), Children's treatment center (emotionally disturbed), Day center (mentally retarded), Day treatment hospitals, Facilities for preparole adjustment/rehabilitation programs, Facilities for the rehabilitation of drug addicts, Family home (mentally ill), Family homes (mentally retarded), Family Day Care Home, Large Home for the aged, Hospitality houses, Hospitals and sanitariums, rest homes, guest homes, convalescent hospitals and similar institutions, Institutions for treatment of alcoholics, Long-term facility, Mental hospitals, Nursing and convalescent hospitals. Resident facility (mentally retarded), Resident school (mentally retarded), Rest home, Any use permitted pursuant to Section 5116 of the Welfare and Institutional Code of the State of California (certain licensed residential care homes);
- B. Conditional Uses—R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-C Zones.

Family Day Care Home, Large

Any use permitted pursuant to Section 5116 of the Welfare and Institutional Code of the State of California (certain licensed Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly).

#### C. Conditional Uses—R-1-9, R-1-11 and R-1-15 Zones. Granny hospice;

- D. Conditional Uses R-1, R-2, R-3 Zones.
- C.<del>D</del>. Conditional Uses—R-2 Development in the R-2 zone.

D.F.<u>Conditional Uses</u>All developments in the R-3 zone.

- EE. Conditional Uses—H Zone. Development, structures, grading, or subdivisions.
- F. Conditional Uses—R-P (R-3 with Residential Entrepreneurial Overlay) Zone and C (Commercial) Zone only in the portions of the C Zone where residential uses are allowed;

<u>Child Care Center / Nursery School,</u> <u>Community Care Facilities, 7 beds or more,</u> <u>Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Rehabilitation Facilities,</u> <u>Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities with 7 beds or more,</u> <u>Residential Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility (former drug abusers),</u> <u>Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities,</u> <u>Facilities for the PreParole Adjustment/Rehabilitation,</u> <u>Family Day Care Home, Large</u> <u>Residential Care Facility for the Elderly with 7 beds or more,</u> <u>Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III) with 7 beds or more.</u>

I. Conditional Uses—C Zone.

Residential Care Facility for the Elderly.

**SECTION 3.** Chapter 17.94 ("Group living facilities subject to a conditional use permit") of Title 17 ("Zoning") is hereby added to read as follows:

Sections:

<u> 17.94.010 – Purpose.</u>

<u>17.94.020 – Permit Requirements.</u>

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<u> 17.94.010 – Purpose.</u>

A. The purpose of this chapter is to further the purposes of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disability Act by, among other things, 1) ensuring that group living facilities, which are a form of boarding house which is otherwise a prohibited use in any zoning district, are permitted with a conditional use permit to be located in specified residentiallike settings as a reasonable accommodation for the physically and mentally disabled who would otherwise not be able to reside in a boarding house within the city, and (2) to provide comfortable living environments that will enhance the opportunity for the physically and mentally disabled and for recovering addicts to be successful in their programs, and (3) in the case of unlicensed group living facilities, provide some protection to a vulnerable population in the absence of licensing or other regulatory oversight regarding the operators of such unlicensed group homes, and (4) to provide a framework for the inclusion of housing and care facilities for people with disabilities in the City.

<u> 17.94.020 – Permit Requirements.</u>

- A. Any person who owns, manages or operates an unlicensed group living facility and seeks to operate such facility must first obtain a conditional use permit pursuant to the requirements of the Chapter.
- B. Any person who owns, manages, or operates a licensed group living facility with greater than six (6) persons and seeks to operate such facility must first obtain a conditional use permit pursuant to the requirements of this Chapter.
- C. In addition to the conditional use permit required under paragraphs A and B above, no person shall operate a group living facility without a business license.

<u>17.94.030 – Application Procedures.</u>

The application requirements for a special use permit for an unlicensed group living facility or a licensed group living facility for 7 beds or more shall be submitted to the director by the operator of the group living facility.

- A. The application shall provide the following:
  - 1. the name, address, phone number and driver's license number of the operator;
  - 2. the name, address, phone number and driver's license number of the house manager;
  - 3. a copy of the group living facility's home rules and regulations;
  - 4. written intake procedures;
  - 5. the relapse policy (for residential alcohol and alcohol rehabilitation facilities);
  - 6. <u>an affirmation by the operator that only residents (other than the house</u> <u>manager) who are handicapped as defined by state and federal law shall</u> <u>reside at the group living facility;</u>
  - 7. <u>blank copies of all forms that all residents and potential residents are</u> required to complete; and
  - 8. <u>if the operator of the group living facility is not the property owner, written</u> <u>approval from the property owner to operate a group living facility at the</u> <u>property;</u>
  - 9. Emergency Operations Plan for the proposed group living facility;
  - 10. A fee for the cost of processing the application as set by city council resolution.
- B. <u>As part of the application process, a background check will be required for both</u> <u>the operator and the house manager.</u> No business license or conditional use <u>permit shall issue to any operator who or whose staff (house manager) has:</u>
  - 1. <u>an employment history in which he or she was terminated during the past</u> <u>two years because of physical assault, sexual harassment, embezzlement</u>

or theft; falsifying a drug test and selling or furnishing of illegal drugs or alcohol; Or

- 2. <u>been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere</u> within the last seven to ten years to any of the following offenses:
  - a. any sex offense for which the person is required to register as a sex offender under the California Penal Code Section 290;
  - b. arson offenses—violations of Penal Code Sections 451-455; or
  - c. <u>violent felonies, as defined in Penal Code Section 667.5 which involve</u> <u>doing bodily harm to another person.</u>
- C. <u>The fire chief and building official shall ascertain whether the premises to be</u> used comply with applicable laws, ordinances and regulations concerning such premises. Both an initial building and safety inspection and a fire inspection for group occupancies is required as a condition of approval for any conditional use permit, with annual inspections thereafter.
- D. The city shall notify the applicant in writing within thirty (30) days after the filing of the completed application for a conditional use permit that the application has scheduled before the Planning Commission. In event of denial, the applicant may appeal to the City Council but must do so within 10 days of the date of the Planning Commission decision. The city shall hear the appeal within 30 days of the date of receipt of the notice of appeal.
- 17.94.040 Operational Requirements
  - A. The group living facility shall have a house manager who resides at the group living facility or any multiple of persons acting as house manager who are present at the group living facility on a 24-hour basis and who are responsible for day-to-day operations.
  - B. The group living facility shall not be located in an accessory dwelling unit unless the primary dwelling unit is used for the same purpose.
  - C. All garages and driveway spaces associated with the group living facility shall, at all times, be available for the parking of vehicles. No more than one vehicle per resident or house manager may be stored or parked on the site or on any street within 500 feet of the group living facility. Any such vehicle must be operable and currently sued used as a primary form of transportation for a resident of the group living facility.
  - D. If the group living facility is a drug and alcohol recovery and rehabilitation facility (sober living home), due to the extremely transient populations and above-normal numbers of adults residing in an unlicensed group living facility, who may or may not be supervised and where the neighbors may have little or no knowledge idea of who does and does not reside in the group living facility, the following additional operational standards apply:
    - 1. <u>The sober living home facility-shall have a written visitation policy that shall</u> <u>preclude visitors who are under the influence of any drug or alcohol;</u>
    - 2. <u>The sober living home facility shall not provide any of the following services</u> as they are defined by Section 10501(a)(6) of Title 9, California Code of

Regulations: detoxification; education counseling; individual or group counseling sessions; and treatment or recovery planning;

3. <u>The sober living home facility shall have a good neighbor policy that shall direct occupants to be considerate of neighbors.</u> The good neighbor policy shall establish a written protocol for the house manager/operator to follow when a neighbor compliant is received.

<u>17.94.050 – Findings for Conditional Use Permit.</u>

The following findings must be made for the proposed project by the reviewing body, in addition to the standard findings for a conditional use permit, in order to approve a conditional use permit under this Chapter:

- A. <u>It shall not result in adverse effects to, or jeopardize or endanger, the health,</u> welfare, peace, or safety of persons in the surrounding area;
- B. <u>It shall not adversely affect the livability of the surrounding neighborhood as a result of inadequate maintenance, prohibited activities, and/or operating characteristics;</u>
- C. <u>It shall not result in nuisance activities, including but not limited to disturbance</u> of the peace, illegal drug activity, public drunkenness, public consumption of alcohol, harassment of passers-by, gambling, public urination, theft, assault, battery, vandalism, littering, loitering, illegal parking, noise levels above those allowed pursuant to the city's Noise Ordinance, lewd conduct, or police detentions and/or arrests;
- D. <u>It shall not result in violation of any applicable provision of any other city, state, or federal regulation, ordinance or statute;</u>
- E. It shall not result in an overconcentration of similar uses or other uses with potentially similar impacts. In making such finding, the reviewing body may consider whether any group home or group living facility (whether or not such facility is licensed by the state of California) is located within 300 feet, measured from the property lines.

**SECTION 4.** <u>CEQA Finding</u>. The City Council hereby finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption of this Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, because it will impose regulations and standards for unlicensed and licensed group living facilities serving six (6) or more residents that ensure protection of the residential environment and character of Sierra Madre.

Initial Study was prepared for the 2014-2021 Housing Element in accordance with the City's guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the measures identified in the Housing Element to fulfill the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, the Planning Commission and City Council concluded that they will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration was adopted by City Council on July 28, 2013.

**SECTION 5.** <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance is adopted by the City Council and shall take effect 30 days after approval by the City Council. This Ordinance and the City Clerk's certification, together with proof of publication, shall be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the City Council.

**SECTION 6.** <u>Certification</u>. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published according to law.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre at the regular meeting of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 by the Following Vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Gene Goss, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda Carrillo, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)CITY OF SIERRA MADRE)

SS:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk of the City of Sierra Madre, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance1379 was approved and adopted by said Council at its regular meeting held on the 13th day of September 2016 by the following vote, to-wit:

# EXHIBIT C

Draft Redline Ordinance Amendments 17.08.020–Words, Terms Phrases Defined

January 5, 2017

#### 17.08.010 - Definitions—Generally.

For the purpose of this title, the words, phrases and terms set forth in this chapter shall be deemed to have the meaning ascribed to them in this chapter.

#### 17.08.020 - Words, terms, phrases defined.

"Abut, adjoining or contiguous" means, in reference to real property, two or more lots sharing a common lot line; with reference to two or more objects, the same shall mean in immediate contact with each other.

"Access" means the place, or way, by which pedestrians and/or vehicles shall have safe, adequate and usable ingress and egress to a lot, from a public or private street or alley.

"Accessory" means a building, part of a building or structure or use which is subordinate to, and the use of which is incidental to, that of the main building, structure or use on the same lot. Where the wall of an accessory building has a common wall or a portion of a common wall not less than four feet in length, such accessory building shall be considered as part of the main building.

"Accessory use" means a use which is directly related, but clearly subordinate, to a permitted principal use. All accessory uses shall be established and maintained on the same lot as the principal use which they serve, except as expressly otherwise provided herein.

"Adjacent" means two or more objects which are located in close proximity to each other.

<u>"Adult Residential Facility" is a state licensed residential home for adults 18 through 59 years</u> of age with mental health care needs who have physical and/or developmental disabilities and require or prefer assistance with care and supervision. An Adult Residential Facility is a subset of a community care facility.

"Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs" is a state licensed residential home that provides 24-hour services for up to five adults with developmental disabilities who have special health care and intensive support needs and who would otherwise need to reside in an institution. An Adult Residential Facility with Special Health Care Needs is a subset of a Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III).

"Alcoholism hospital" means an institution intended solely for the admission, diagnosis and intensive short-term treatment of patients' addicted to excessive use of alcohol, and related conditions.

"Alley" means a public or private way designated as an alley by the city, other than a street, permanently reserved as a means of secondary vehicular access to adjoining properties.

"Apartment" means the same as "dwelling unit."

"Apartment house" means a building containing three or more dwelling units.

"Assessed value" means the then assessed value of the land, building or structure, as is shown on the current assessment role in effect as of the time of the making of the determination of such assessed value. "Assessor" means the tax assessor of the county of Los Angeles.

"Assisted Living Facility" means the same as "Residential Care Facility for the Elderly."

"Automobile repair and service garage" means a facility which provides for the repair and maintenance of motor vehicles; provided, that such facility shall not be deemed to include painting of motor vehicles, nor body and fender repair.

"Automobile wrecking" means the dismantling or wrecking of one or more used motor vehicles or trailers, or the storage, sale or dumping of dismantled or wrecked vehicles or their parts.

"Barber shop" means a place of business for a barber, whose occupation is to cut any type of hair, give shaves and trim beards.

"Basement" is any floor level below the first story in a building, except that a floor level in a building having only one floor level shall be classified as a basement unless such floor level qualifies as a first story as defined herein.

"Beauty shop" means establishments where hairdressing, and services incidental to hairdressing are done, including the sale of beauty supplies and cosmetics.

"Bedroom" R-2 zone. For the purpose of calculating parking requirements in the R-2 zone, the following rooms which regularly make up a standard dwelling unit shall not be considered a bedroom: one kitchen, one living room, one family or recreation room, one dining room, and bathrooms.

"Bedroom" R-3 and R-P zones. For the purpose of calculating parking requirements, the following rooms which regularly make up a standard dwelling unit shall not be considered a bedroom: one kitchen, one living room, one dining room, and bathrooms. Single-family residences located in the R-3 and R-P zones shall be subject to the bedroom definition in the R-1 zone.

"Block" means all properties fronting upon one side of a street between intersecting and intercepting streets, or between a street and a railroad right-of-way, water way, terminus or deadend street, or city boundary. An intercepting street shall determine only the boundary of the block on the side of the street which it intercepts.

"Boarding house" means a facility having space for not more than ten boarders and one kitchen facility for common usage. a residence or dwelling, other than a hotel, wherein three (3) or more rooms, with or without individual or group cooking facilities. for not more than ten boarders are rented to individuals under separate rental agreement or lease, either written or oral, whether or not an owner, agent, or rental manager is in residence. Such use is prohibited in all zones excluding licensed group living facilities or similar uses.

"Building" means any structure having a roof supported by columns or by walls and intended for the shelter, housing or enclosure of persons or property of any kind.

Building, Accessory. "Accessory building" means a separate, detached building, housing a permitted accessory use, located on the same lot as the main building or principal use.

Building Height. See "Height."

Building, Main. "Main building" means a building in which is conducted one or more principal uses permitted on the lot upon which it is situated.

"Building site" means: (1) the ground area of one lot or (2) the ground area of two or more lots when used in combination for a building or group of buildings, together with all open spaces, as required by this chapter.

"Business day" means a day on which city offices are open for regular business.

"Canopy" means any structure, temporary or permanent, constructed of canvas or other cloth or material on a framework sheltering an area, or forming a sheltered walk to the entrance of a building.

"Carport" means a permanently roofed structure with not more than two enclosed sides, used or intended to be used for automobile shelter and storage.

"Cellar" means the same as "basement."

"Centerline" means the centerline, as determined by the city engineer, of any street, highway or alley.

"Child care center" means a facility with an organized daytime program for the supervision and care of children who are not related to the person operating such facility <u>and where the</u> <u>operator is not required to live on the property.</u>

"Children's Day <u>Care</u> Center" (<u>E</u>emotionally <u>D</u>eisturbed) means <u>a state licensed</u> institution of <u>one-bed capacity or no</u> more <u>of than</u> six (6) beds <u>or more</u> intended solely for the admission and treatment of minors with mental illness or behavior or emotional disorders. <u>A Children's Day Care</u> <u>Center is a subset of a Community Care Facility.</u>

<u>"Children's Day Center" (Emotionally Disturbed) means an institution of up to a capacity of</u> six (6) beds intended solely for the admission and treatment of minors with mental illness or <u>behavior or emotional disorders.</u>

"City" means the city of Sierra Madre.

"City manager" means the city manager of the city.

"Clerk" means the city clerk of the city.

Club, Private. "Private club" means any building or premises used by an association of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, organized for some common purpose, but not including a group organized primarily to render a service customarily carried on as a commercial enterprise.

"Code" means the Sierra Madre Municipal Code.

"Commission" means the planning commission of the city.

"Communications equipment buildings" mean buildings housing operating electrical and mechanical equipment utilized in conducting a public utility communications operation.

<u>"Community Care Facilities" are licensed by the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services or similar state programs that provide non-medical residential care to children or adults who are physically disabled and/or mentally impaired who are in need of personal services, supervision, and/or assistance essential for self-protection or sustaining the activities of daily living. Community Care Facilities are comprised of Adult Residential Facility, Children's Day Center (Emotionally Disturbed), Group Home, and Residential School (Developmentally Disabled).</u>

"Condominium" means the same as "dwelling, multiple."

<u>"Continuing Care Retirement Community" is a state licensed "Residential Care Facility for</u> the Elderly" that offers a long-term continuing care contract that provides for housing, residential services, and nursing care, usually in one location, and usually for resident's lifetime. Continuing Care Retirement Community is a subset of a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly.

"Convalescent home" means the same as "Nursing and convalescent hospital."

"Council" means the city council of the city.

"Court" means an area which is open and unoccupied by any building or structure, bounded on three or more sides by the exterior walls of a building. An inner court is a court entirely enclosed within the exterior walls of a building. All other courts are outer courts.

"Dairy" means any premises where one or more cows or goats, or any combination thereof, are kept or maintained for the purpose of producing milk.

"Day center for the physically and/or developmentally (mentally retarded) disabled" means a facility intended solely for the admission of patients18 years of age or older who are not permitted to remain overnight with <u>a developmental disability</u>, mental retardation, who are provided with a daytime program of education or training, handicraft, vocational and recreational activities.

"Day treatment hospital" means a place intended solely for the admission and treatment of patients with mental illness or mental disorder, who are provided with a daytime program of organized treatment, activities, and supervision under medical direction, but are not permitted to remain overnight.

"Detached living quarters" mean the same as "Guest house."

"Director" means director of planning for the city.

"Drive-in restaurant" means a restaurant use which:

- 1. Has facilities to allow patrons to consume prepared food at an area outside of an enclosed building; and/or
- 2. Has facilities which would allow the service of prepared foods directly to a patron while that patron is in a motor vehicle, whether or not for consumption on the premises.

"Disabled" as defined in state or federal law.

"Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Rehabilitation Facilities" are unlicensed homes, residences, facilities, or premises which provide housing and supportive services for persons recovering from drug and alcohol abuse in a group setting, but do not provide professional medical, psychiatric, psychological, or nursing care for the purpose of curing persons of drug or alcohol addiction. A Residential Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility is a type of "Sober Living Home."

<u>"Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities" are licensed by the State Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs or similar state programs serving six (6) or fewer persons that provide 24-hour residential non-medical services to adults who are recovering from problems related to alcohol and/or drugs and need treatment or detoxification services. Individuals in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction are defined as disabled under the Federal Fair Housing Act.</u>

Dump, Inert Solids. "Inert solids dump" means an area devoted to the disposal of nonwater soluble, nondecomposable inert solids such as natural earth, rock, sand and gravel; paving fragments; concrete brick; plaster and plaster products; steel mill slag; glass; asbestos fiber and products therefrom.

Dump, Rubbish and Refuse. "Rubbish and refuse dump" means an area devoted to the disposal of inert solid and/or decomposable organic refuse and scrap metal.

"Duplex" means the same as "Dwelling, Two-Family."

Dwelling, Single-family. "Single-family dwelling" means a detached building designed or used for occupancy, as living quarters, by one person or one family. "Single-family dwelling" shall also include a modular home manufactured and certified under the National Mobilehome Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 on a permanent foundation system approved by the city engineer.

Dwelling, Three-family. "Three-family dwelling" means a building designed or used for occupancy, as living quarters, by three separate families or persons and containing three dwelling units.

Dwelling, Two-family. "Two-family dwelling" means a building designed or used for occupancy, as living quarters, by two separate families or persons and containing two dwelling units.

"Dwelling unit" means one or more rooms in a building designed and intended to be used as living quarters by one person or one family.

"Educational institution" means any public, private or parochial; elementary, junior high, high school, university, or other school giving general academic instruction in the several branches of learning.

"Emergency shelter" means housing with minimal supportive services for homeless persons that is limited to occupancy of six months or less by a homeless person. No individual or household may be denied shelter because of an inability to pay.

"Emergency Shelter" means any building used by a nonprofit organization to provide emergency housing and meals on a temporary basis (six months or less) to stranded, evicted, transient, or otherwise dislocated and homeless persons until a satisfactory solution to their immediate problem is found.

"Engineer" means the city engineer of the city.

"Explosives" mean any explosive substance, as defined in Section 12000 of the Health and Safety Code of the state of California.

"Facilities for preparole adjustment/rehabilitation" mean any building where a program is conducted to prepare prisoners for return to the community in which they live and assist them in developing emotionally stable and economically productive lives.

"Facilities for the rehabilitation of drug abusers" mean any building where two or more resident patients are kept under medical, psychological, or psychiatric supervision for the purpose of curing them of drug addiction.

<u>"Family Day Care Home, is a licensed facility offering an organized daytime program for the supervision and care of children in the licensees own home.</u> Family Day Care Homes are comprised of Family Day Care Home–Small, and Family Day Care Home–Large.<del>, School Aged Child Care Center, Nursery School, and Preschool Child Care Center.</del>

<u>"Family Day Care Home, Large" means a licensed facility offering an organized daytime</u> program for the supervision and care of nine (9) and up to fourteen (14) children in the licensees own home.

<u>"Family Day Care Home, Small" means a licensed facility offering an organized daytime</u> program for the supervision and care of up to eight (8) or fewer children in the licensees own home.

"Family Home (Mentally <u>Developmental and/or physical</u> Retarded <u>Disabilities</u>)" means a facility intended solely for the admission of <u>not more than six</u> one or more mentally retarded patients <u>with developmental disabilities</u> who are provided with a program of services and protective supervision in a home setting.

"Fence" means a fence made of material other than concrete block or masonry.

"First story" means the lowest story in a building which qualifies as a story, as defined herein, except that a floor level in a building having only one floor level shall be classified as a first story, provided such floor level is not more than four feet below preexisting natural grade, as defined herein, for more than fifty percent of the total perimeter, or not more than eight feet below grade, as defined herein, at any point.

"Floor area" means the sum of the horizontal areas of floors of buildings measured from the exterior face of exterior walls.

Floor Area Net. "Net floor area" means the total horizontal floor area of all the floors of a building included within the surrounding walls, exclusive of vents, shafts, courts, elevators, stairways and similar facilities.

"Fraternity" means the same as "Club, Private."

Frontage, Street. "Street frontage" means the length of a lot line of a lot which abuts a street.

"Garage" means any building, with three enclosed sides, provided with a closeable access door or doors, which is used or intended to be used for automobile shelter or storage.

Gender. When consistent with context, words in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders.

Grade. Whenever the term "grade" is used alone, it shall refer to the most restrictive condition.

"Grade, finished" means the final grade of the site which conforms to the approved plan.

"Grade, natural" means prior to deposit of earth material placed by artificial means and/or prior to the mechanical removal of earth material.

"Grade, preexisting" means an established grade that exists on a site for which a legal grading or building permit was in effect for ten years prior to a request for a building, demolition or grading permit.

"Gradient" means the rate of vertical change of a ground surface expressed as a percentage figure and determined by dividing the vertical distance by the horizontal distance.

<u>"Group Home" means a state licensed facility that provides 24-hour non-medical care and supervision in a structured environment to troubled youths who exhibit social, psychological, and behavioral problems and is a subset of a Community Care Facility.</u>

"Guest house" means living quarters located within an accessory building, designed and utilized for the sole use of persons employed on the lot, or for temporary use by guests of the occupants of the dwelling located upon such lot. Guest houses shall have no kitchen facilities and shall not be rented or otherwise used as a separate dwelling unit.

"Group living facilities" means any home, residence, facility, or premises which provides temporary, interim, or permanent housing for persons with mental, physical and/or developmental disabilities (as defined in state or federal law) in a group setting.

"Height" of building is the vertical distance above a reference datum measured to the highest point of coping of a flat roof or to the deck line of a mansard roof or to the average height of the highest gable of a pitched or hipped roof. The reference datum shall be selected by either of the following, whichever yields a greater height of building:

- 1. The average elevation of adjoining finished grade within a five-foot horizontal distance of the exterior wall of the building;
- 2. The average elevation of adjoining preexisting natural grade within a five-foot horizontal distance of the exterior wall of the building.

The height of a stepped or terraced building is the maximum height of any segment of the building.

"Highway" means the same as "Street."

"Home for the aged" means any building or portion thereof, other than a hospital or rest home, used and maintained to provide living accommodations, including board, room or care, for ambulatory aged persons. This shall also include "residential care home." "Home occupations" mean any ongoing or repetitive business or professional use, activity or utilization of residentially zoned and improved property, by the inhabitants of said property, which is incidental and accessory to the primary residential use and does not generate an adverse impact to the surrounding neighborhood, pursuant to the provisions of <u>Chapter 17.85</u> of this title.

"Hospital, General" "General hospital" means an institution staffed and equipped to provide the various types of intensified hospital care, including, but not limited to, short-term care in acute medical, surgical and obstetrical services. but shall not include the treatment, other than on a temporary emergency basis, of alcoholic or mental patients.

"Hospitality house" means any building used by a nonprofit organization to provide emergency housing and meals on a temporary basis to stranded, evicted, transient, or otherwise dislocated and homeless persons until a satisfactory solution to their immediate problem is found.

"Hotel" means any building or portion of any building with access provided through a common entrance, lobby or hallway, to one or more guest rooms, which have no cooking facilities and which are designed and intended to be used or are used, rented or hired out as temporary or overnight accommodations for guests.

"Household pets" mean, and are limited to, the following pets, maintained principally within a dwelling unit:

- 1. Domesticated cats;
- 2. Domesticated dogs;
- 3. Fish, without limit on number; and
- 4. Any bird which is:
  - a. Customarily kept in residence with man, and
  - b. Kept, at all times, within a dwelling unit; specifically, "bird" shall not include, among others, for the purpose of these regulations, chickens, hens, roosters, geese or ducks.

"Housekeeping unit" means a single, integrated home-style of living together and sharing of space in a nonexclusive, noncompartmentalized lifestyle with one kitchen, one set of utilities, and one mailing address and with one front door for all persons residing at that location.

"Kennel" means a place where four or more adult dogs and/or cats are kept, whether by the owner of such dogs and cats or by other persons, providing facilities and care, whether or not for compensation. An "adult" dog or cat, for the purpose of these regulations, is one that has reached the age of four months.

"Kitchen" means any room or space within a building designed and intended to be used for the cooking or the preparation of food.

"Landscaping" means the planting and maintenance of natural and/or artificial trees, shrubs, vines, ground covers, flowers and lawns. In addition, the same may include natural features such as rock and stone; and structural features, including but not limited to, fountains, reflecting pools, art works, screens, walls, fences and benches; "landscaped area" means an area upon which landscaping is required by these regulations to be continuously maintained.

"Livestock" means a use involving the grazing, care and maintenance of cattle and/or horses for commercial or noncommercial purposes.

"Long-term <u>Care Ffacility (Mental Disorders)</u>" means a <u>state licensed facility an institution</u> of seven-patient capacity or more intended primarily for the admission of chronic mentally ill or mentally disordered or other incompetent persons who are provided medical care, nursing services and intensive supervision. <u>A Long-term Care Facility (Mental Disorders) is a subset of Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III).</u>

"Lot" or "parcel of land" means:

- 1. A parcel of real property which is shown as a single lot in a lawfully recorded subdivision, approved pursuant to the provisions of the Subdivision Map Act; or
- 2. A parcel of real property, the dimensions and boundaries of which are defined as a single lot by a lawfully recorded Record of Survey Map; or
- 3. A parcel of real property shown on a parcel map as a single lot, lawfully recorded pursuant to the provisions of the Subdivision Map Act; or
- 4. Any parcel of real property otherwise lawfully created and dimensioned prior to October 1, 1955; or
- 5. Two or more lots which are combined by an appropriate recorded written instrument, or two or more lots which are combined by a common usage, shall be deemed, for all purposes, a single lot.

"Lot area" means the total horizontal area within the boundary lines of a lot or parcel; provided, however, that the following shall be excluded from the computation thereof:

- 1. Any portion of said lot or parcel which serves as an access easement to any other lot or building site; or
- 2. Any portion of said lot or parcel which serves as an improved surface flood control project under the jurisdiction of any public agency.

For the purpose of determining area in the case of an irregular, triangular or gore-shaped lot, a line ten feet in length within the lot and farthest removed from the front lot line and at right angles to the line representing the lot depth of such lot shall be used as the rear lot line.

Lot Area, Interior. "Interior lot area" means the total lot area minus: (1) the sum of the ground floor area of all buildings located thereon, and (2) any area used for perimeter landscaping.

Lot, Corner. "Corner lot" means a lot situated at the intersection of two or more streets, which streets have an angle of intersection of not more than one hundred thirty-five degrees.

"Lot depth" means the horizontal length of a straight line drawn from the midpoint of the front lot line and at right angles to such line connecting with a line intersecting the midpoint of the rear lot line and parallel to the front lot line. In the case of a lot having a curved front line, the front lot line, for purposes of this section, shall be deemed to be a line tangent to the curve and parallel to a straight line connecting the points of intersection of the side lot lines of the lot with the front lot line.

Lot, Interior. "Interior lot" means a lot, other than a corner or reversed corner, or through lot.

Lot, Key. "Key lot" means a lot which has a side lot line which is a common lot line with the rear lot line of a reversed corner lot.

Lot Line, Rear. "Rear lot line" means a lot line which is opposite and most distant from the front lot line. For the purpose of establishing the rear lot line of a triangular or trapezoidal lot, or of a lot the rear line of which is formed by two or more lines, the following shall apply:

- 1. For a triangular or gore-shaped lot a line ten feet in length within the lot and farthest removed from the front lot line and at right angles to the lot depth line shall be used as the rear lot line; and
- 2. In the case of a trapezoidal lot, the rear line of which is not parallel to the front lot line, the rear lot line shall be deemed to be a line at right angles to the lot depth line and drawn through a point bisecting the recorded rear lot line; and
- 3. In the case of a pentagonal lot the rear boundary of which includes an angle formed by two lines, such angle shall be employed for determining the rear lot line in the same manner as prescribed for a triangular lot.

In no case shall the application of the above be interpreted as permitting a main building to locate closer than five feet to any property line.

Lot Line, Side. "Side lot line" means any lot line which is not a front or rear lot line.

Lot, Reversed Corner. "Reversed corner lot" means a corner lot, the side lot line of which is substantially a continuation of the front line of a lot which adjoins the rear lot line of said corner lot.

Lot, Through. "Through lot" means a lot having frontage on two approximately parallel streets.

"Lot width" means the horizontal distance between the side lot lines measured at right angles to the lot depth line at a point midway between the front and rear lot lines.

Average width shall be the average of the length of line drawn parallel to the "lot width line" extending toward the front and rear lot lines at ten foot intervals, but excluding from such determination any prolongated portions of the lot used exclusively for access to a public street or for a driveway.

In computing lot width or average width, the following shall be excluded:

- 1. Any portion of said width which serves as an access easement to any other lot or building site; and
- 2. Any portion of said width which serves as an improved surface flood control project under the jurisdiction of any public agency.

"Map" means the zoning map of the city.

"Manufacturing" means the creation of a product from raw materials.

"May" is permissive.

"Medical and/or dental clinic" means any facility providing health service, or medical, surgical or dental care of the sick or injured, but shall not include inpatient or overnight accommodations. "Medical clinic" includes health center, health clinic, doctors' and dentists' offices. "Mobilehome" means a mobilehome defined as such in the Mobilehome Park Law (Health and Safety Code, Section 18000 et seq.).

"Mobilehome park" means any lot where mobilehomes and/or sites are rented or leased or offered for rent or lease.

"Mobilehome site" means that portion of a mobilehome park designated for use or occupancy of one mobilehome and including all appurtenant facilities thereon.

"Modular home" means factory constructed, single-family one-story detached dwellings, certified under the National Mobilehome Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, with approved sticker attached, and placed on full, approved foundation systems and permanently anchored thereto.

"Motel" means one or more buildings containing rooms, without kitchen facilities, each having a separate entrance leading directly from the outside of the buildings or from an inner court, which rooms are designed for rental for temporary or overnight accommodations for guests, and are offered primarily to automobile tourists or transients by signs or other advertising media; one unit, for use by a resident manager, may have kitchen facilities. "Motel" includes auto courts, motor lodges and tourist courts.

Nonconforming Building, Structure or Use.

"Nonconforming building or structure" means a building or structure, or portion thereof, which was lawfully altered or constructed in accordance with the then existing zoning regulations of the city, but which did not comply with subsequently adopted zoning regulations, or which does not conform to these regulations.

"Nonconforming use" means the utilization of any lot, building, buildings or structures, or any combination thereof, which use, when established, conformed to the then existing zoning regulations, but which did not comply with subsequently adopted zoning regulations, or which does not conform to these regulations.

Notice. Whenever written notice is required to be given by personal service thereof upon the person or persons to be notified, or by United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to such person or persons at his last known address; such notice shall be conclusively deemed to have been given as of the time of personal service, or as of the time the same is deposited in the course of postal transmission.

"Nursery (<u>Developmentally Disabled mentally retarded</u>)" means a <u>state-licensed</u> facility intended primarily for the admission of nonambulatory <u>mentally retarded intellectually disabled</u> patients, who are provided nursing services primarily in crib accommodations <u>serving six (6) or fewer persons</u>. <u>Nursery (Developmentally Disabled) is a subset of Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III).</u>

"Nursery school" means the same as "child care center."

"Nursing and convalescent hospitals" means any place or institution which provides bed accommodations for one or more chronic or convalescent patients, who, by reason of illness or physical infirmity, are unable to properly care for themselves. Alcoholics, drug addicts, persons

#### with mental or communicable diseases, including contagious tuberculosis, shall not be admitted or cared for in nursing and convalescent hospitals.

"Oath" includes affirmation.

"Open space" means an area other than a required yard area, driveway or off-street parking facility, which has no building or structure located therein, except for those used exclusively for recreational purposes. To meet the requirement of open space such area, referred to as usable open space, shall meet the following:

If the same is located upon the ground, or upon the roof of a subterranean garage, such contiguous area shall not be less than five hundred square feet in area; and

If the roof of such subterranean garage is utilized for such open space all such roof areas may be utilized for such open space provided that the same is not in excess of two feet above the grade of the lot immediately adjacent thereto; and

That where such open space is located on any roof area, other than a subterranean garage, not to exceed twenty-five percent of such roof area may be utilized to meet the open space requirement.

"Operator" means a company, business or individual who provides residential services, i.e., the placement of individuals in a residence, setting of house rules and governing behavior or the residents as residents. Operator does not include a property owner or property manager that exclusively handles real estate contracting, property management or leasing of the property and that does not otherwise meet the definition of operator.

Parking Space, Off-Street. "Off-street parking space" means a readily accessible area on a lot, not including driveways, ramps, loading or work areas, maintained exclusively for the parking of one automobile.

"Perimeter landscaping" means any landscaping required by the provisions of this code which is adjacent to, and runs substantially parallel with, any property line of the lot for which such landscaping is required.

"Person" means any individual, firm, copartnership, joint venture, association, social club, fraternal organization, corporation, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, district, public agency, public utility, or any group or combination acting as a unit; "person" shall not include the city.

Plural. When consistent with the context, words in plural include the singular.

"Principal use" means a use specifically allowed of right in any one or more of the zones set forth in this title.

"Preschool Child Care Center" is a licensed facility that serves children ages 2 to 4.

"Processing" means, when used in reference to a commercial or industrial use, one or more acts or operations which have the effect of changing the form of a product or material, so as to render the same more salable or usable.

"Psychiatric hospital" means an institution intended primarily for the admission, diagnosis and intensive short-term treatment of patients with mental illness or behavior or emotional disorders.

"Quarry" means any place on a lot where dirt, soil and gravel, rock or other similar material is removed by excavation or otherwise; "quarry" shall not include the excavation and removal of materials from a lot preparatory to construction of a building for which a building permit has been issued and remains in full force and effect; provided, that such excavation is confined to that necessary for such building construction.

"Recorder" means the county recorder of the county of Los Angeles.

<u>"Recovery Home" is a non-licensed facility serving six (6) or fewer persons providing group</u> living arrangements for people who have graduated from drug and alcohol programs, but which do not provide care or supervision.

"Regulations" means the provisions of this title.

"Resident facility (mentally retarded)" means an institution of one-bed capacity or more intended solely for the admission of developmentally mentally retarded patients who require supervision and who are provided with an organized program of services.

"Residential care home" means the same as "home for the aged."

<u>"Residential D</u>drug and <u>Aalcohol Rrehabilitation Efacility (former drug abusers)</u>" <u>means an</u> <u>unlicensed home, residence, facility, or premises which provides temporary housing and</u> <u>supportive services for persons recovering from drug and alcohol abuse in a group setting, but</u> <u>does not provide professional medical, psychiatric, psychological, or nursing care is provided for</u> the purpose of curing persons of drug addiction.

<u>"Residential facility limited (former drug abusers)" means a building with not more than five</u> guest rooms for not more than ten persons participating in a program of rehabilitation and social readjustment for former drug abusers. "Residential facility limited" does not mean any facility wherein professional medical, psychiatric, psychological, or nursing care is provided for the purpose of curing persons of drug addiction.

<u>"Residential Care for the Chronically III" is a facility that provides care and supervision to</u> adults who have terminal illness and is a subset of Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III).

<u>"Residential Care Facility for the Elderly" means a licensed housing arrangement chosen</u> voluntarily by persons 60 years of age or over, or their authorized representative, where varying levels and intensities of care and supervision, protective supervision, personal care, or healthrelated services are provided, based upon their varying needs, as determined in order to be admitted and to remain in the facility. Persons under 60 years of age with compatible needs may be allowed to be admitted or retained in a residential care facility for the elderly as specified in Section 1569.316 of the Health and Safety Code. Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly include, but are not limited to are comprised of Assisted Living Facilities, and Continuing Care Retirement Communities. Facilities serving six (6) or fewer persons are allowed in residential zones.
"Residential/Commercial mixed-use" means developments which integrate residential and commercial uses within a single project. Mixed-use developments include projects where housing is developed above commercial ("vertical" mixed-use), as well as projects where residential and commercial uses are developed side-by-side ("horizontal" mixed-use).

<u>"Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III)" are licensed by the State Department</u> Health Services and State Department of Mental Health serving six (6) or fewer persons. These include congregate living health facilities, which provide in-patient care who may be terminally ill, ventilator dependent, or catastrophically and severely disabled, and intermediate care facilities for persons who need intermittent nursing care. Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III) include, but are not limited to are comprised of Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs, Long-term Care Facility (Mental Disorders), Nursery (Developmentally Disabled), and Residential Care for the Chronically III.

"Residential School (<u>Developmentally Disabled</u> <u>Mentally Retarded</u>)" means a state-licensed facility intended primarily for the admission, care, and treatment of educable and trainable <u>developmentally</u> <u>mentally</u> <u>disabled</u> <u>retarded</u> patients. The facility shall provide an educational program on the premises as one of its services. <u>Residential School</u> is a subset of a Community <u>Care Facility</u>.

#### "Rest home" means the same as "nursing and convalescent hospital."

<u>"School Aged Child Care Center Facility" is a state licensed facility that serves children ages</u> 5 to 17.

"Secretary" means the secretary of the commission.

"Service station" is a retail place of business engaged primarily in the sale of motor fuels, but also engaged in supplying goods and services generally required in the operation and maintenance of motor vehicles. Such goods and services include sale of petroleum products; sale and servicing of tires, batteries and automotive accessories; washing and lubrication services; the performance of minor automotive maintenance and repair; and the supplying of other incidental customer services and products. Major automotive repairs, painting, body and fender work, and automobile or truck rental or storage shall not be deemed permitted as a part of such service station usage.

#### "Shall" is mandatory.

Singular. When consistent with the context, words in the singular number shall include the plural.

"Solid fill" means any combustible materials, insoluble in water, such as soil, rock, sand or gravel that can be used for grading land or filling depressions.

"Solid fill project" means any operation which involves the importation and deposit of one thousand or more cubic yards of solid fill material, on a lot, for the purpose of reclaiming such lot or portion thereof.

"Sorority" means the same as "club, private."

Stable, Private. "Private stable" means a detached accessory building in which horses owned by the occupants of the premises are kept, and in which no horses are kept for hire or sale.

"Stand" means a structure for the display and sale of products with no space for customers within the structure itself.

"State" means the state of California.

"Story" means that portion of a building included between the upper surface of any floor and the upper surface of the floor next above, except that the topmost story shall be that portion of a building included between the upper surface of the topmost floor and the ceiling or roof above. If the finished floor level directly above a usable or unused underfloor space is more than six feet above pre-existing or natural grade as defined herein for more than fifty percent of the total perimeter or is more than twelve feet above grade as defined herein at any point, such useable or unusable underfloor space shall be considered as a story.

"Street" means a public or private way permanently reserved as a primary means of vehicular access to adjoining property; "street" shall not include an "alley."

Street Frontage. See "Frontage, street."

"Structural alterations" means any change in the supporting members of a building such as foundation, bearing walls, columns, beams, floor or roof joints, girders or rafters, or changes in roof or exterior lines.

"Structure" means anything constructed or erected which requires location on the ground or attached to something having a location on the ground.

Except: Fences or walls less than three feet in height located in any required yard area, provided the same are not adjacent to any property line and do not interfere with, divert, block or channel surface water run-off. All fences and walls (regardless of height) adjacent to property lines and those which interfere with, divert, block or channel surface water run-off. All fences and walls (regardless of height) adjacent to property lines and those which interfere with, divert, block or channel surface water run-off. All fences and walls (regardless of height) adjacent to property lines and those which interfere with, divert, block or channel surface water run-off shall not be excepted.

<u>"Sober Living Home" means a home which is defined as a residential property which is</u> operated as a cooperative living arrangement to provide an alcohol and drug free environment for persons recovering from alcoholism or drug abuse, or both, who seek a living environment in which to remain clean and sober. A sober living home meets the definition when residents, including resident owners, operators, and managers, are living a sober lifestyle; residents actively participate in legitimate programs and maintain records of meeting attendance; a zero tolerance policy towards drugs and alcohol is maintained; no services requiring licensure by Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs are provided. Residents do not require care or supervision as provided by a licensed care facility.

"Supportive Housing" means housing with no limit on length of stay that is occupied to the target population as defined in the Health and Safety Code 53260(d), which provides services for six (6) or fewer persons and that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his or her heath status, and maximizing his or her ability to live, and when possible, work in the community.

Tenses. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the past and future tenses and words in the future tense include the present tense.

"Tent" means any structure, temporary or permanent, constructed of canvas or other cloth or material attached to, and encloses, a framework that is intended to provide shelter to an area.

Trailer, Automobile. "Automobile trailer" means a vehicle without motor power, designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle and to be used for human habitation or for carrying persons and property, including a trailer coach and any self-propelled vehicle having a body designed for the same uses as an automobile trailer without motor power.

Trailer Park, Trailer Court and Public Camp. Any or all of them shall mean any area or tract of land used or designed to accommodate one or more automobile trailers or one or more camp parties, including tents or other camping outfits and including trailer camps as defined by state law.

"Transfer station" means an area, including any necessary building or structures, for the temporary storage and the salvage of rubbish, garbage or industrial waste.

<u>"Target Population" is defined as adults with low incomes having one or more disabilities, including mental illness, HIV or AIDS, substance abuse, or other chronic health problems; and persons eligible for services under the Lanterman Development Disabilities Act, which provides services to persons with developmental disabilities that originate before the person turned 18.</u>

"Transitional housing" means rental housing provided to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals or families to conventional housing. Transitional housing may take the form of single-family or multi-family units, and may include supportive services operated under program requirements to allow individuals or families to gain necessary life skills in support of independent living. This type of housing may be occupied by a program recipient for a minimum of six months up to a maximum of two years, at which time it may be recirculated to another eligible program recipient.

<u>"Treatment Facility" means any premise, place, or building that provides 24-hour residential</u> non-medical services to adults who are recovering from problems related to substance abuse and that at least one of these services are provided: Treatment services, or detoxification services. Existing law also requires treatment facilities with six or fewer persons to be regarded as a residential use and to be treated no differently than other residential use.

"Triplex" means the same as "dwelling, three-family."

"Use" means the utilization of a lot, building, structure or any combination thereof.

"Wall" means a concrete block or masonry wall.

"Writing" includes any form of message recorder in English and capable of visual comprehension.

"Yard" means an open space, other than a court, on a lot unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground upward, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Wherever in this chapter required yards are prescribed, the same shall be established from the boundary line of such lot or parcel; provided, that the following shall be excluded, and the boundary line shall be deemed to be the interior line of:

- 1. Any portion of said lot or parcel which serves as an access easement to any other lot or building site;
- 2. Any portion of said lot or parcel which serves as an improved surface flood control project under the jurisdiction of any public agency.

Yard, Front. "Front yard" means an area extending across the full width of the lot and lying between the front lot line and a line parallel thereto, and having a distance between them equal to the required front yard depth as prescribed in each zone. Front yards shall be measured by a line at right angles to the front lot line, or by the radial line in the case of a curbed front lot line. When a lot lies partially within a planned street indicated on a precise plan for such a street and where such planned street is of the type that will afford legal access to such lot, the depth of the front yard shall be measured from the contiguous edge of such planned street in a manner prescribed in this definition.

Yard, Rear. "Rear yard" means a yard extending across the full width of a lot, immediately adjacent to the rear lot line thereof. The depth of a required rear yard shall be the specified horizontal distance measured between the rear lot line and a line parallel thereto on the lot.

Yard, Rear Line of Required Front. "Rear line of required front yard" means a line parallel to the front lot line and at a distance therefrom equal to the depth of the required front yard, and extending across the full width of the lot.

Yard, Required Setback. For purposes of the restriction of any structure exceeding forty-two inches in height, the term "setback" includes any required yard, front, side or back.

Yard, Side. "Side yard" means a yard between the main building and the side lot lines extending from the rear line of the required front yard, or the front lot line where no front yard is required, to the beginning of the required rear yard line, and at right angles to the nearest point of a side lot line towards the nearest part of a main building.

"Zoning map" or "map" means the official zoning map of the city.



17.60.030 – Conditional use permits – When required.

The purpose of any conditional use permit shall be to insure that the use for which the same is required will be rendered compatible with other existing and permitted uses located in the general area of the same. The following uses, each of which possesses characteristics of such unique and special form as to render impractical their operation without specific approval, shall be permitted in the zones as hereinafter set forth, provided that a conditional use permit is first obtained pursuant to the provisions of this part, unless such use is designated as a permitted use in a particular zone.

A. Conditional Uses—All zones except the R-C Zone.

Airports, landing fields, heliports, and helistops,

Borrow pits to a depth of over three feet,

Cemeteries,

Child care center (four or more children),

Children's treatment center (emotionally disturbed),

Churches, temples and other places of worship, provided they shall be excluded from the C (commercial) zone, except as provided in <u>Section 17.56.120</u> of this title,

Clubs, provided they shall be excluded from the R-1 and R-2 zones (see <u>Section</u> 17.36.020(F) of this title),

Columbariums, crematories and mausoleums,

Crops, field, tree, bush, berry, and row, including nursery stock, the growing of (see <u>Section 17.20.020(H)</u> of this title),

Day center (mentally retarded),

Day treatment hospitals,

Dumps,

Educational institutions,

Equestrian establishments,

Establishments or enterprises involving large assemblages of people or automobiles as follows:

Amusement parks,

Circuses, carnivals, or fairgrounds,

Labor camps

Open air theatres,

Race tracks and rodeos,

Recreational centers privately operated,

Trailer (mobilehome) parks,

Facilities for preparole adjustment/rehabilitation programs,

Facilities for the rehabilitation of drug addicts,

Family home (mentally ill),

Family homes (mentally retarded),

Family Day Care Home, Large

Fraternity,

Golf courses, privately owned,

Home for the aged,

Hospitality houses,

Hospitals and sanitariums, rest homes, guest homes, convalescent hospitals and similar institutions,

Institutions for treatment of alcoholics,

Livestock, care and maintenance for commercial or noncommercial purposes,

Long-term facility,

Mental hospitals,

Mortuaries,

Natural mineral resources, the development of, together with the necessary buildings, apparatus or appurtenances incidental thereto; provided, that no review or permit shall be required for the exploration of oil, rock, sand, gravel, or clay if any other section of this code makes separate provisions with respect thereto,

Nonprofit organizations provided they shall be excluded from the C (commercial) zone except as provided in <u>Section 17.56.120</u>,

Nursing and convalescent hospitals,

Parking lots, commercial,

Public utilities or utilities operated by mutual agencies consisting of water wells, electrical substations, gas metering stations, telephone exchanges, power boosters or conversion plants with the necessary buildings, apparatus, or appurtenances incident thereto when located in other than C or M zones,

Public utility facilities and utilities operated by mutual companies except any public facility for which a building permit is not required pursuant to the city's building regulations, and any such facility which is permitted by a city-granted franchise,

Refuse, disposal of,

Resident facility (mentally retarded),

Resident school (mentally retarded),

Rest home,

Sewage disposal plants,

Sorority,

Swimming pools, hot tubs, spas and similar recreational facilities which are located within twenty-five feet and/or are visible to or from a public or private street or alley,

Veterinarians, kennels and small animal hospitals,

Any use permitted pursuant to Section 5116 of the Welfare and Institutional Code of the State of California (certain licensed residential care homes);

B. Conditional Uses—R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-C Zones.

Maintenance of keeping of horses or mules, as enumerated in <u>Chapter 6.08</u>, "Animals Generally";

Family Day Care Home, Large

Any use permitted pursuant to Section 5116 of the Welfare and Institutional Code of the State of California (certain licensed Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly).

C. Conditional Uses—R-1-9, R-1-11 and R-1-15 Zones. Granny hospice;

D. Conditional Uses—R-1, R-2, R-3 Zones.

- C.D.Conditional Uses—R-2 Development in the R-2 zone;
- D.F. Conditional Uses-All developments in the R-3 zone;
- EE. Conditional Uses—H Zone. Development, structures, grading, or subdivisions;

F. Conditional Uses—R-P (R-3 with Residential Entrepreneurial Overlay) Zone and C (Commercial) Zone only in the portions of the C Zone where residential uses are allowed;

Child Care Center / Nursery School,

Community Care Facilities, 7 beds or more,

Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Rehabilitation Facilities,

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities,

Residential Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facilities (former drug abusers).

Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facilities,

Facilities for Preparole Adjustment/Rehabilitation,

Family Day Care Home, Large,

Residential Care Facility for the Elderly with 7 beds or more,

Residential Health Care Facilities (Chronically III) with 7 beds or more;

I. Conditional Uses C Zone.

Residential Care Facility for the Elderly.

G. Wireless communications facilities, as provided in <u>Chapter 17.93</u> of this title.



### **Chapter 17.94**

## **GROUP LIVING FACILITIES SUBJECT TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

#### Sections:

<u> 17.94.010 – Purpose.</u>

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17.94.030 – Application Procedures

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# 17.094.050 – Findings for Conditional Use Permit.

### <u> 17.94.010 – Purpose.</u>

A. The purpose of this chapter is to further the purposes of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disability Act by, among other things, 1) ensuring that group living facilities, which are a form of boarding house which is otherwise a prohibited use in any zoning district, are permitted with a conditional use permit to be located in specified residential-like settings as a reasonable accommodation for the handicapped-physically and mentally disabled who would otherwise not be able to reside in a boarding house within the city, and (2) to provide comfortable living environments that will enhance the opportunity for the handicapped-physically and mentally disabled and for recovering addicts to be successful in their programs, and (3) in the case of unlicensed group living facilities, provide some protection to a vulnerable population in the absence of licensing or other regulatory oversight regarding the operators of such unlicensed group homes, and (4) to provide a framework for the inclusion of housing and care facilities for people with disabilities in the City.

## 17.94.020 - Permit Requirements.

- A. Any person who owns, manages or operates an unlicensed group living facility and seeks to operate such facility must first obtain a conditional use permit pursuant to the requirements of the Chapter.
- B. Any person who owns, manages, or operates a licensed group living facility with greater than six (6) persons and seeks to operate such facility must first obtain a conditional use permit pursuant to the requirements of this Chapter.

C. In addition to the conditional use permit required under paragraphs A and B above, no person shall operate a group living facility without a business license.

# 17.94.030 – Application Procedures.

The application requirements for a special use permit for an unlicensed group living facility or a licensed group living facility for 7 beds or more shall be submitted to the director by the operator of the group living facility.

- A. The application shall provide the following:
  - 1. the name, address, phone number and driver's license number of the operator;
  - 2. the name, address, phone number and driver's license number of the house manager;
  - 3. <u>a copy of the group living facility's home rules and regulations;</u>
  - 4. written intake procedures;
  - 5. the relapse policy (for residential alcohol and alcohol rehabilitation facilities);
  - an affirmation by the operator that only residents (other than the house manager) who are handicapped as defined by state and federal law shall reside at the group living facility;
  - blank copies of all forms that all residents and potential residents are required to complete; and
  - 8. <u>if the operator of the group living facility is not the property owner, written approval</u> <u>from the property owner to operate a group living facility at the property;</u>
  - 9. Emergency Operations Plan for the proposed group living facility;
  - 10. A fee for the cost of processing the application as set by city council resolution.
- B. <u>As part of the application process, a background check will be required for both the operator and the house manager. No business license or conditional use permit shall issue to any operator who or whose staff (house manager) has:</u>
  - an employment history in which he or she was terminated during the past two years because of physical assault, sexual harassment, embezzlement or theft; falsifying a drug test and selling or furnishing of illegal drugs or alcohol; Or
  - 2. <u>been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere within the last seven to ten years to</u> any of the following offenses:

- a. <u>any sex offense for which the person is required to register as a sex offender</u> <u>under the California Penal Code Section 290;</u>
- b. arson offenses-violations of Penal Code Sections 451-455; or
- c. violent felonies, as defined in Penal Code Section 667.5 which involve doing bodily harm to another person.
- C. <u>The fire chief and building official shall ascertain whether the premises to be used comply with applicable laws, ordinances and regulations concerning such premises.</u> <u>Both an initial building and safety inspection and a fire inspection for group occupancies is required as a condition of approval for any conditional use permit, with annual inspections thereafter.</u>
- D. <u>The city shall notify the applicant in writing within thirty (30) days after the filing of the completed application for a conditional use permit that the application has scheduled before the Planning Commission. In event of denial, the applicant may appeal to the City Council but must do so within 10 days of the date of the Planning Commission decision. The city shall hear the appeal within 30 days of the date of receipt of the notice of appeal.</u>

## 17.94.040 - Operational Requirements

- A. The group living facility shall have a house manager who resides at the group living facility or any multiple of persons acting as house manager who are present at the group living facility on a 24-hour basis and who are responsible for day-to-day operations.
- <u>B.</u> The group living facility shall not be located in an accessory dwelling unit unless the primary dwelling unit is used for the same purpose.
- C. All garages and driveway spaces associated with the group living facility shall, at all times, be available for the parking of vehicles. No more than one vehicle per resident or house manager may be stored or parked on the site or on any street within 500 feet of the group living facility. Any such vehicle must be operable and currently sued-used as a primary form of transportation for a resident of the group living facility.
- D. If the group living facility is a drug and alcohol recovery and rehabilitation facility (sober living home), due to the extremely transient populations and above-normal numbers of adults residing in an unlicensed group living facility, who may or may not be supervised and where the neighbors may have little or no knowledge idea of who does and does

not reside in the group living facility, the following additional operational standards apply:

- 1. <u>The sober living home facility-shall have a written visitation policy that shall preclude</u> visitors who are under the influence of any drug or alcohol;
- The sober living home facility shall not provide any of the following services as they are defined by Section 10501(a)(6) of Title 9, California Code of Regulations: detoxification; education counseling; individual or group counseling sessions; and treatment or recovery planning;
- The sober living home facility shall have a good neighbor policy that shall direct occupants to be considerate of neighbors. The good neighbor policy shall establish a written protocol for the house manager/operator to follow when a neighbor compliant is received.

# 17.94.050 – Findings for Conditional Use Permit.

<u>The following findings must be made for the proposed project by the reviewing body, in</u> addition to the standard findings for a conditional use permit, in order to approve a conditional use permit under this Chapter:

- A. <u>It shall not result in adverse effects to, or jeopardize or endanger, the health, welfare,</u> peace, or safety of persons in the surrounding area;
- B. <u>It shall not adversely affect the livability of the surrounding neighborhood as a result of inadequate maintenance, prohibited activities, and/or operating characteristics;</u>
- C. <u>It shall not result in nuisance activities, including but not limited to disturbance of the peace, illegal drug activity, public drunkenness, public consumption of alcohol, harassment of passers-by, gambling, public urination, theft, assault, battery, vandalism, littering, loitering, illegal parking, noise levels above those allowed pursuant to the city's Noise Ordinance, lewd conduct, or police detentions and/or arrests;</u>
- D. <u>It shall not result in violation of any applicable provision of any other city, state, or federal</u> <u>regulation, ordinance or statute;</u>
- E. <u>It shall not result in an overconcentration of similar uses or other uses with potentially similar impacts</u>. In making such finding, the reviewing body may consider whether any group home or group living facility (whether or not such facility is licensed by the state of California) is located within 300 feet, measured from the property lines.