

RESOLUTION NO. 26-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, ADOPTING  
AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE  
CITY OF PLEASANT HILL GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Pleasant Hill General Plan Housing Element establishes the goals, policies, and implementation programs that are intended to ensure that safe and decent housing is provided for current and future residents of the City of Pleasant Hill; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pleasant Hill General Plan Circulation Element establishes the goals, policies, and implementation programs that are intended to ensure the safety of persons using the City circulation system and to maintain compatibility between that system and the land uses it serves; and

WHEREAS, the City is required by State law to review and update the Housing Element of the General Plan periodically as specified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the current Housing Element was adopted in 2011 and was intended to address the City's housing needs through 2014 and the planning period for the proposed update to the Housing Element is intended to address the 2015-2023 timeframe; and

WHEREAS, the City is required, per AB 1358 (California Complete Streets Act), that upon any substantial revision of the Circulation Element of a General Plan, the City shall modify the Circulation Element to plan for a balanced, multi-modal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of the streets, roads and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban or urban context of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 6, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, the City of Pleasant Hill prepared a draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration to determine whether the project will have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Intent to issue a draft Negative Declaration was published in the Contra Costa Times-Pleasant Hill/Martinez Record on December 12, 2014 and January 2, 2015, and posted at the County Clerk's office of Contra Costa County on December 12, 2014 and posted at the Governor's Office of Planning Research on December 12, 2014, and the draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration were circulated for public review between December 12, 2014 and January 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, after notice thereof having been duly, regularly and lawfully given, a public hearing on the proposed Initial Study and draft Negative Declaration and General Plan Amendment was held at a meeting of the Planning Commission on January 13, 2015, at which time all interested parties could appear and be heard and the Planning Commission recommended adoption of the General Plan Amendment to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, after notice thereof having been duly, regularly and lawfully given, a public hearing on the proposed Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration and General Plan Amendment was held at a meeting of the City Council on April 6, 2015, at which time all interested parties could appear and be heard by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council certifies and approves the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for this project based on the following findings:

1. The City Council finds on the basis of the whole record before it (including the Initial Study and any comments received) that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Initial Study/Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City Council;
2. The Initial Study/Negative Declaration is complete and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the City's local CEQA Guidelines, and adequately addresses the expected environmental impacts of the proposed project;
3. The Initial Study/Negative Declaration, and all related records of proceedings upon which the decision is based, shall be maintained and kept on file by the Zoning Administrator in the City of Pleasant Hill Public Works and Community Development Department in the City of Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, California;
4. Pursuant to Title XIV, California Code of Regulations ("CCR"), the Planning Commission has determined that, after considering the record as a whole, the proposed project will not have the potential for any adverse effects on wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends as defined in Fish and Game Code § 711.2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Pleasant Hill, approves the General Plan Amendment based on findings that the update is consistent with the following General Plan Goals and related Policies and Programs:

**General Plan Conformance**

*Housing Element*

1. Community Development Goal 1 - Preserve and enhance residential neighborhoods;
2. Housing Goal 1 - Maintain a housing supply sufficient to meet the housing needs of all Pleasant Hill residents;
3. Housing Goal 2 - Promote diversity in tenure, type, size, location and price to permit a choice of housing for persons of all economic levels;
4. Housing Goal 3 - Increase housing opportunities for people of limited incomes;
5. Housing Goal 4 - Improve housing conditions for people with special needs;

6. Housing Goal 5 - Protect and rehabilitate the existing housing stock;
7. Housing Goal 6 - Preserve the City's affordable housing stock whenever and wherever feasible.
8. Housing Goal 7 - Ensure equal housing opportunities for all;
9. Housing Goal 8 - Require energy conserving practices in the maintenance of existing dwellings and in new residential development, additions and remodeling.
10. Housing Goal 9 - Facilitate public participation in the formulation and review of the City's housing and development policies.

*Circulation Element*

1. Community Development Goal 23 - Conserve natural resources.
2. Circulation Goal 1 - Establish and maintain a safe and efficient circulation system that emphasizes the use of existing arterial and collector roadways, paths, and bike lanes.
3. Circulation Goal 2 - Decrease traffic delays associated with specific streets and uses.
4. Circulation Goal 3 - Reduce speeding, especially in neighborhoods.
5. Circulation Goal 4 - Reduce congestion and vehicle trips through non-automobile transportation.
6. Circulation Goal 5 - Ensure that streets are safe and pedestrian-friendly.
7. Circulation Goal 6 - Prioritize access and mobility for persons with disabilities.
8. Growth Management Goal 2 - Ensure an efficient regional and local transportation system that will meet the needs of the overall growth within the City and the region.
9. Growth Management Goal 3 - Create a balanced, efficient, and safe transportation system that accommodates all modes of transportation for residents of all ages and abilities.

*[Signatures on Following Page]*

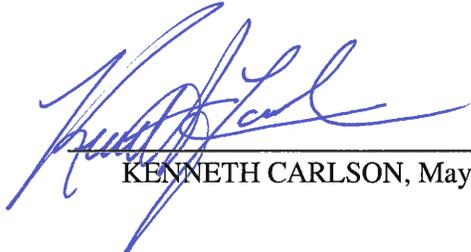
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ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Pleasant Hill, on the 6th day of April, 2015,  
by the following vote:

AYES:	Durant, Harris, Flaherty, Noack, Carlson
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

  
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KENNETH CARLSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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PAIGE A. KREMSER-STENRUD, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM;

  
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JANET E. COLESON, City Attorney