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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF
DETERMINATION**

2026 216259**FILED**
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(California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15094)

Public Resources Code Section 21152(a) requires local agencies to submit this information to the County Clerk. Guideline 15094(c) requires submittal of this notice to the State LCI if the project requires discretionary approval from a state agency. (State LCI, 1400 Tenth St, Rm 113 Sacramento, CA 95814). The filing of the notice starts a 30-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167. Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS (Bldg, Street, City, State)

Los Angeles Department of City Planning, 200 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

COUNCIL DISTRICT

N/A

PROJECT TITLE (INCLUDING ITS COMMON NAME, IF ANY)

Landscape and Site Design Ordinance

CASE NO.

ENV-2022-4857-ND

PROJECT APPLICANT

N/A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The Proposed Project involves the adoption of a new ordinance known as the "Landscape and Site Design Ordinance" (Proposed Ordinance) that will amend the City's current Landscape Ordinance (No. 170,978), Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Sections 12.40 through 12.43, previously adopted in May 1996 and amended in April 2005. The proposed amendment to LAMC Sections 12.40 through 12.43 will create new landscape and site design objective standards (Landscape and Site Design Point System) using a dynamic and flexible performance-based point system, in order to implement healthy building design and climate-adapted site design. Through established point targets dependent on project types, the Point System will establish a more efficient and effective implementation process. The objective design standards represent a more comprehensive approach to site design that aligns with broader Citywide policy goals of climate resilience, designing for health and the protection and enhancement of the City's urban forest and biodiversity. Related amendments to LAMC Sections 12.03, 12.10.5, 12.11.5, 12.12.2, 12.13, 12.21, 12.21.1, 12.40, 12.41, 12.42, 12.43, 13.08, 13.09, 14.00, 19.04, 62.177 and 91.7012 are necessary in order to effectuate the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance and Point System. The proposed Landscape and Site Design Ordinance will apply Citywide and will address pressing sustainability and health-related needs, building upon The Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles, the General Plan's Health and Wellness Element, and the Citywide Design Guidelines that are in effect today. Policy 2.2 of The Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles (Chapter 2.2) addresses healthy building design and construction and the relationship of health to the built environment. This policy encourages the design and rehabilitation of buildings and sites for healthy living and working conditions, promoting enhanced pedestrian-oriented circulation, lighting, attractive and open stairs, healthy building materials and universal accessibility. Secondly, a future Implementation Program identified in the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles (Program 36) speaks to streamlining and updating the 1996 City of Los Angeles Landscape Guidelines and Ordinance to better respond to climate change and healthy communities. The proposed Landscape and Site Design Point System implements Policy 2.2 of the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles through a set of objective standards that are organized into the following three design approaches: (1) Pedestrian-First Design, (2) 360 Degree Design and (3) ClimateAdapted Landscape and Site Design, similar to the Citywide Design Guidelines. Under each design approach, the standards are further organized under topical categories accompanied by corresponding strategies that are identified as either Mandatory or Elective, each with an assigned point value. The Ordinance will apply to residential and non-residential projects that may employ any of the standards in each category to obtain a required total of points, some of which will be mandatory, with a minimum of three points in each category and at least eight Designing for Health standards. To encourage the protection and expansion of tree canopy and heat island reduction in climate-vulnerable communities, projects that are in a mapped "Health and Urban Forest Equity Priority" area, per the draft Zoning Information file that accompanies the Proposed Ordinance, will be required to meet two additional health-related standards in the Landscape and Site Design Point System. These projects will also be eligible for up to five additional bonus points if certain standards related to tree canopy conservation, tree planting, and reduction of climate impacts are selected. Industrial or hybrid-Industrial projects and surface parking lot projects must meet a total of 15 points, through a combination of Mandatory and Elective standards. The proposed Landscape and Site Design Ordinance also includes a new definition for Outdoor Amenity Areas to support the integration of indoor and outdoor spaces. Outdoor Amenity Areas are outdoor spaces that are covered with overhead structures like patios, terraces, and courtyards and/or outdoor spaces that are only partially enclosed. This new definition and set of standards, allows for creative design solutions for outdoor areas that provide shade and comfort without counting these outdoor spaces toward the building's floor area and height.

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT IF OTHER THAN LEAD AGENCY

Lead Agency is carrying out project: Los Angeles City Planning

CONTACT PERSON

Dorothy Qian

STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

(626) 872-9063

12/17/2025

This is to advise that on 10/5/2026 the City of Los Angeles has approved the above described project and has made the following determinations:

SIGNIFICANT EFFECT	☐ Project will have a significant effect on the environment. ☒ Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.	
MITIGATION MEASURES	☐ Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval. ☒ Mitigation measures were not made a condition of project approval.	
MITIGATION REPORTING / MONITORING	☐ A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for the project. ☒ A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for the project.	
OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION	☐ Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted. ☐ Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted. ☒ Statement of Overriding Considerations was not required.	
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT	☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified and findings were made for project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The final Environmental Impact Report with comments and responses and record of project approval may be examined at the Department of City Planning. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was not prepared for the project.	
NEGATIVE DECLARATION	☒ A Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for the project and may be examined at the Department of City Planning. ☐ A Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration was not prepared for the project.	
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	☐ A Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment was prepared for the project and may be examined at the Department of City Planning. ☒ A Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment was not prepared for the project.	
SIGNATURE (Lead Agency) Dorothy Qian		TITLE Planning Assistant, LA City Planning
SIGNATURE (Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation if applicable)		DATE OF PREPARATION 10/9/2026
SIGNATURE (Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation if applicable)		TITLE
SIGNATURE (Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation if applicable)		DATE
DISTRIBUTION: County Clerk, Administrative Record, Responsible State Agency (if applicable), Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (if applicable)		

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor
MEGHAN HERTEL, Director

South Coast Region
3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123
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CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination

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CEQA Lead Agency: City of Los Angeles

Project Title: Landscape and Site Design Ordinance

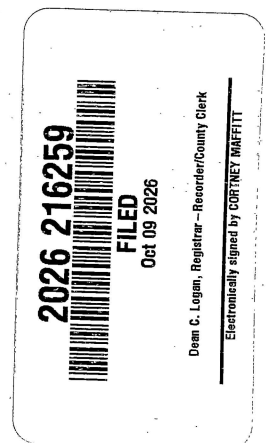
CEQA Document Type: Negative Declaration

State Clearinghouse Number/local agency ID number: CEQA-2026-2757-0000-R5

Project Location: The City of Los Angeles (Citywide)

Brief Project Description: The Proposed Project involves the adoption of a new ordinance called the "Landscape and Site Design Ordinance" that will replace the City's former Landscape Ordinance (No. 170,978), Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 12.40-43 previously adopted in May 1996 and amended in April 2005. The proposed amendment to LAMC Sections 12.40-43 will create new landscape and site design objective standards through the Landscape and Site Design Point System in order to support healthier buildings and communities, and address climate change through design interventions. Through this effort, the amendment will establish clear objective design standards resulting in a more efficient and effective implementation process. The proposed Landscape and Site Design Ordinance also includes a new definition for Outdoor Amenity Areas accompanied by a set of standards that allow for creative design solutions for outdoor areas that provide shade and comfort without counting these outdoor spaces toward the building's floor area and height.

Determination: Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (c))



Danai Zaire & Michelle Levy

August 4, 2026

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the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records. Local lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the county clerk at the time of filing the Notice of Determination (NOD) after the project is approved. State lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (i.e., State Clearinghouse) at the time of filing the NOD. If you do not file a copy of this determination as appropriate with the county clerk or State Clearinghouse at the time of filing the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 711.4, subdivision (c)(3).

Approved by: Signed by: Steve Gibson 614D9A782D83439 Date: 8/4/2026
Signature

Steve Gibson, Senior Environmental Scientist
(Supervisory)
Name, Title

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County Clerk Stamp or Initial

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BUSINESS FILINGS REGISTRATION

NORWALK DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTER

Cashier: C. MAFFITT



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