

ORDINANCE NO. 3204

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING FILE NO. PZC21-002, A ZONE CHANGE TO MODIFY THE ZONING MAP TO ESTABLISH THE AH (AFFORDABLE HOUSING) ZONING OVERLAY DISTRICT, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the CITY OF ONTARIO ("Applicant") has filed an Application for the approval of a Zone Change, File No. PZC-21-002, as described in the title of this Resolution (hereinafter referred to as "Application" or "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Application proposes to establish an Affordable Housing Overlay District to facilitate housing opportunities within the City through the implementation of required rezone programs pursuant to the City's adopted Housing Element where required for compliance with State Housing Element law; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Overlay District applies to sites identified in the housing inventory, part of the City's Housing Element, located (1) south of Riverside Drive, (2) along East Holt Boulevard between the Cucamonga Creek Channel and Corona Avenue, and (3) areas designated as MU-2 at the northeast corner of West Holt Boulevard and Mountain Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a related General Plan Amendment (File No. PGPA21-004) is being processed concurrently with this application for the Housing Element update to the Policy Plan (General Plan) component of The Ontario Plan addressing State mandates and the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation ("RHNA") and this application also proposes to modify the Policy Plan Land Use Plan (Exhibit LU-01) to establish an Affordable Housing Overlay; and

WHEREAS, a related Development Code Amendment (File No. PDCA21-001) is being processed concurrently with this application to establish density standards applicable to the Affordable Housing Overlay District; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been reviewed for consistency with the Housing Element of the Policy Plan component of The Ontario Plan, as State Housing Element law (as prescribed in Government Code Sections 65580 through 65589.8) requires that development projects must be consistent with the Housing Element, if upon consideration of all its aspects, it is found to further the purposes, principals, goals, and policies of the Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located within the Airport Influence Area of Ontario International Airport, which encompasses lands within parts of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles Counties, and is subject to, and must be consistent with, the policies and criteria set forth in the Ontario International Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan ("ALUCP"), which applies only to jurisdictions within San Bernardino County, and addresses the noise, safety, airspace protection, and overflight impacts of current and future airport activity; and

WHEREAS, the Application is a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) ("CEQA") and an initial study has been prepared to determine possible environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, Ontario Development Code Table 2.02-1 (Review Matrix) grants the Planning Commission the responsibility and authority to review and make recommendation to City Council on the subject Application; and

WHEREAS, City of Ontario Development Code Division 2.03 (Public Hearings) prescribes the manner in which public notification shall be provided and hearing procedures to be followed, and all such notifications and procedures have been completed; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2021, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and approved Resolution No. PC21-093 recommending the City Council approve a Resolution adopting an Addendum to The Ontario Plan Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2008101140), certified by the City Council on January 27, 2010, in conjunction with File Nos. PGPA21-004, PZC-21-002, and PDCA21-001. The Addendum finds that the proposed project introduces no new significant environmental impacts. Furthermore, all mitigation measures previously adopted with the Certified Environmental Impact Report are incorporated into the Project by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City's "Local Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)" provide for the use of a single environmental assessment in situations where the impacts of subsequent projects are adequately analyzed; and

WHEREAS, the Application is a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) ("CEQA") and an initial study has been prepared to determine possible environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2022, the City Council of the City of Ontario conducted a hearing to consider the Initial Study/Addendum and the Project, and concluded said hearing on that date; and

WHEREAS, as the first action on the Project, on March 1, 2022, the City Council approved a resolution adopting an Initial Study/Addendum to a previous Certified EIR prepared pursuant to CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines and the City of Ontario Local CEQA Guidelines, which indicated that all potential environmental impacts from the Project were less than significant or could be mitigated to a level of significance; and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND, DETERMINED, AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Ontario, as follows:

SECTION 1. *Environmental Determination and Findings.* As the decision-making body for the Project, the City Council has reviewed and considered the information contained in the previous Certified EIR and supporting documentation. Based upon the facts and information contained in the previous Certified EIR and supporting documentation, the City Council finds as follows:

(1) The environmental impacts of this project were reviewed in conjunction with an Addendum to The Ontario Plan ("TOP") Environmental Impact Report — State Clearinghouse No. 2008101140 ("Certified EIR"), which was certified by the Ontario City Council on January 27, 2010, in conjunction with File Nos. PGPA21-004, PZC-21-002, and PDCA21-001; and

(2) The EIR Addendum and administrative record have been completed in compliance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the City of Ontario Local CEQA Guidelines; and

(3) The City's "Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)" provide for the use of a single environmental assessment in situations where the impacts of subsequent projects are adequately analyzed. This Application introduces no new significant environmental impacts; and

(4) The EIR Addendum contains a complete and accurate reporting of the environmental impacts associated with the Project, and reflects the independent judgment of the City Council; and

(5) There is no substantial evidence in the administrative record supporting a fair argument that the project may result in significant environmental impacts; and

(6) The proposed project will introduce no new significant environmental impacts beyond those previously analyzed in the Certified EIR, and all mitigation measures previously adopted by the Certified EIR, are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. *Additional Environmental Review Not Required.* Based on the Addendum, all related information presented to the City Council, and the specific findings set forth in Section 1, above, the City Council finds that the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental Environmental Impact Report is not required for the Project, as the Project:

(1) Does not constitute substantial changes to the Certified EIR that will require major revisions to the Certified EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and

(2) Does not constitute substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Certified EIR was prepared, that will require major revisions to the Certified EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of the previously identified significant effects; and

(3) Does not contain new information of substantial importance that was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the Certified EIR was certified/adopted, that shows any of the following:

(a) The Project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the Certified EIR; or

(b) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the Certified EIR; or

(c) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the Project, but the City declined to adopt such measures; or

(d) Mitigation measures or alternatives considerably different from those analyzed in the Certified EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but which the City declined to adopt.

SECTION 3. *Ontario International Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan ("ALUCP") Compliance.* The California State Aeronautics Act (Public Utilities Code Section 21670 et seq.) requires that an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan be prepared for all public use airports in the State; and requires that local land use plans and individual development proposals must be consistent with the policies set forth in the adopted Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. On April 19, 2011, the City Council of the City of Ontario approved and adopted the Ontario International Airport Land use Compatibility Plan ("ALUCP"), establishing the Airport Influence Area for Ontario International Airport ("ONT"), which encompasses lands within parts of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles Counties, and limits future land uses and development within the Airport Influence Area, as they relate to noise, safety, airspace protection, and overflight impacts of current and future airport activity. As the decision-making body for the Project, the City Council has reviewed and considered the facts and information contained in the Application and supporting documentation against the ALUCP compatibility factors, including [1] Safety Criteria (ALUCP Table 2-2) and Safety Zones (ALUCP Map 2-2), [2] Noise Criteria (ALUCP Table 2-3) and Noise Impact Zones (ALUCP Map 2-3), [3] Airspace protection Zones (ALUCP Map 2-4), and [4] Overflight Notification Zones (ALUCP Map 2-5). As a result, the City Council, therefore, finds and determines that the Project, when implemented in conjunction with the conditions of approval, will be consistent with the policies and criteria set forth within the ALUCP.

SECTION 4. *Concluding Facts and Reasons.* Based upon the substantial evidence presented to the City Council during the above-referenced hearing, and upon the specific findings set forth in Section 1 through 3, above, the City Council hereby concludes as follows:

(1) The proposed Zone Change is consistent with the goals, policies, plans and exhibits of the Vision, Policy Plan (General Plan), and City Council Priorities components of The Ontario Plan; and

Land Use Element:

- **Goal LU1:** A community that has a spectrum of housing types and price ranges that match the jobs in the City and that make it possible for people to live and work in Ontario and maintain a quality of life.

- **LU1-6: Complete Community.** We incorporate a variety of land uses and building types in our land use planning efforts that result in a complete community where residents at all stages of life, employers, workers and visitors have a wide spectrum of choices of where they can live, work, shop and recreate within Ontario.

Compliance: The proposed Zone Change reflects the existing uses of the properties or closely coordinates with land use designations in the surrounding area and provides opportunities for choice in living environments.

- **Goal LU2:** Compatibility between a wide range of uses.

- **LU2-1: Land Use Decisions.** We minimize adverse impacts on adjacent properties when considering land use and zoning requests.

Compliance: The proposed Zone Change reflects the existing uses of the properties or closely coordinates with land use designations in the surrounding area and will not create adverse impacts on adjacent properties.

- **Goal LU5:** Integrated airport systems and facilities that minimize negative impacts to the community and maximize economic benefits.

- **LU5-7: ALUCP Consistency with Land Use Regulations.** We comply with state law that requires general plans, specific plans and all new development be consistent with the policies and criteria set forth within an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for any public use airport.

Compliance: The proposed Zone Change is consistent with the adopted Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for both Ontario International Airport and Chino Airport.

Housing Element:

- **Goal H2:** Diversity of types of quality housing that are affordable to a range of household income levels, accommodate changing demographics, and support and reinforce the economic sustainability of Ontario.

- **H2-1: Corridor Housing.** We revitalize transportation corridors by encouraging the production of higher density residential and mixed-uses that are architecturally, functionally and aesthetically suited to corridors.

Compliance: The proposed Zone Change supports higher density residential and mixed-use development that is functionally and aesthetically suited along transportation corridors.

➤ H2-4: *New Model Colony*. We support a premier lifestyle community in the New Model Colony distinguished by diverse housing, highest design quality, and cohesive and highly amenitized neighborhoods.

Compliance: The proposed Zone Change is consistent with the policy to support a diverse housing type throughout Ontario.

➤ H2-6: *Infill Development*. We support the revitalization of neighborhoods through the construction of higher-density residential developments on underutilized residential and commercial sites.

Compliance: The proposed Zone Change supports the revitalization of neighborhoods through the infill development of higher-density residential and mixed-use developments on underutilized properties.

▪ Goal H3: A City regulatory environment that balances the need for creativity and excellence in residential design, flexibility and predictability in the project approval process, and the provision of an adequate supply and prices of housing.

➤ H3-2: *Flexible Standards*. We allow flexibility in the application of residential and mixed-use development standards in order to gain benefits such as exceptional design quality, economic advantages, sustainability, or other benefits that would otherwise be unrealized.

Compliance: The proposed Zone Change supports flexibility in the application of development standards to achieve a variety of residential development on higher density residential and mixed-use properties.

▪ Goal H5: A full range of housing types and community services that meet the special housing needs for all individuals and families in Ontario, regardless of income level, age or other status.

➤ H5-2: *Family Housing*. We support the development of larger rental apartments that are appropriate for families with children, including, as feasible, the provision of services, recreation and other amenities.

Compliance: The proposed Zone Change supports the development of larger rental apartments on higher density residential and mixed-use properties to meet the housing needs of all individuals and families in Ontario.

(2) The proposed Zone Change would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City. The proposed zoning designation is compatible with the zoning and land uses in the surrounding areas; and

(3) The proposed Zone Change will not adversely affect the harmonious relationship with adjacent properties and land uses. The allowed uses of the properties will be similar to other properties in the areas; and

(4) The subject site is physically suitable, including, but not limited to, parcel sizes, shapes, access, and availability of utilities, for the request and anticipated development. The sites identified for the AH Overlay District are of adequate size to accommodate a variety of residential development and are physically suitable for the anticipated future development.

SECTION 5. City Council Action. Based upon the findings and conclusions set forth in Sections 1 through 4, above, the City Council hereby APPROVES the herein described Zone Change, attached hereto as "Attachment A," and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 6. Custodian of Records. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which these findings have been based are located at the City of Ontario City Hall, 303 East "B" Street, Ontario, California 91764. The custodian for these records is the City Clerk of the City of Ontario.

SECTION 7. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any entity, person or circumstance is held for any reason to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The People of the City of Ontario hereby declare that they would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days following its adoption.

SECTION 9. Publication and Posting. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption and shall cause a summary thereof to be published at least once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Ontario, California within 15 days following the adoption. The City Clerk shall post a certified copy of this ordinance, including the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk, in accordance with Government Code Section 36933.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 15th day of March 2022.



PAUL S. LEON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHEILA MAUTZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)
CITY OF ONTARIO)

I, SHEILA MAUTZ, City Clerk of the City of Ontario, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that foregoing Ordinance No. 3204 was duly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ontario held March 1, 2022 and adopted at the regular meeting held March 15, 2022 by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:	MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS:	LEON, WAPNER, BOWMAN, DORST-PORADA AND VALENCIA
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	NONE


SHEILA MAUTZ, CITY CLERK

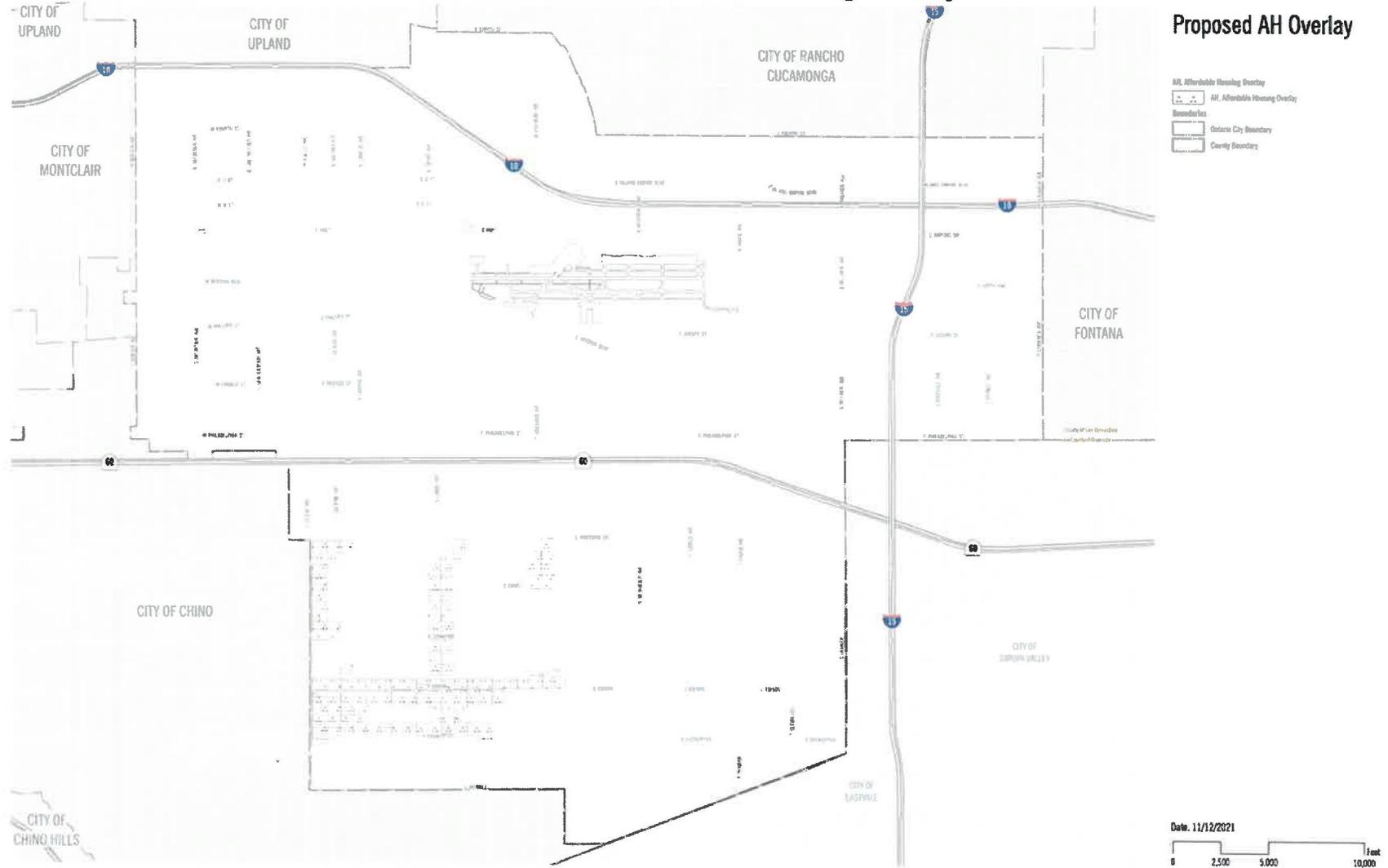
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is the original of Ordinance No. 3204 duly passed and adopted by the Ontario City Council at their regular meeting held March 15, 2022 and that Summaries of the Ordinance were published on March 8, 2022 and March 22, 2022 in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin newspaper.


SHEILA MAUTZ, CITY CLERK

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Attachment A: Affordable Housing Overlay



Attachment B: Affordable Housing Overlay and Current Zoning

