ORDINANCE NO. 181373

An ordinance amending Section 12.04 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code by amending the zoning map,

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 12.04 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is hereby amended by changing the zones within the boundaries shown upon a portion of the zone map attached thereto and made a part of Article 2 Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, so that such portion of the zoning map shall be as follows:
Section 2. With the adoption of the Preservation plan, and pursuant to Section 12.20.3 D1, the Windsor Village Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) shall establish a Historic Preservation Board to be shared by joint name and administration with the Country Club Park HPOZ and Wilshire Park HPOZ. The Board shall consist of seven voting members. Five members shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of LAMC Section 12.20.3 D.3. Two additional members shall be appointed and shall be renters or owners of property within the HPOZ. One of these additional members shall be appointed by the Cultural Heritage Commission. The other additional member shall be appointed by the councilmember of the district in which the Preservation Zone is located. In cases where the various HPOZ areas governed by the HPOZ Board include more than one council district, the first council appointment shall be made by the councilmember representing the greatest land area, and the second council appointment shall be made by the councilmember representing the second greatest land area in the various HPOZ areas.

To the maximum extent practicable, both additional members shall have experience in architecture, construction, real estate, planning, urban design, or landscape architecture. To the maximum extent practicable, at least one renter or property owner from each of the three HPOZs shall be present on the Board.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY. Pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.00 (k) and as otherwise provided by law, if any provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance which can be implemented without the invalid provision, and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 4. URGENCY CLAUSE. The City Council finds and declares that this Ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public health, safety, and welfare for the following reasons.

The Windsor Village community has been experiencing a high level of development activity in recent years as evidenced by the number of proposed projects that have been stopped by an Interim Control Ordinance. This Interim Control Ordinance, No. 180,913 is set to expire on October 22, 2010. If the HPOZ is not quickly adopted, Windsor Village will be left unprotected and likely encourage some applicants to pursue the type of projects that an HPOZ would prevent, resulting in adverse impacts to the neighborhood’s historic resources. With the recent downturn in the housing market, worried sellers are ever more anxious to cheaply “modernize” older homes in hopes of attracting buyers. During the last year, many of these sellers have contacted the Department of City Planning wanting to make incompatible alterations and asking about the expiration of the ICO. The HPOZ is urgently needed to prevent the loss of irreplaceable historic buildings and to ensure that new construction will not create an unsightly patchwork of design and scale, jeopardizing the overall character of the neighborhood. This is particularly true in Windsor Village, one of the most well preserved neighborhoods in the City, where approximately 71% of the structures are historically intact. For all of these reasons, the ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to City Charter Section 253.
Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, by a vote of not less than three-fourths of all of its members, at its meeting of ________

JUNE LAGAY, City Clerk
By ____________________________
Deputy

OCT 26 2010

Approved ____________________________

Mayor

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I disapprove this ordinance on behalf of the City Planning Commission and recommend that it be adopted . . . . .

October 19, 2010

See attached report.

Michael Uc Grande
Director of Planning