

ACTION ALERT: CF 11-0923, 08-0515, 08-1233, 08-0530 / MURAL ORDINANCE

The City's proposed MURAL ORDINANCE is expected to go to the full City Council for its consideration on June 19th. A very problematic change to the ordinance was made at PLUM which has to do with the minimum number of residential units to be allowed to display a mural.

As first proposed by the Planning Dept., murals would be EXCLUDED from residential properties of fewer than five units. Then at the City Planning Commission, that was reduced first to three and then to two. Murals were to be allowed anywhere in the city EXCEPT for R1.

At PLUM, there was further discussion and the instructions given to the City Attorney were to draft an ordinance with NO carve-out or exception for R1. The ordinance passed quietly out of PLUM 1/15/13 and there has been no apparent activity since then. However, we now learn that the Ordinance is to be heard on JUNE 19 before the full Council.

ACTIONS ARE NEEDED TO OPPOSE THE ORDINANCE AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN. WE oppose an ordinance that allows murals to be placed on R1 (and low density residential properties).

--request the return of the exemption for R1
--request the return of the exemption for R1 and all low density residential properties
--pass the ordinance for commercial properties and return it to PLUM for further review on residential housing

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2011/11-0923_rpt_plan_1-4-13.pdf. The last line of last paragraph on page 3:

An outstanding issue from the November 20, 2012 PLUM hearing is the minimum number of units for a residential building to be allowed to display a mural. The original proposed ordinance recommended that no residential buildings with fewer than five units be allowed and that was reduced to two units by the GPG. There was significant discussion at PLUM regarding such a ban of murals on single-family homes.

See the second point under #1 in this document: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2011/11-0923_misc_plum_2-21-13.pdf

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REQUESTS

At a regular meeting held on January 15, 2013 (continued from November 20, 2012), the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee considered Categorical Exemption and related California Environmental Quality Act findings, reports from the Los Angeles City Planning Commission relative to a proposed ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Sections 14.4.2, 14.4.3, 14.4.4, and 14.4.20 and amending Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Sections 5.111.2 and 22.116 and adding Section 22.119 to the LAAC to allow for the creation of new original art murals and the preservation of existing original art murals on private property.

The Committee took the following actions:

1. Requested the Office of the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to do the following:
 - Incorporate the recommended changes noted on page two of the Department of City Planning (DCP) report dated January 4, 2013.
 - Delete the residential restriction where murals can first be located so that no restriction exists in a Citywide baseline ordinance.
 - Add an instruction for the DCP to add a reference to existing land use tools to allow local communities to request restrictions on residential properties in coordination with the local Council Offices. See the document for the additional points included by PLUM. This is not a complete list.