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Development Plan Review
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Lot Line Adjustments
Municipal Code Text Amendments
Outdoor Dining in Commercial Zones
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Permanent Signs
Planning Commission
Portable Signs
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Residential Artificial Turf Standards
Residential Care Facilities
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Site Plan Requirements
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Subdivisions
Temporary Signs and Banners
Temporary Use Permits
Trash Enclosure Standards
Tree Preservation
Variances
Window Replacement – Town Core
Window Signs
Zone Changes
Zoning Descriptions

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General Plan Amendments

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WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?

The State of California requires that each City have a long-range plan for its physical development through the adoption of a General Plan. The General Plan is a comprehensive document consisting of text, maps and exhibits that describe goals, objectives and policies for future development. The City of San Dimas adopted its update to the General Plan in September 1991. Any new development is intended to conform with these new goals, objectives and policies.

There are seven elements required by the State of California to be included in the General Plan, although additions are allowable. The required elements include land use, conservation, noise, circulation, housing, open space, and safety.

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

In certain cases, the City Council may consider making changes to the General Plan. Changes to the General Plan are called General Plan Amendments (GPA(s)).

General Plan Amendments have specific application requirements. Applications are only processed four times each year.

Before an official application is filed, we suggest that you meet with a city planner to discuss the proposed project. Planning Division Staff will explain necessary city regulations and provide you with any application processing information.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Before an official application is filed, we suggest that you meet with a city planner to discuss the proposed amendment(s). Planning Division Staff will explain necessary city regulations and provide you with any application processing information.

After the written submittal is received and applicable submittal materials have been received, Staff will review the proposal for completeness and investigate the facts related to the proposed amendments to ensure that any action taken is consistent with the intent of the zoning code and the General Plan. Staff will then present the item to the Planning Commission and subsequently the City Council who will make the final decision.

DECISION PROCESS

After the item is reviewed by Planning Division staff, the approval process is as follows:

1. **Planning Commission hearing:** Planning Division staff presents the proposed amendments with a recommended action to the Planning Commission. The Commission holds a public hearing and recommends approval or denial to the City Council for the proposed MCTA.

2. **City Council hearing:** The City Council holds a public hearing and votes to approve or deny the proposed MCTA.

- **If denied,** the decision is final.

- **If approved** during the first reading, it is taken as a consent item for a second reading at a later Council meeting. If the council approves it during the second reading, the amendment(s) go into effect 30 days after the final passage.

**This is the typical process and does not cover circumstances when the item is continued for further review.*

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

For a comprehensive list of submittal requirements and application forms, please visit the Planning Division Applications and Forms webpage at https://cms8.revize.com/revize/cityofsandimasca/departments/community_development/planning_division/applications.php or scan the QR Code below.

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