

Proposed Amendments to BMC Title 23 - Zoning Ordinance

The Planning Commission of the City of Berkeley will hold a public hearing on the above matter, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance Section 23A.20.030, on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA at Martin Luther King Jr. Way (wheelchair accessible). The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

DESCRIPTION: Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments addressing permitting thresholds, paving, landscaping, and screening requirements for residential parking in required yards.

The City of Berkeley is considering changes to various Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Sections of the Zoning Ordinance to identify discretionary thresholds for parking in required yard areas on lots in residential zoning districts.

Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may vote to recommend adoption, modification, or rejection of the proposed amendments. If the Planning Commission recommends adoption, the proposed amendments will be forwarded for action by the City Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS: Categorically exempt under Section 15061 (b) (3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments may be made verbally at the public hearing and in writing before the hearing. Those wishing to speak at the hearing must submit a speaker card by 7:15 p.m. The Commission may limit the number of speakers and the time granted to each speaker. Written comments to the Commission are encouraged and should be directed to: Planning and Development Department, 2120 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704; e-mail jharrison@ci.berkeley.ca.us.

To assure distribution to Commission members prior to the meeting, correspondence must be received by 12:00 noon, seven (7) days before the meeting. Fifteen (15) copies must be submitted of any correspondence with more than ten (10) pages or any item submitted less than seven days before the meeting.

COMMUNICATION ACCESS: To request a meeting agenda in large print, Braille, or on audiocassette, or to request a sign language interpreter for the meeting, call (510) 981-7410 (voice) or 981-6903 (TDD). Notice of at least five (5) business days will ensure availability. Agendas are also available on the Internet at: www.ci.berkeley.ca.us.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Questions about the proposal should be directed to Jordan Harrison at (510) 981-7416 or jharrison@ci.berkeley.ca.us.