SB 684 & Misc. Planning Code Amendments

Presentation to the Planning Commission

June 5, 2024

Planning and Building Department





Agenda

- Proposed Planning Code Amendments Related to SB 684
- Proposed Miscellaneous Planning Code Amendments
- Next Steps

Proposed Planning Code Amendments Related to SB 684

Senate Bill No. 684 (SB 684)

SB 684 – Land use: streamlined approval processes: development projects of 10 or fewer residential units on urban lots of 5 acres or less.

- Will go into effect on July 1, 2024.
- Intended to incentivize and facilitate more types of ownership housing by streamlined creation of smaller residential parcels.
- Requires the following from cities on lots of 5 acres or less:
 - Subdivisions of 10 or fewer residential lots
 - Minimum lot size of 600 square feet
 - Units must be for home ownership
 - Subdivision must be approved or denied within 60 days, otherwise is deemed approved

Senate Bill No. 684 (SB 684) Cont'd

- Oakland is required to implement SB 684 through the receipt and approval of qualifying applications.
- The law says that a City may adopt an ordinance to implement the provisions of SB 684.
- Staff have identified provisions of the Planning Code (Title 17) to amend to provide clarity to applicants using SB 684 along with changes to encourage and allow for townhouse-style development.
- In addition, Staff will bring Subdivision Code (Title 16) Amendments to City Council to clarify that subdivisions under SB 684 will be processed ministerially, as required by State law.

Summary of Code Amendments Related to SB 684

Chapter	Summary of Proposed Changes
Property development standards in:	Allows for no minimum interior setback between adjoining
Chapter 17.15 RD Zones	parcels under the same ownership for the creation of new units
Chapter 17.17 RM Zones	
Chapter 17.19 RU Zones	Allows for townhouse-style developments
Chapter 17.106 General Lot, Density,	Amendments to allow for exceptions to lot development
and Area Regulations, Section	standard requirements to comply with SB 684 subdivisions such
17.106.010 Lot area and width	as:
exceptions	Minimum lot size of 600 sq ft
	4-foot rear setback
	4-foot side setback from adjacent lots not part of SB 684
	subdivision (less than 4' if underlying zone setback is less)

Proposed Miscellaneous Planning Code Amendments

Summary of Changes Made

Chapter and Section	Summary of Proposed Changes
Chapter 17.10 Use Classifications, Section 17.10.140 Essential Service Civic Activities	Expands temporary uses for City owned land to allow for activities that do not have a permanent foundation building (only temporary structures)
	The activities are still required to be conducted for a limited duration under valid license or lease on property owned or leased by the City
Chapter 17.11 OS Open Space Zoning Regulations, Section 17.11.060	 The table of permitted uses is amended to: Allow an exception for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for fences, walls, and gates if City Administrator determines it is needed to increase safety in certain park types Permit lighting (general) by right in certain park types

Next Steps

Tentative Dates of Council Meetings

- June 25, 2024 Community Economic Development (CED)
 Meeting
- July 2, 2024 City Council (First Reading)
- July 16, 2024 City Council (Second Reading)