

RESOLUTION NO. PC 2025-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT OBJECTIVE DESIGN
STANDARDS

WHEREAS, over recent years the state of California has passed numerous housing laws that aim to streamline and provide predictability in local approval processes for housing developments;

WHEREAS, to comply with state housing law, the City of La Mesa's 6th Cycle Housing Element (Implementation Program 20), stipulates that the city will amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide objective design standards for certain housing developments as required by the Housing Accountability Act (Government Code Section 65589.5);

WHEREAS, the adoption of Objective Design Standards would provide clear and measurable criteria that would allow for housing developments to be evaluated by staff through ministerial review consistent with requirements of state law;

WHEREAS, various community engagement methods were used to gather community input on the Objective Design Standards, including social media, the City Manager's newsletter, a publicly held meeting with the Design Review Board, and an interactive community workshop that was held on April 23, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission was provided for review and consideration, a staff report and the proposed Objective Design Standards; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of La Mesa did hold a duly noticed public hearing on May 21, 2025, and accepted public testimony in considering the Objective Design Standards.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION FINDS AND DETERMINES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15282(r), Other Statutory Exemptions for determinations made regarding a city or county's regional housing needs as set forth in Section 65584 of the Government Code.
2. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and an integral part of the Planning Commission's decision and hereby adopts such recitals as findings.
3. The regulations proposed herein are consistent with state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LA MESA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The foregoing findings of fact and determinations are true and hereby made a part hereof.
2. The foregoing findings of fact and determinations are supported by the staff report, plans, and exhibits, all of which are herein incorporated by reference.

3. The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council of the City of La Mesa adopt the Objective Design Standards with a recommendation that one year after adoption, staff provide a progress report to the Planning Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of La Mesa, California, held the 21st day of May 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Chair Jones and Commissioners Cooper and Harris

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Frankel and Torpey

I, Lynnette Santos, Secretary of the City of La Mesa Planning Commission, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of Resolution PC-2025-10, duly passed and adopted by the Planning Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lynnette Santos", written over a horizontal line.

Lynnette Santos, Secretary
La Mesa Planning Commission