

ORDINANCE NO. 176354

An ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.09, 12.12.1, 12.21 and 12.22 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to permit detached for-sale small lot subdivisions in commercial and multifamily residential zones.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 12.03 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by revising the definition of "lot" to read:

**LOT.** A parcel of land occupied or to be occupied by a use, building or unit group of buildings and accessory buildings and uses, together with the yards, open spaces, lot width and lot area as are required by this chapter and fronting for a distance of at least 20 feet upon a street as defined here, or upon a private street as defined in Article 8 of this chapter. The width of an access-strip portion of a lot shall not be less than 20 feet at any point. In a residential planned development or an approved small lot subdivision a lot need have only the street frontage or access as is provided on the recorded subdivision tract or parcel map for the development.

Sec. 2. Subdivision 3 of Subsection A of Section 12.09 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read:

3. Apartment houses, boarding or rooming houses, dwelling units in a small lot subdivision, or multiple dwellings on lots having a side lot line adjoining a lot in a commercial or industrial zone, provided that:

(a) The use, including the accessory buildings and uses and required yards, does not extend more than 65 feet from the boundary of the less restrictive zone which it adjoins; and

(b) The lot area per dwelling unit or guest room regulations of the RD1.5 zone shall apply to these uses.

Sec. 3. Subsection A of Section 12.12.1 is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read.

8. Dwelling unit or units constructed on a lot in a small lot subdivision and approved by the Advisory Agency, pursuant to Article 7 of this Chapter in conformity with the provision of 12.22 C 27 of this Code.

Sec. 4. The first paragraph of Paragraph (a) of Subdivision 4 of Subsection A of Section 12.21 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read:

(a) For Dwelling Units. In all zones, there shall be at least two automobile parking spaces on the same lot with each one-family dwelling thereon, and in any RW Zone there shall be at least two automobile parking spaces per dwelling unit which shall be upon the same lot with the dwelling unit. However, for small lot subdivisions approved pursuant to Article 7 of this Chapter in conformity with the provisions of Section 12.22 C 27 of this Code, the required parking spaces shall not be required to be located on the same lot with each dwelling unit, but shall be provided within the boundaries of the parcel or tract map. The ratio of parking spaces required for all other dwelling units shall be at least one parking space for each dwelling unit of less than three habitable rooms, one and one-half parking spaces for each dwelling unit of three habitable rooms, and two parking spaces for each dwelling unit of more than three habitable rooms. Where the lot is located in an RA, RE, RS, R1, RU, RZ, RMP, or RW Zone, the required parking spaces shall be provided within a private garage. Where the lot is located in an R2 Zone, at least one of the required parking spaces per dwelling unit shall be provided within a private garage. Any door or doors installed at the automobile entry to a garage serving a one or two-family dwelling where one or more required parking spaces is located shall be of conventional design constructed so as to permit the simultaneous entry of automobiles into each required parking space without damaging the door or door frame and constructed so as to permit the flow of air through the automobile entry when the door is in the fully closed position.

Sec. 5. Paragraph (h) of Subdivision 5 of Subsection A of Section 12.21 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by adding a new subparagraph numbered (4) to read:

(4) In a private garage or parking area serving an approved small lot subdivision, where the tandem parking is not more than two cars in depth, and provided that at least one parking stall per dwelling unit and all of the parking stalls required for any guest rooms are individually and easily accessible..

Sec. 6. Subsection C of Section 12.22 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by adding a new subdivision 27 to read:

27. Small Lot Subdivision in the R2, RD, R3, R4, R5, RAS and the P and C zones pursuant to an approved subdivision tract or parcel map.

Notwithstanding any provisions of this Code relating to minimum lot area to the contrary, in the R2, RD, R3, R4, R5, RAS and the P and C zones, parcels of land may be subdivided into lots which may contain one, two or three dwelling units, provided that the density of the subdivision complies with the minimum lot area per dwelling unit requirement established for each zone, or in the case of a P zone, the density of the subdivision shall comply with the minimum lot area per dwelling unit of the least restrictive abutting commercial or multi-family residential zone(s).

(a) A parcel map or tract map, pursuant to Section 17.00 *et seq.* of this Code shall be required for the creation of a small lot subdivision.

(b) The minimum lot width shall be 16 feet and the minimum lot area shall be 600 square feet. The Advisory Agency shall designate the location of front yards in the subdivision tract or parcel map approval.

(c) Vehicular access may be provided to either a lot containing a dwelling unit or to its required parking spaces by way of street or alley frontage, driveway access or similar access to a street.

(d) All structures on a lot which includes one or more dwelling units, may, taken together, occupy no more than 80% of the lot area, unless the tract or parcel map provides common open space equivalent to 20% of the lot area of each lot not meeting this provision.

(e) No front, side, or rear yard shall be required between lots within an approved small lot subdivision. However, a five-foot setback shall be provided where a lot abuts a lot that is not created pursuant to this subdivision.

(f) No passageway pursuant to Section 12.21 C 2 of this Code shall be required.

(g) In a P zone, lots may be developed as a small lot subdivision, provided that the General Plan land use designation of the lot is "commercial" or "multiple family residential."

(h) In an R2 zone, a lot may be developed as a small lot subdivision provided that the lot meets the requirements of Section 12.09 A 3 of the Code.

(i) A dwelling unit in a small lot subdivision shall not be required to comply with Paragraphs (a), (b), (f) and (g) of Section 12.21 A 17 of this Code.

(j) Fences and walls within five feet of the front lot line shall be no more than three and one-half feet in height. Fences and walls within five feet of the side and rear lot lines shall be no more than six feet in height.

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Sec. 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located in the Main Street lobby to the City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the ground level at the Los Angeles Street entrance to the Los Angeles Police Department; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of DEC 14 2004

FRANK T. MARTINEZ, City Clerk

By *Maria Blewett* Deputy

DEC 16 2004

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

*James Hahn* Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

Rockard J. Delgadillo, City Attorney

By *Sharon Siedorf Cardenas* *JS*  
SHARON SIEDORF CARDENAS  
Assistant City Attorney

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I approve this ordinance on behalf of the City Planning Commission and recommend it be adopted . . . . .

December 3, 2004

see attached report.

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CON HOWE  
Director of Planning

Date DEC 03 2004

File No. CF 04-1546; CPC 2004-3334-CA

DECLARATION OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, JULIA AMANTI, state as follows: I am, and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and a Deputy City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, California.

Ordinance No. 176354 - Amending Sections 12.03, 12.09, 12.12.1, 12.21 and 12.22 of the L.A.M.C. re: To Permit Detached For-Sale Lot Subdivisions in Commercial & Multifamily Residential Zones - a copy of which is hereto attached, was finally adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on Dec. 14, 2004, and under the direction of said City Council and the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 251 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Ordinance No. 172959, on Dec. 22, 2004, I posted a true copy of said ordinance at each of three public places located in the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows: 1) One copy on the bulletin board at the Main Street entrance to Los Angeles City Hall; 2) one copy on the bulletin board at the ground level Los Angeles Street entrance to the Los Angeles Police Department; and 3) one copy on the bulletin board at the Temple Street entrance to the Hall of Records of the County of Los Angeles.

Copies of said ordinance were posted conspicuously beginning on Dec. 22, 2004 and will be continuously posted for ten or more days.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Dec. 2004 at Los Angeles, California.

  
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Julia Amanti, Deputy City Clerk

Ordinance Effective Date: Jan. 31, 2005

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