

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD AMENDING THE HAYWARD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 9 (BUILDING REGULATIONS) TO ESTABLISH UNIVERSAL RESIDENTIAL DESIGN AND VISITABILITY STANDARDS FOR THE CITY OF HAYWARD

Section 1. Article 9 of Chapter 9 of the Hayward Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 9**  
**UNIVERSAL RESIDENTIAL DESIGN**

**SECTION 9-09.100 TITLE.**

**SECTION 9-09.105 PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

**SECTION 9-09.110 DEFINITIONS.**

**SECTION 9-09.115 SCOPE AND APPLICATION.**

**SECTION 9-09.120 WAIVER AND EXCEPTIONS.**

**SECTION 9-09.125 ENFORCEMENT AND REPORTING.**

Section 2. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City Council independently finds and determines that this action is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, as an activity that is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The general exemption applies in this instance because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed amendments could have a significant effect on the environment and as such are not subject to CEQA. Thus, it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 3. Severance. Should any part of this Ordinance be declared by a final decision by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, invalid, or beyond the authority of the City, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, provided that the remainder of the Ordinance, absent the unexcised portion, can be reasonably interpreted to give effect to the intentions of the City Council.

Section 4. Effective Date. In accordance with the provisions of Section 620 of the City Charter, the Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after adoption by the City Council.

Introduced at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Hayward, held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025, by Council Member Goldstein.

This Ordinance will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting of the Hayward City Council, to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Please note the City Council will hold a hybrid meeting which will allow for participation in the Council Chamber and virtually via the Zoom platform. The full text of this Ordinance is available for examination by the public by contacting the City Clerk's office at [cityclerk@hayward-ca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@hayward-ca.gov) or (510) 583-4400.

Dated: May 23, 2025  
Miriam Lens, City Clerk  
City of Hayward