

**RESOLUTION NO. PC 25-00**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF A NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY ACT FOR CODE AMENDMENTS TO THE MANHATTAN BEACH  
MUNICIPAL CODE AND MANHATTAN BEACH LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM  
RELATED TO PRIVATE PROPERTY OUTDOOR DINING, AND ASSOCIATED  
PRIVATE PROPERTY OUTDOOR DINING GUIDELINES**

**THE MANHATTAN BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES  
AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Between June 2020 and February 2023, the City allowed for temporary outdoor placement of a variety of uses in response to COVID-19 protocols that restricted indoor operations. As the focus gradually shifted from a temporary program to one in a post-pandemic era, the City Council directed formation of a 15-member ad hoc task force to assist in the long-term program development process where a total of 15 meetings were conducted.

SECTION 2. On March 26, 2025, the City Council conducted a special meeting to receive its fifth status update on the long-term outdoor dining program development. At the meeting, staff was directed to initiate code amendments to the existing outdoor dining regulations with a focus on operational standards to reflect current operations as well as a number of task force recommendations (the “Project”).

SECTION 3. The City prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (the “IS/ND”) in accordance with Section 15070-15075 of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines. The IS/ND (State Clearinghouse No. 2025081056) attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference, evaluated the environmental impacts of the proposed code amendments. Based on the analysis, it was determined that the Project could not have a significant effect on the environment. More specifically, the Initial Study concluded that there is no substantial evidence that significant impacts would occur to the following issue areas: Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation and Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire.

SECTION 4. On August 21, 2025, the City released a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15072.

SECTION 5. On August 22, 2025, the City filed a Notice of Completion (“NOC”) with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse, indicating that an Initial Study/Negative Declaration had been prepared, and initiating the circulation of the IS/ND for public review for a comment period that commenced on August 22, 2025 and concluded on September 22, 2025, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.

SECTION 6. A total of two public comments were received in response to the IS/ND. The City prepared written responses to all comments received, which are incorporated into the Final IS/ND.

SECTION 7. On October 8, 2025, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to further discuss provisions in the Project and continued the public hearing to October 22, 2025.

SECTION 8. On October 22, 2025, the Planning Commission considered the IS/ND and the Project, during which the Planning Commission received a presentation by staff and testimony from members of the public. The Planning Commission also received and reviewed written testimony received by the City prior to the public hearing.

SECTION 9. The findings made in this Resolution are based upon the information and evidence set forth in the IS/ND, upon other substantial evidence that has been presented at the hearings before the Planning Commission, and in the record of the proceedings. The documents, staff reports, technical studies, appendices, specifications, and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings on which this Resolution is based are on file for public examination during normal business hours at the Community Development Department of the City of Manhattan Beach, 1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 and available on the City's website.

SECTION 10. The Planning Commission hereby finds that agencies and interested members of the public have been afforded ample notice and opportunity to comment on the IS/ND and the Project.

SECTION 11. The Planning Commission hereby certifies that prior to taking action, the Planning Commission, exercising its independent judgement and analysis, reviewed and considered the IS/ND and all of the information and data in the administrative record, and all oral and written testimony presented to it during meetings and hearings, finds that the IS/ND is adequate and was prepared in full compliance with CEQA, and that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment. No comments or any additional information submitted to the City, including but not limited to the evidence and legal argument presented on October 22, 2025, have produced any substantial new information requiring recirculation or additional environmental review of the Project under CEQA.

SECTION 12. The Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City Council adopt the Initial Study/Negative Declaration and associated findings pursuant to CEQA substantially as set forth herein.

SECTION 13. The Secretary of the Planning Commission shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall make this resolution readily available for public inspection.

October 22, 2025

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**Jim Dillavou**  
Planning Commission Chair

I hereby certify that the following is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution as **ADOPTED** by the Planning Commission at its regular meeting on **October 22, 2025**, and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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**Adam Finestone**

Secretary to the Planning Commission

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**Elia Rosner**

Recording Secretary

**Exhibits**

Exhibit A: Final Initial Study/Negative Declaration