

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 18, 2025, the City Council of the City of Los Alamitos introduced Ordinance No. 2025-06, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 5.52 (GROUP HOMES) AND SECTION 17.28.290 (GROUP HOMES) TO THE LOS ALAMITOS MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING SECTION 17.08.020 (ALLOWED USES AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL ZONES) OF THE LOS ALAMITOS MUNICIPAL CODE.”

The proposed ordinance excludes state-licensed care facilities and any group home and/or sober living home that operates as a single housekeeping unit from its zoning restrictions and permit requirements. Facilities that are licensed by the state or households that operate as a single housekeeping unit will not be regulated by this ordinance in compliance with State law.

Group homes with six or fewer residents in the R1, R2, R3, and M-H zones will have to obtain a special use permit. Group homes with seven or more residents are not permitted in the R1 zone. Group homes with seven or more residents in the R2, R3, and M-H zones must obtain a conditional use permit and an operator’s permit.

Permits will not be issued pursuant to the ordinance unless there is a 650-foot separation between the applicant’s group home and any other sober-living home or a state-licensed alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility. All occupants, other than the house manager, must actively participate in a legitimate recovery program. A permit will not be issued if the owner/operator or staff person is a sex offender, violent felon, or drug dealer.

Additional requirements include a twenty-four-hour house manager present at the group home on a day-to-day basis, transportation for evicted residents to their permanent address, and prohibition of the use of any alcohol or any non-prescription drug at the sober-living home or by any resident either on or off-site.

In addition, existing group homes will be required to come into compliance with the newly enacted regulations. Group homes with six or fewer occupants must apply for a special use permit within ninety days of the effective date of the ordinance. Existing group homes with seven or more occupants must apply for an operator’s permit within ninety days of the effective date of the ordinance and obtain a CUP within one year.

A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2025-06 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Los Alamitos, 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, California.

Windmera Quintanar, MMC
City Clerk

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