

PC RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE TEMECULA MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT AN ALCOHOL USE PERMIT (AUP), AND MAKE A FINDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061 (B)(3)”

Section 1. Procedural Findings. The Planning Commission of the City of Temecula does hereby find, determine and declare that:

A. City staff identified the need to make revisions and clarifications to portions of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Temecula Municipal Code.

B. The Planning Commission, at a regular meeting, considered the proposed amendments to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Temecula Municipal Code on August 5, 2026, at a duly noticed public hearing as prescribed by law, at which time the City staff and interested persons had an opportunity to, and did testify either in support or opposition to this matter.

C. The proposed amendments to Title 17 are consistent with the City of Temecula General Plan, and each element thereof.

D. At the conclusion of the Planning Commission hearing and after due consideration of the testimony, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the Ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

E. All legal preconditions to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

Section 2. Further Findings. In recommending adoption of the proposed Ordinance, the Planning Commission of the City of Temecula does hereby make the following additional findings as required by Section 17.01.040 (“Relationship to General Plan”) of the Temecula Municipal Code:

1. The proposed use is allowed in the land use designation in which the use is located, as shown on the land use map, or is described in the text of the general plan.

The proposed changes to Title 17 include implementing an alcohol use permit process for establishments involving the sale or service of alcoholic beverages. These changes provide a permitting mechanism to allow the Planning Commission to evaluate alcohol-related uses on a case-by-case basis and impose conditions of approval as appropriate. These changes are imposing requirements on existing uses, rather than allowing a use

where it was not previously permitted. Inclusion of consistent standards for establishments that sell alcohol furthers Goal 1 of the Land Use Element which specifies “A diverse and integrated mix of residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, public and open space land uses.” The amendments to the standards for establishments that offer the sale of alcohol for on-site consumption clarify that the distance requirement from sensitive uses (religious institutions, schools, day care centers, and public parks that does not apply to commercial uses, similarly does not apply to mixed-use.

2. The proposed uses are in conformance with the goals, policies, programs and guidelines of the elements of the general plan.

The proposed Ordinance implements consistent standards for establishments that sell alcohol, which furthers Goal 3 of the Public Safety Element which is to provide “A safe and secure community free from the threat of personal injury and loss of property.”

3. The proposed uses are to be established and maintained in a manner which is consistent with the general plan and all applicable provisions contained therein.

The proposed amendments to Title 17 of the Temecula Municipal Code do not propose any land use that is inconsistent with the Temecula General Plan. The proposed changes implement a new alcohol permitting mechanism on alcohol-related uses that are presently permitted and furthers Goal 2 of the adopted General Plan which states, “Orderly and efficient patterns of growth that enhance quality of life for Temecula Residents.”

Section 3. Environmental Compliance. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the proposed Ordinance No. 2026- is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15061 (b) (3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. The Code Amendments impose regulations on existing uses, but do not increase the intensity or density of any land use or allow any development where it was not otherwise permitted. The Planning Commission, therefore, recommends that the City Council of the City of Temecula adopt a Notice of Exemption for the proposed ordinance.

Section 4. Recommendation. The City of Temecula Planning Commission hereby recommends the City Council approve Planning Application No. LR24-0417, a proposed Citywide Ordinance as set forth on Exhibit “A”, attached hereto, and incorporated herein by this reference.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of Temecula Planning Commission this 5th day of August 2026.

Lanae Turley-Trejo, Chair

ATTEST:

Matt Peters
Secretary

[SEAL]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss
CITY OF TEMECULA)

I, Matt Peters, Secretary of the Planning Commission, do hereby certify that the forgoing PC Resolution No. 2026- was duly and regularly adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Temecula at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5th day of August, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

NOES: PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

ABSTAIN: PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

ABSENT: PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

Matt Peters
Secretary