

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-__

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AMENDING CHAPTER 14.74 OF THE LOS ALTOS MUNICIPAL CODE TO
IMPLEMENT PROGRAM 1.I, PROGRAM 3.A, AND PROGRAM 3.M OF THE SIXTH
CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City Council is empowered pursuant to Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution to make and enforce within the City all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances, and regulations not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2023, the City Council approved the City's Sixth Cycle Housing Element Update; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on February 13, 2024, and February 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Program 1.I of the Housing Element Update calls for Incentivization of Downtown Los Altos Lot Consolidation; and

WHEREAS, Program 1.I of the Housing Element Update to facilitate housing development in mixed-use zoning districts, the City will amend the Zoning Code to address governmental constraints by reducing the parking requirements for the consolidation of small lots in Downtown Los Altos; and

WHEREAS, Program 3.A of the Housing Element Update calls for and update to citywide parking requirements; and

WHEREAS, Program 3.A of the Housing Element Update expressly requires the modification to parking ratios for all multi-family housing development to be consistent with the provisions of State Density Bonus pursuant to Government Code Section 65915(p); and

WHEREAS, Program 3.A of the Housing Element Update expressly requires the establishment of reduced parking ratios for single-room occupancy units, senior citizen housing developments, affordable housing units, and other specialized housing unit types within the City; and

WHEREAS, Program 3.A of the Housing Element Update expressly requires the modification of required parking design dimensions such as stall dimensions, so that less land area is required to be dedicated to parking; and

WHEREAS, Program 3.M of the Housing Element Update calls for the modification of parking requirements for emergency shelters consistent with State law pursuant to Government Code Section 65583(a)(4)(A); and

WHEREAS, having committed itself to implement Housing Element Update in its entirety, the City Council now desires to adopt this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 14.74 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. Chapter 14.74 of the Los Altos Municipal Code is hereby amended as set forth in Appendix A to this Ordinance, underline indicating addition, strikethrough indicating deletion.

SECTION 2. CONSTITUTIONALITY; AMBIGUITIES. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. Any ambiguities in the Los Altos Municipal Code created by this Ordinance shall be resolved by the Development Services Director, in their reasonable discretion, after consulting the City Attorney.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code Section 36933.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption hereof.

The foregoing Ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on __, 2024, and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on __, 2024, passed and adopted by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

Jonathan D. Weinberg, MAYOR

Attest:

Melissa Thurman, MMC, CITY CLERK

APPENDIX A
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 14.74