

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-__

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AMENDING CHAPTER 14.14 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS OF THE LOS ALTOS
MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM 2.D AND PROGRAM 6.G 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 April 9, 2024, and April 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Program 2.D of the Housing Element Update calls for encouragement and streamlining accessory dwelling units within the City of Los Altos; and

WHEREAS, Program 2.D of the Housing Element Update requires the City of Los Altos to make any necessary amendments to be consistent with State law; and

WHEREAS, Program 6.G of the Housing Element Update calls for the support of housing mobility which includes the local support for the creation of all housing types; and

WHEREAS, Program 6.G of the Housing Element Update requires the City of Los Altos to allow more than one (at minimum two) Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADU); 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 14.14 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. Chapter 14.14 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 April 9, 2024, and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on April 30, 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 14.14