



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Planning Commission
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SUBJECT: Certified Recovery Residences Text Amendment – Petition No. 26-22AM

Senate Bill 954, which became effective on July 1, 2025, requires local governments to adopt an ordinance establishing procedures for review and approval of recovery residences. As part of this ordinance, we must also include a process for requests for reasonable accommodations from land use regulations.

Other specific requirements of the bill regarding these reasonable accommodation requests include response deadlines for the local government, details of the determination to be provided by the government, application requirements for the request, restrictions on public hearings, allowances for additional requirements if they are compliant with state and federal law (including the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act). Provisions for revocation of such accommodations are also permitted, particularly in response to a violation of approval conditions or lack of appropriate licensure as required by the state.

Changes to the text include adding recovery residences to the definition of Group Living in 87-2 and striking the exclusion of “halfway houses or social services,” adding 87-6.11 to implement the process for review and approval (including the reasonable accommodations process), and adding “certified recovery residences” to the Definitions section in 87-9.

Planning Commission Report and Recommendation

Upon review of the petition and associated documents, Land Development Code, staff memo and analysis, and testimony provided during the public hearing, there is sufficient information on the record for the planning commission to make a recommendation on Text Amendment petition no. 26-22AM.