

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-409

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LOS ALTOS TO ALLOW SINGLE-ROOM OCCUPANCY
HOUSING**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2 (2007) requires cities to allow supportive housing such as single-room occupancy units as per Government Code Section 65583; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance implements Program 3.2.3 of the City's 2009-2014 and 2015-2023 Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is in the best interest for the protection or promotion of the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, prosperity, or welfare and is conformance with the adopted General Plan of the City since it implements Housing Element Program 3.2.3; 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.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Adding the definition of emergency shelters to Chapter 14.02.070 of the Code:

“Single-room occupancy housing” means a residential project with small units between 150 and 350 square feet each, with or without integral bathroom and/or kitchen facilities. Individual single-room occupancy units designated for extremely-low income households or designated as supportive housing in accordance with Section 53260 of the Health and Safety Code are exempt from the density limits;

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Adding single-room occupancy housing as a conditional use to in the CT District to Chapter 14.50.040 of the Code:

Upon the granting of a use permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14.80 of this title, the following uses shall be permitted in the CT District:

- A. Animal clinics, hospitals, and kennels;
- B. Business, professional, and trade schools;
- C. Cocktail lounges;
- D. Commercial recreation;
- E. Day care centers;
- F. Hotels and motels;
- G. Medical and dental clinics;
- H. Medical and dental offices that are five thousand (5,000) gross square feet or more;

- I. Mixed-use projects, including a combination of multiple-family dwelling units and nonresidential uses;
- J. Mortuaries;
- K. Multiple-family housing;
- L. Pet shops;
- M. Printing shops;
- N. Single-room occupancy housing;
- O. Upholstery shops; and
- P. Uses which are determined by the planning commission and the city council to be of the same general character.

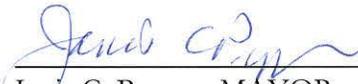
SECTION 3. CONSTITUTIONALITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION. This ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code section 36933.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption date.

The foregoing ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on May 26, 2015 and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on June 9, 2015 passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: BRUINS, MORDO, PEPPER, PROCHNOW, SATTERLEE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE



Janis C. Pepper, MAYOR

Attest:



Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK

