ORDINANCE NO. 00-392

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS EXTENDING AND MODIFYING URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 00-390, PROHIBITING ADDITIONAL PERSONAL GROOMING SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN PORTIONS OF THE CRS DISTRICT PENDING REVIEW AND STUDIES AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS: The City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby finds:

- A. That the City Council has directed the staff and Planning Commission of the City of Los Altos to study the effects of existing zoning regulations which allow personal grooming service uses to replace existing retail businesses that front on Main Street or State Streets in the CRS Zoning District in the City of Los Altos;
- B. That the City's General Plan promotes increasing the attractiveness of Downtown to shoppers and pedestrians, and provides that the City shall seek businesses in the Downtown area with potential to attract shoppers, directly enhance sales tax revenue and property tax revenue to the City and be consistent with the small "village" atmosphere;
- C. That the replacement of existing retail business spaces that front on Main Street or State Street by personal grooming service uses in the CRS Zoning District could adversely impact the value and results of said studies and may render the results and possible implementation thereof less useful and effective, and constitutes an immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
- D. That in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and assure the maximum utility of the foregoing studies, and the results and possible implementation thereof, it is necessary to prevent personal grooming service uses from replacing existing retail business spaces that front on Main Street or State Street in the CRS Zoning District during the period of said revision, studies, and possible implementation thereof, and accordingly this ordinance is adopted as an urgency measure.
- E. That on October 24, 2000, the City Council adopted an urgency ordinance, in accordance with State law and effective for up to 45 days, for the purpose of prohibiting personal service uses from replacing existing retail business space that fronts on Main Street or State Street in the CRS Zoning District, and this ordinance narrows the prohibition contained in that urgency ordinance to only personal grooming services.
- F. That public notice has been provided pursuant to Section 65090 of the Government Code, and that a written report outlining measures to be taken to alleviate the urgency condition was prepared and available at least ten days prior to the expiration of the interim ordinance.

SECTION 2. From and after the effective date hereof, and for 10 months and 15 days thereafter, no application shall be accepted by the City of Los Altos for an occupancy permit, a building permit, zoning use consistency, architectural and site review, or any other type of permit approval, where issuance thereof would result in any business that includes a personal grooming service component, as defined in the January, 1999 staff report to the City Council, replacing an existing retail business space that fronts on Main Street or State Street in the CRS Zoning District.

SECTION 3. Application of that portion of Section 14.48.030 of Chapter 14.48 of the Los Altos Municipal Code that allows personal services as permitted uses in the CRS Zoning District shall be suspended in the manner set forth herein for the term of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. A summary of this ordinance shall be published in the Los Altos Town Crier, as provided for Government Code Section 36933.

This ordinance was duly and regularly introduced as provided in the California Constitution and Section 65858 of the Government Code, on November 28, 2000, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos and was passed, adopted, and enacted thereat as an urgency ordinance, to be effective immediately by the following vote:

AYES:

Mayor Lear, Councilmembers Becker, Casto, LaPoll and Moss

NOES:

None

ABSENT: None

King Lear, Mayor

Attest:

Carol Scharz, City Clerk