

ORDINANCE NO. 25-07

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2025-10, A REQUEST BY THE CITY OF HANFORD TO APPROVE ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2025-10 AND AMEND TITLE 17, SECTION TITLE 17, SECTION 17.56.230 WALL MURAL PLACEMENT AND DESIGN CRITERIA.

The City Council of the City of Hanford does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: The Hanford Municipal Code Title 17, the Zoning Ordinance contains regulations to ensure the public health, safety, peace, comfort, convenience, prosperity and general welfare of the citizens of Hanford, including zoning categories, allowed uses and development standards.

SECTION 2: The City Council has held a public hearing on the amendment to Title 17, to amend Title 17, Section 17.56.230 – Wall mural placement and design criteria of the Hanford Municipal Code by adding sections in order to remove the content-based requirements from the City's mural ordinance and replace it with criteria that outlines the application process, allows the City to adopt a mural policy, and prohibits murals that are obscene or classified as commercial advertisements. The proposed ordinance changes are attached as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 3: The City Council finds that the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the following section of the CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code of Regulations, Chapter 3.

- a) The ordinance is exempt under Section 15061(b) (3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4: The proposed amendment was evaluated for consistency with the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance in accordance with Sections 17.86.030 and based on the following findings:

1. The amendment is internally consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan and this title;

ANALYSIS: That according to General Plan Policy E8, the City of Hanford shall support local arts and cultural activities that can contribute to the local economy, enrich residents' lives, and strengthen a sense of community. The revision of Section 17.56.230 of the Hanford Municipal Code is consistent with the policies of the General Plan, as it continues the support of local arts activities that may enrich residents' lives and strengthen a sense of community.

2. The amendment would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare of the community;

ANALYSIS: That the revision of Section 17.56.230 of the Hanford Municipal Code is not detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare of the community.

3. The amendment would maintain the appropriate balance of land uses within the City;

ANALYSIS: That the amendment will not affect the balance of land uses within the City of Hanford. The zone text amendment pertains to mural regulations, only.

4. The anticipated land uses on the subject site would be compatible with existing and future surrounding uses;

ANALYSIS: That the zone text amendment applies to wall murals and will not propose a change in land uses.

SECTION 5: The City Council of the City of Hanford does ordain that Title 17 is hereby amended, as shown in **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 6: That the ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage, and shall be published once in the Hanford Sentinel within fifteen (15) days after its passage or a summary of this ordinance shall be published in the Hanford Sentinel in a manner consistent with the requirements of the California Government Code.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hanford duly called and held on October 7, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED

Travis Paden
MAYOR of the City of Hanford

ATTEST:

Natalie Corral
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF KINGS) ss
CITY OF HANFORD)

I, NATALIE CORRAL, City Clerk of the City of Hanford, do hereby certify the foregoing ordinance was duly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hanford on the 7th day of October, 2025, and it was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hanford held on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

NATALIE CORRAL
CITY CLERK