

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-05

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE
APPROVING THE ZONING CODE UPDATE, AND REPEALING AND RE-ADOPTING
CITY OF LEMOORE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9, TITLES 1 TO 12**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lemoore initiated changes to the City Zoning Code in Spring 2013 for the purposes of making the Code easier to understand and administer, and to find ways to make the Code more business-friendly while still maintaining a high standard for land use compatibility and design in Lemoore; and

WHEREAS, two committees were formed from the Planning Commission members to further refine the goals for the Code changes. These committees met a number of times to discuss changes; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the Zoning Code chapters in five public study sessions, which were held on June 24, July 8, July 22, August 19, and August 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, an initial draft of the Code changes was reviewed at a joint study session of the Lemoore City Council and the Lemoore Planning Commission on October 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes do not affect the existing locations of the zones on the Official Zoning Map, do not alter or modify currently allowed densities, and do not make alterations to the list of allowed uses, other than a few minor, technical changes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemoore, acting as lead agency, has determined that the project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 (Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Lemoore, after duly published notice, held a public hearing before said Commission on November 25, 2013, and adopted a resolution recommending approval of the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2013, the City Council, after duly published notice, held a public hearing to review and consider the proposed changes to the Zoning Code and consider all of the information presented by staff and public testimony presented in writing and at the meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemoore finds that the project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 (Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations) consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMOORE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. REPEAL AND RE-ADOPTION

The Lemoore Municipal Code (Chapter 9, Titles 1 to 12 are hereby repealed, and the revised Chapter 9, Titles 1 to 12 are hereby adopted.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause it, or a summary of it, to be published once within 15 days of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within the City of Lemoore, and shall post a certified copy of this Ordinance, including the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk in accordance with Government Code Section 36933. Any summary of this Ordinance must be approved by the City Attorney before its publication. The City Clerk is further directed to cause this Ordinance to be codified after its adoption.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lemoore held on the 17th day of December, 2013, and was passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council held on the 7th day of January, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

William M. Siegel, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Brooke Austin
Chief Deputy City Clerk