

Exhibit E - Fresno Municipal Code Findings

Plan Amendment and Rezone Findings

The Planning Commission shall not recommend and the City Council shall not approve an application unless the proposed Rezone or Plan Amendment meets the following criteria.

Findings Per Fresno Municipal Code Section 15-5812	
<i>A. The change is consistent with the General Plan (GP) goals and policies, any operative plan, or adopted policy.</i>	
Finding A:	As outlined in the staff report, the proposed application is found to be consistent with all applicable goals, objectives and policies of the Fresno General Plan and other operative plans. The proposed amendment adds flexibility to Policy RC-9-c of the Resource Conservation Element of the General Plan by adding mitigation options to the Farmland Preservation Program called out in the policy. The proposed amendment also includes language requiring all mitigation options to be compliant with the California Environmental Quality Act. This amendment does not change the overall intent of Policy RC-9-c, which is to establish a Farmland Preservation Program. Therefore, the proposed changes are consistent with the General Plan and any other operative plan or adopted policy.
<i>B. The change is consistent with the purpose of the Development Code to promote the growth of the city in an orderly and sustainable manner and to promote and protect the public health, safety, peace, comfort, and general welfare.</i>	
Finding B:	The proposed application is consistent with the purpose of the Development Code to promote growth of the city in an orderly and sustainable manner, and to promote and protect the public health safety, peace, comfort and general welfare. Minor changes to Fresno General Plan Farmland Preservation Program Policy RC-9-c are proposed to clarify and add flexibility to the program design, within the parameters of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
<i>C. The change is necessary to achieve the balance of land uses desired by the City and to provide sites for needed housing or employment-generating uses, consistent with the General Plan, any applicable operative plan, or adopted policy; and to increase the inventory of land within a given zoning district to meet market demand;</i>	
Finding C:	The proposed application does not include land use or zoning changes, and its approval will support maintaining a balance of land uses desired by the City; approval of the proposed application will be consistent with the provision of housing and employment generating uses consistent with the General Plan. The proposed changes are consistent with the Housing Element of the General Plan, as the required dwelling unit capacity as defined in the Regional Housing Needs Allocation is maintained.