

Exhibit I
Findings

FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE FINDINGS

Plan Amendment Findings

The Planning Commission shall not recommend and the City Council shall not approve an application unless the proposed amendment meets the following criteria

Findings Per Fresno Municipal Code Section 15-5812	
<i>A. The change is consistent with the General Plan goals and policies, any operative plan, or adopted policy;</i>	
Finding A:	As outlined in the “Relationship to Other Plans” section of the staff report, the proposed project implements General Plan Policy POSS-1-b Parks Implementation Planning, which calls for an update to the Parks Master Plan. The plan amendment proposes text amendments to the text of section 5.1 of the General Plan, as well as policy POSS-1-a Parkland Standard to reflect the terminology used in Parks Master Plan and to clarify that trail acreage will not be counted towards the 2 acres to a thousand regional goal. This is consistent with the Active Transportation Plan which measures trails in linear miles, not acreage. In addition, the Parks Master Plan in general adheres to the Parks and Open Space goals and level of service standards in the General Plan and is focused on implementation of those goals and standards.
<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 project 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. The Parks Master Plan is a strategic document that assesses Fresno’s parks and open space system, and presents strategies for improvement. Improving Fresno’s parks will promote and protect the public health, safety, peace, comfort and general welfare of the people living and working in and around the Plan area.
<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:	While the Parks Master Plan does identify the need for more parkland in the City of Fresno, the plan does not propose any changes in land use.