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June 20, 2007

TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Matthew G. Winegar, AICP, Development Services Director
SUBJECT: Multiplex Theater Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (PZ 07-580-01) that limits the location of multiplex theaters to properties zoned Central Business District (CBD) or designated as commercial (District D) in the RiverPark Specific Plan.

DISCUSSION

The City Code currently limits the location of multiplex theaters to the CBD. One complex (Centennial Plaza) has been constructed and opened in the CBD in 2005. Developers of the main RiverPark commercial project, known as The Collection, have proposed a lifestyles shopping center, which also features a theater complex as an anchor. Discussions between the RiverPark and Centennial Plaza developers and theater operator, and City representatives addressed potential impacts on the downtown theater project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The proposed amendment is categorically exempt from CEQA. Any actual theater proposal would be evaluated in the context of the RiverPark Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

ORDINANCE NO. __

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD
AMENDING SECTION 16-331 OF THE CITY CODE AND REPEALING PART 5 OF
ORDINANCE NO. 2466 RELATING TO THE LOCATION OF MULTIPLEX
MOTION PICTURE THEATERS

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

Part 1. Section 16-331 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 16-331. MULTIPLEX MOTION PICTURE THEATERS PROHIBITED.

“Multiplex motion picture theaters shall only be allowed in the central business district zone and in the commercial portion (District D) of the River Park Specific Plan Area. No zone clearance, special use permit or other entitlement for use pertaining to a multiplex motion picture theater shall be issued for any other location.”

Part 2. Part 5 of Ordinance No. 2466 is hereby repealed.

Part 3. Within 15 days after passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation within the city. Ordinance No. _____ was first read on _____, 20__ and finally adopted on _____, 20__ to become effective thirty days thereafter.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

Gary L. Gillig, City Attorney