

## ORDINANCE NO. 7,731-N.S.

AMENDING BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE (BMC) TITLE 23 (ZONING), OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, TO REZONE ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS (APN) 054-1716-002-00, 054-1716-003-00, AND 054-1716-031-00 FROM RESTRICTED TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-2) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-1)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Berkeley as follows:

Section 1. The City Council has certified that the rezone amendment request is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Classes 1, 3, 5, and 31, which apply to the proposed amendment as well as the pending future hotel renovation project.

Section 2. The City Council finds this rezoning from R-2 (Restricted Two-family Residential) to C-1 (General Commercial) serves the public interest by eliminating the legal non-conformity of a hotel use. The amendment serves the public interest by allowing the entire existing hotel use to continue by-right within the General Commercial zoning district. The rezoning would correct a mapping anomaly that splits three parcels and a building, resolving unnecessary complexity in land use permitting processes and decisions for the site.

Section 3. The City Council finds that the proposed zoning map amendment would align the boundary between the R-2 and C-1 Districts with existing property lines, approximately 50 feet to the west, to include the entire existing footprint of the Rose Garden Inn. The proposed rezoning is compatible with existing General Commercial zoning district to the east, north and south of the project site and would align with the proposed General Plan amendment described above. The R-2 zoning district to the west and south would remain undisturbed by this amendment and is consistent with similar compatible adjacencies in the area.

Section 4. The City Council finds that the proposed zoning map amendment moves the R-2/C-1 boundary approximately 50 feet west of its existing location. Adjacent parcels to the north and south have the same geometry as this block-face (i.e. C-1 parcels fronting Telegraph Avenue and R-2 parcels to the west of the C-1). The proposed rezoning of portions of the site from R-2 to C-1 would allow continuation of existing commercial uses at the project site that are compatible with commercial uses along the Telegraph Avenue corridor and have existed compatibly with the neighboring residential area. The proposed C-1 zoning would allow compatible mixed residential/commercial and higher density uses with approval of a Use Permit, which would be consistent with the remainder of properties along Telegraph Avenue.

Section 5. Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted for two days prior to adoption in the display case located near the walkway in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Within 15 days of adoption, copies of this Ordinance shall be filed at each branch of the Berkeley Public Library and the title shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

At a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Berkeley held on July 28, 2020, this Ordinance was passed to print and ordered published by posting by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Davila, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Wengraf, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

EXHIBIT A

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

2740 Telegraph Avenue (APN 054-1716-002-00),  
2744 Telegraph Avenue (APN 054-1716-003-00)  
2348 Ward Street (APN 054-1716-031-00)



