

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding Section 11.5.13 to Article 1.5 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow appeals to the City Council from CEQA clearance approvals by lower decision-making bodies.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Section 11.5.13 is added to Article 1.5 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 11.5.13. CEQA Appeals.

A. Purpose. This section is intended to implement California Public Resources Code Sections 21151(c) and 21155.2(b)(5).

B. Appeal. When any decision-maker in any action authorized by this Chapter, other than the City Council, certifies an environmental impact report, approves a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or a sustainable communities environmental assessment, or determines that the project subject to approval under this Chapter is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, that certification, approval, or determination may be appealed to the City Council provided the appeal is filed with the City Clerk within 15 days of the project approval becoming final and provided the appeal is filed in a form and manner required by the City Clerk.

C. Fee Limit. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Code, no fee for an appeal under this Section shall exceed \$500.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By _____ Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By _____
KATHRYN C. PHELAN
Deputy City Attorney

Date _____

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