

ORDINANCE NO.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEL REY OAKS,  
CALIFORNIA, TO ADD PROVISIONS TO THE DEL REY OAKS MUNICIPAL CODE  
RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

**WHEREAS**, California State law requires that all local governments adopt a Housing Element as one of the seven mandated elements of its General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California requires that all local governments adequately plan to meet the housing needs of their residents. The state mandate for doing so is called a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The RHNA plan is prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) and establishes the total number of housing units the City must plan for within an eight-year planning period. The amount of housing units is determined by the California Housing and Community Development Department's (HCD) housing need assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has evaluated land use and zoning opportunities and constraints to determine ways to best implement the goals and policies of the general plan housing element and provide the opportunity and means for Del Rey Oaks to accommodate its regional fair share allotment of affordable units, while at the same time balancing community safety, needs and resources.

**WHEREAS**, the City Housing Element ("Housing Element") includes an opportunity sites inventory that designates specific parcels needing rezoning to meet the City's RHNA and further establishes policies and programs necessary to implement requirements of State housing law; and

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map are necessary to permit housing in the areas identified in the Housing Element as opportunity sites and to implement requirements contained in HCD guidance letters, including committing to rezoning to meet RHNA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Del Rey Oaks, California as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings of the City Council as though set forth fully herein.

**SECTION 2.** The City of Del Rey Oaks adopts the text set forth below, which shall be added as Chapter 17.90 to the City of Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code as follows:

**“Chapter 17. 90 – Affordable Housing Overlay Zone ”**

**Section 17.90.010: Purpose and Intent**

The purpose and intent of the Housing Element Implementation Overlay Zone is to facilitate housing opportunities within the community via implementation of required rezone programs pursuant to the City's adopted Housing Element where required for compliance with State Housing Element Law. This chapter contains requirements for overlay zones applicable to residential uses and affordable housing for residential areas. The purpose of this chapter is to establish standards and regulations and define specific areas appropriate for an affordable housing overlay zone to accommodate the City's RHNA.

### **Section 17.90.020: Definition of Overlay Zone**

“Overlay zone” means an additional zoning district as shown on the zoning map that prescribes special regulations to a parcel in combination with the base zoning district.

### **Section 17.90.030: Affordable Housing Overlay Zone (AH-OZ )**

- A. Purpose. The purpose of the Affordable Housing Overlay Zone (AH-OZ ) is to facilitate the provision of affordable housing units through the construction of new affordable units within land not currently zoned for residential uses. The AH-OZ overlay zone is intended to:
1. Implement the goals and policies of the General Plan Housing Element and provide the opportunity and means for Del Rey Oaks to meet its regional fair share allotment of affordable units as established by State of California and Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.
  2. Encourage the provision of affordable housing to meet the Regional Housing Needs Assessment through the AH-OZ overlay within an area that is deemed to be appropriate for such uses and is determined to be consistent with the City’s Housing Element.
- B. Applicability. The AH-OZ overlay zone is applied to a specific area. The overlay zone is applied to the parcels in the area of South Boundary Road, north and south of South Boundary Road and east of General Jim Moore Boulevard, specifically to the City owned properties identified as Sites 1 and 1a of the former Fort Ord area, as depicted on Exhibit A.
- C. Definitions.
1. “Affordable housing” means housing capable of being purchased or rented by a household with “very low,” “low,” or “moderate” income levels at an “affordable housing cost” or “affordable rent,” as those terms are defined by the state of California.
  2. “Affordable housing overlay district” means a zoning district that applies in addition to existing zoning designations in areas where the City seeks to encourage the provision of affordable housing units as described in this Chapter.
  3. The “very low,” “low,” and “moderate” income levels are defined by the state of California in Sections [50105](#), [50079.5](#), and [50093](#), respectively, of the California Health and Safety Code, and in Subchapter 2 of Chapter 6.5 of Division 1 of Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 6900. These income levels are:
    - a. Very Low Income. Up to and including fifty percent of the Monterey County median income, adjusted for family size, as defined by the state law;
    - b. Lower Income. Fifty-one percent to eighty percent of Monterey County median income, adjusted for family size, as defined by the state law;
    - c. Moderate Income. Eighty-one percent to one hundred twenty percent of Monterey County median income, adjusted for family size, as defined by state law.
  4. “Affordable housing cost” and “affordable rent” are defined in Sections 50052.5 and 50053, respectively, of the California Health and Safety Code, and in Subchapter 2 of Chapter 6.5 of Division 1 of Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 6900.
- D. Permits and Approvals Required.

1. Affordable housing developments proposed under this chapter require the execution of a development agreement by the City and the developer. The development agreement shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Section [65864](#) et seq.
2. Affordable housing developments proposed under this chapter require approval of a design permit. All requirements in Chapter [17.56.020](#) (Design Review) related to approving body apply, except that the Planning Commission shall recommend design permit approval to the City Council. The City Council may take action on the design permit application concurrently with or subsequent to action on the development agreement.
3. All approvals, procedures, conditions of approval, and decisions shall be made in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Housing Accountability Act (Government Code section 65589.5). Should requirements in Chapter 17.56 (Design Review) be inconsistent or contrary to the Housing Accountability Act, state law shall prevail.

F. Permitted Residential Density and Designation.

1. Affordable housing developments with minimum density of twenty units per acre are permitted in the AH-OZ overlay zone per the requirements of HCD.
2. Designation. Sites 1 and 1a within the Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning District shall be indicated by the AH-OZ designation.

G. Income Restrictions.

1. The following categories shall be allowed under the required income restrictions:
  - a. Moderate-income households;
  - b. Low-income households;
  - c. Very low-income households; or
  - d. Extremely low-income households.
2. At minimum, fifty percent of income-restricted affordable units (twenty-five percent of the total project units) shall be affordable to low, very low, and extremely low-income households. A greater level of affordability will not allow a greater level of density.

H. Design Review and Development Standards.

1. Design review shall be required for any residential development proposed pursuant to this chapter and shall be conducted as specified in Chapter [Chapter 17.56.030](#) (Design Review), provided, however, that all procedures, conditions of approval, and decisions shall be made in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Housing Accountability Act (Government Code section 65589.5).
2. The following development standards are intended to govern residential development within the AH-OZ overlay zone:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Standard</u>
Dwelling units/acre	20 units/acres minimum to 25 units/acre maximum

Building Lot Coverage	50%
Lot area (minimum)	Minimum 2 acres (43,560 square feet per acre)
Usable open space (minimum)	150 square feet per unit
Structure height (maximum)	35 feet
Setbacks (min. in feet)	Setbacks required consistent with R-2 zoning
Front 20 ft; Side 7 ft., except add 2 ft. for each story beyond the first story. Multi-dwellings require additional side yard (9 ft.) when grouped homes use rear entryways. Rear 15 ft.	

3. **Building Height.** Maximum building height shall be 35 feet with a maximum of three stories.
4. **Common Open Space.**
  - a. Common open space shall comprise the greater of:
    - i. Ten percent of the total area of the site; or
    - ii. One hundred fifty square feet for each dwelling unit.
  - b. Areas occupied by buildings, streets, driveways, parking spaces, utility units, mailboxes, and trash enclosures may not be counted in satisfying the open space requirement.
  - c. The following areas may be counted in satisfying the open space requirement:
    - i. Landscaping and areas for passive and active recreation/open space with a minimum depth and width of eight feet.
    - ii. Land occupied by natural open space areas.
5. **Streets.**
  - a. All public streets within or abutting the proposed development shall be improved to City specifications for the particular classification of street.
  - b. All private streets shall meet fire code and access standards.
6. **Building Coverage.** The maximum building coverage is 50%.
7. **Distance Between Buildings on Same Lot.** The following requirements for distance between buildings, excerpted from City Zoning Code requirements for R-2 Districts, as identified in 17.12.090, are established:
  - a. No main building shall be closer than 15 feet to any other main building on the same lot, except as hereinafter specified for dwelling groups, below.
  - b. Dwelling groups shall conform to the following regulations as to their location upon the lot and distances between buildings:
    - i. In any such front to back series of buildings, at least 15 feet between buildings and at least eight feet for the side yard providing access;

ii. In any single row side to side series of buildings, at least eight feet between buildings, at least five feet for the side yard to the rear thereof and at least 16 feet for the side yard in front thereof;

iii. In any multiple row side to side series of buildings, at least eight feet between buildings, at least five feet for the side yard to the rear thereof and at least 20 feet for the court between the rows;

iv. No building or group of buildings to encroach on the front yard required for adjacent lots.

8. Design Standards for Open Space. The intent of Design Standards related to distance between structures and open space requirement is to provide adequate distance and placement of buildings in the development to promote privacy for residents and neighbors and security.

9. Massing Articulation. Multifamily and mixed-use projects shall be designed to reduce the perceived mass, scale, and form of the overall development through use of varying roof heights, setbacks, and wall plane. Methods to achieve this include recessed facades, offsets and articulations in the building mass; varied roof height, massing, color and/or materials to create variations between individual buildings. Buildings shall be designed to ensure placement of buildings are not aligned along a single plane that results in a large "wall" on any single side of the building. The following standards apply:

a. No wall along a single plane shall extend beyond 40 feet without breaking up building mass. Specific standards are identified below:

i. A minimum of two features such as balconies, cantilevers, dormers, bay windows, patios, individualized entries, and accent materials shall be incorporated into each project building.

ii. A minimum one-foot offset is required for any wall plane that exceeds 40 feet in length.

b. Three-story buildings shall have massing breaks along any street frontage, adjacent public park, publicly accessible outdoor space, or designated open space, through the use of varying setbacks and/or building entries.

#### J. Assurance of Affordability.

1. Affordable housing units developed under this section shall remain available to persons and families of very low, low, and moderate income, at an affordable housing cost or affordable rental cost, at those income and affordability levels as defined in subsection C of this section (Definitions), for fifty-five years or the natural life of the unit, whichever is greater, unless a longer period is required by a construction or mortgage financing program, mortgage insurance program, state law, or housing grant, loan or subsidy program.

2. The required period of affordability shall run concurrently with any period of affordability required by any other agency; provided, however, that the affordability period shall not be less than fifty-five years or the natural life of the unit, whichever is greater.

3. The project developer shall be required to enter into an appropriate agreement with the City to ensure affordability is maintained for the required period.

#### K. Pre-Application Consultation.

1. Prior to submitting an application for an affordable housing development within the AH-OZ overlay zone, the applicant or prospective developer should request preliminary consultation meetings with the City to obtain information and guidance before incurring substantial expense in the preparation of plans, surveys and other data.
  2. Preliminary consultations with City staff should address potential local, state, and federal affordable housing funding availability, and program requirements in guaranteeing project consistency with the objectives and requirements of the AH-OZ overlay zone.
- L. **Additional Application Requirements.** An application for an affordable housing development within the affordable housing overlay zone shall be filed and reviewed in compliance with Chapter [17.04.040](#) (General Provisions, Administration and Enforcement) and shall also include the following materials and information:
1. Breakdown of affordable and market rate units including unit number, unit size, affordable designation of each unit (very low, low, or moderate), and rental rate or sale price.
  2. The proposed means for assuring the continuing existence, maintenance and operation of the project as an affordable housing project.
  3. Site plan requirements as detailed in Chapter [17.56.040, A and B](#) (Design Review Procedures).
- LI. **Development Incentives.** Development standards shall apply to all projects governed under this Chapter. In certain cases, where the City Council determines that incentives may be applied as further described below, specified design standards may be relaxed if the findings can be made that the proposed development qualifies for development incentives.
1. **Purpose.** In order to reduce costs associated with the development and construction of affordable housing, affordable housing developments within the AH-OZ overlay zone shall be eligible for specified development incentives. The City incentives may include reduced fees or fee waivers or incentives related to development regulations to facilitate and promote the development of affordable housing in the City. Incentives shall be targeted to address funding and affordability, so as to permit the City to meet its regional fair share allotment of affordable housing and the goals of the housing element of the general plan, or to address project design features to aid in development of affordable housing in the City.
  2. **Fee Waivers.** The City may reduce or waive fees, as an incentive for projects that comply with the affordability required in subsection G of this section (Income Restrictions).
  3. **Relaxed Development Standards.** The City may consider the following relaxed development standards for projects that comply with the affordability required in subsection G of this section (Income Restrictions):
    - a. **Density Averaging.** Project density within the AH-OZ overlay zone may be calculated by averaging the density on a project-wide basis so as to permit higher density levels in certain project portions in exchange for advantageous project design features as determined by the City through the design permit review process.
    - b. **Setbacks.** The minimum setbacks from property lines and distance between buildings may be reduced, but in no case more than ten percent reduction from the standard and only as part of an overall project plan approved by the City Council through the design permit process.

- c. **Building Coverage.** The maximum building coverage is 50% unless the City determines a lower maximum building coverage for the proposed project through the design review process as part of a development incentive. At no time should the maximum building coverage be less than 45%.
  - d. **Minimum Building Site Area and Lot Area per Unit.** There may be a reduced size of 1.5-acre minimum building area as development incentive. The building site area shall be designated on a site plan as approved by the City through the design permit review process.
3. **Additional Development Incentives.** The City may choose to extend one or more additional development incentives depending on the quality, size, nature, and scope of the project being proposed.
- N. **Zoning Map Amendment.** The City of Del Rey Oaks Zoning Map shall be amended to apply the additional of the Affordable Housing Overlay Zoning District (designated as AF-OZ), as described in this Section 17.90.030, above, and depicted in Exhibit A.
- O. **Findings.** To approve or recommend approval of an affordable housing development, the review authority shall make the following findings, in addition to findings as required by Chapter in Chapter [17.56](#) (Design Review) and consistent with the requirements of the Housing Accountability Act (Government Code section 65589.5):
- 1. The developer has agreed to enter into an agreement to maintain the affordability of the project specific to the requirements of the City and any funding sources with greater or longer affordability requirements.
  - 2. The affordable housing development project would not have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety. As used in this paragraph, a “specific, adverse impact” means a significant, quantifiable, direct, and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed on the date the application was deemed complete.

**SECTION 3. Environmental Determination.** The City prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project pursuant to and in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., “CEQA”) and the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA (Title 14, Cal. Code of Regs., Section 15000 et seq., the CEQA Guidelines).

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following its final adoption.

**SECTION 5.** The City Manager and City Clerk are directed to perform all tasks necessary to implement this ordinance.

**SECTION 6. Severability.** If any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance, or any part thereof, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, or any part thereof, or its application to other persons or circumstances. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed and adopted each provision, section, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**Exhibit A – Zoning Map**

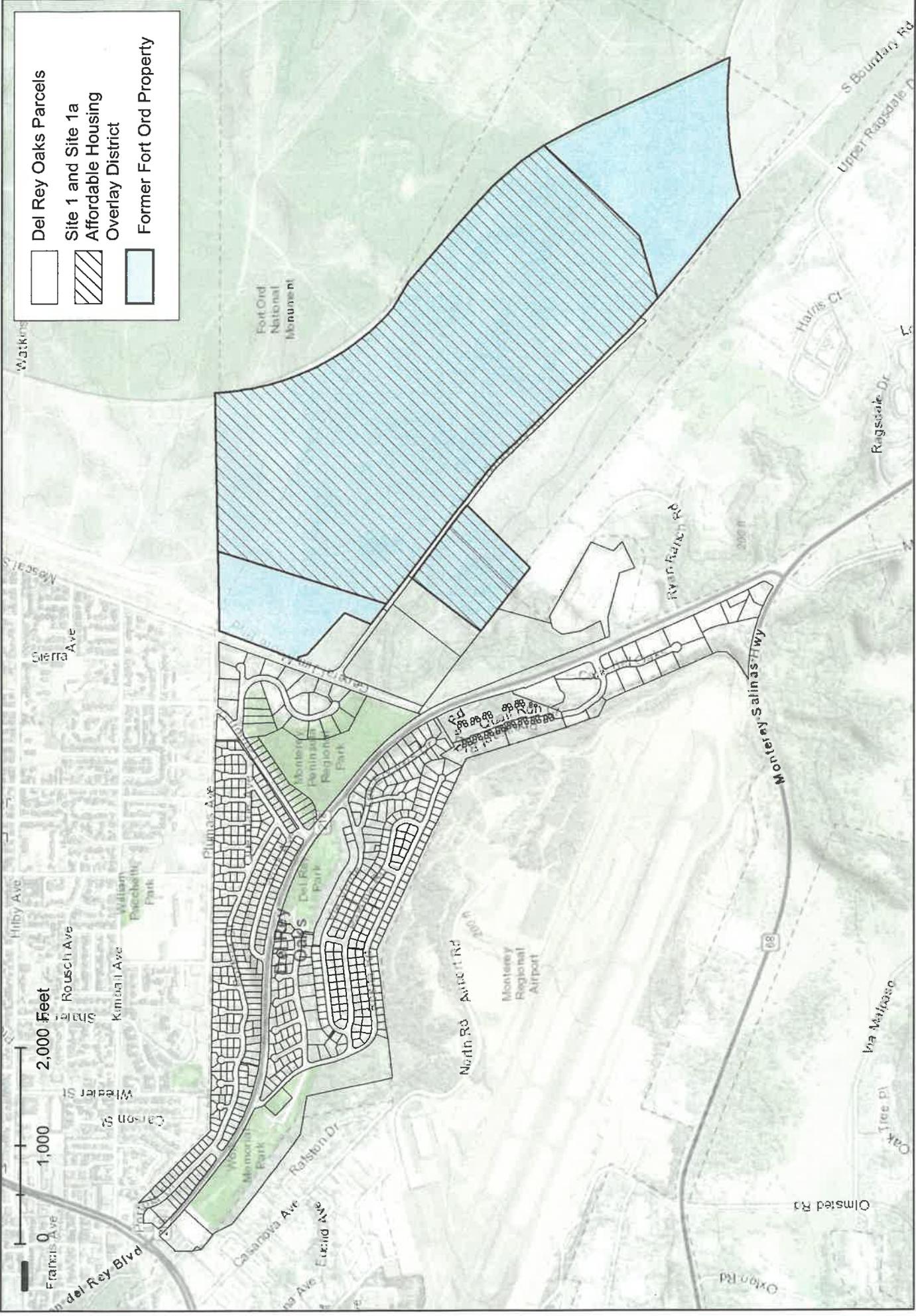


# Affordable Housing Overlay Zone

Date: 9/19/2023  
Scale: 1 in = 1,000 ft

## EXHIBIT A

### Zoning Amendment Map



**SECTION 7. Publication.** The City Clerk of the City of Del Rey Oaks, California, is hereby directed to publish a summary of the ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with State Law.

**INTRODUCED** by the City Council of the City of Del Rey Oaks, California, at its regular meeting held on the **24th** day of **October**, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Shirley, Uy, Hallock, Ragsdale-Cronin, and Mayor Donaldson

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Approved:



MAYOR, SCOTT DONALDSON

Attest:

Karen Minami  
CITY CLERK KAREN MINAMI