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## **City Council Adopts Ordinance that Includes Objective Standards and Regulations to Address Community Concerns Regarding SB 9 Projects**

CUPERTINO, CA – On December 21, the Cupertino City Council approved an interim ordinance that adopts objective standards and regulations for developments under SB 9, a law that goes into effect on January 1, 2022. SB 9 requires cities to ministerially approve up to two units and/or a lot split in residential, single-family zones.

The ordinance includes objective zoning, design, and subdivision standards that will allow the City to address neighborhood and community concerns—such as privacy—that would otherwise be addressed through a discretionary permitting process. The ordinance accommodates the units and density allowed by SB 9, while maintaining the fabric of the community.

“Cupertino and our City Council will keep doing our part to address the housing needs in our region, and to have complete, intelligent processes in place,” Mayor Darcy Paul said. “As a result, the ordinance we have approved allows for thoughtful density growth that meets our community’s interests of finding solutions that both optimize the delivery of inventory and ensure that what is proposed succeeds.”

The interim ordinance will take effect immediately ahead of the January 1, 2022 effective date of SB 9. The Planning Commission and City Council plan to consider a permanent ordinance next year.

“The City Council’s work is a model for how a community can work with all policymakers and address, as permitted under the statute, community concerns about unaddressed effects of increased density allowed under SB 9 while respecting both the letter and spirit of the law,” said City Attorney Chris Jensen.

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