

ORDINANCE NO. 1892

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 18 (ZONING) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE REVIEW PROCESS AND STANDARDS FOR MECHANICAL/ROBOTIC PARKING STRUCTURES; AND FINDING THE ACTION STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO THE COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION OF CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3)

WHEREAS, the City of Gardena has determined that it is necessary to amend Title 18 of the Gardena Municipal Code relating to the review process and development/design standards for mechanical/robotic parking structures; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2026, the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing as prescribed by law regarding Zone Text Amendment No. 3-26. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 9-26, recommending that the City Council adopt this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2026, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing as prescribed by law regarding this ordinance approving Zone Text Amendment No. 3-26; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has duly considered all information presented to it, including written staff reports and any testimony provided at the public hearing, with all testimony received being made a part of the public record.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Chapter 18.18A. Subsection 1.2. of Section 18.18A.040 (Development standards) of Title 18 (Zoning) of the Gardena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. Tandem and mechanical parking:
 - a. Residential parking may be satisfied by tandem spaces where parking is assigned to a single residential unit. Two-level mechanical vehicle lifts are to be treated as tandem and subject to the same restrictions. Unassigned parking and parking assigned to different units may not be tandem;
 - b. Mechanical or robotic parking structures, other than two-level mechanical vehicle lifts, are may be permitted subject to the approval of a conditional use permit and shall comply with off-street parking standards

set forth in Chapter 18.40 and development standards applicable to residential structures in this chapter and Chapter [18.42](#).

SECTION 2. Amendment to Chapter 18.21. Subsection H.2. of Section 18.21.050 (Development standards for all housing overlays) of Title 18 (Zoning) of the Gardena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. Tandem and mechanical parking:

a. Residential parking may be satisfied by tandem spaces where parking is assigned to a single residential unit. Two-level mechanical vehicle lifts are to be treated as tandem and subject to the same restrictions. Unassigned parking and parking assigned to different units may not be tandem;

b. Mechanical or robotic parking structures that accommodate three or more vehicles ~~are may be~~ permitted subject to the approval of a conditional use permit and shall comply with off-street parking standards set forth in Chapter 18.40 and development standards applicable to a residential structure in this chapter and Chapter 18.42;

SECTION 3. Amendment to Chapter 18.42. The Gardena Municipal Code is hereby amended to add Section 18.42.125 (Mechanical or robotic parking structures) to read as follows:

A. Mechanical or robotic parking structures may be permitted in conjunction with a multi-family residential development subject to the approval of a conditional use permit and shall comply with all of the following:

1. Residential development standards applicable to the underlying zone.
2. Off-street parking standards listed in Chapter 18.40.
3. Applicable standards in this chapter.
4. Mechanical and robotic parking structure design and performance standards.
 - a. All automobile parking stalls included in a mechanical lift or robotic parking structure shall meet the minimum dimensions listed in the table below:

PARKING STALL DIMENSION	
Clear Width (minimum)	8'-0"
Clear Height (minimum)	7'-0"
Clear Depth (minimum)	18'-0"

- b. The lift equipment or computerized parking structure shall meet any applicable building, mechanical, electrical, and fire code requirements as approved by the Building and Safety Division and the Fire Department.
 - c. The mechanical and robotic parking structure shall be screened by the primary multifamily residential structure from the public right-of-way and/or adjacent single-family residential uses in addition to the required screen walls listed in Chapter 18.40.
5. A noise impact technical report is required for any mechanical or robotic parking structure proposed to be located within 50 feet from any residential use or other use considered as a sensitive receptor such as, but not limited to, schools, parks, libraries, hospitals, care facilities, and religious facilities.

SECTION 4. CEQA. Pursuant to the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City Council finds and determines that the ordinance is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) (the commonsense exemption) of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The ordinance would not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment and does not involve any construction or additions to any existing structures.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage.

SECTION 6. Certification. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on the 8th day of September, 2026.

Tasha Cerda, Mayor
TASHA CERDA, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Romero
BECKY ROMERO, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carmen Vasquez
CARMEN VASQUEZ, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF GARDENA)

I, **BECKY ROMERO**, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Ordinance, being **Ordinance No. 1892** duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the **8th day of September 2026**, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA, COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS, MAYOR CERDA, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS HENDERSON AND FUKASAWA

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE


for City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

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