

LARGE-SCALE RETAIL INITIATIVE
(Text of Proposed Ordinance)

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Lodi hereby ordains that: The Lodi Zoning Ordinance (Title 17 of the Lodi Municipal Code, Districts and Map) is amended by the addition of 17.06.050(D), which shall read as follows:

Retail structures in any district established by this title shall not exceed 125,000 square feet in gross floor area unless approved by the City Council and the voters in the next general election. The City shall not submit any application for a retail structure in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area to the voters if the application has not first been approved by the City Council, unless otherwise required by law. If, after compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and any other applicable laws, the City Council approves and certifies the environmental impact report for a retail structure in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area in any district established by this title, the project shall not become effective until approval by public vote in the next general election. For the purposes of this subsection, the term “gross floor area” shall include outside retail areas.

The Lodi Zoning Ordinance (Title 17 of the Lodi Municipal Code) is further amended by the addition of the following Sections 17.36.035, 17.36.036, 17.39.035, 17.39.036, 17.30.045, 17.30.046, which include but shall not be limited to these applicable districts.

The Lodi Zoning Ordinance (Title 17 of the Lodi Municipal Code) is further amended by the addition of Section 17.36.035, which shall read as follows:

Retail structures in the C-1 district shall not exceed 125,000 square feet in gross floor area unless approved by the City Council and the voters in the next general election. The City shall not submit any application for a retail structure in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area to the voters if the application has not first been approved by the City Council, unless otherwise required by law. If, after compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and any other applicable laws, the City Council approves and certifies the environmental impact report for a retail structure in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area in any district established by this title, the project shall not become effective until approval by public vote in the next general election. For the purposes of this subsection, the term “gross floor area” shall include outside retail areas.

The Lodi Zoning Ordinance (Title 17 of the Lodi Municipal Code) is further amended by the addition of Section 17.39.035, which shall read as follows:

Retail structures in the C-2 district shall not exceed 125,000 square feet in gross floor area unless approved by the City Council and the voters in the next general election. The City shall not submit any application for a retail structure in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area to the voters if the application has not first been approved by the City Council, unless otherwise required by law. If, after compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and any other applicable laws, the City Council approves and certifies the environmental impact report for a retail structure in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area in any district established by this title, the project shall not become effective until approval by public vote in the next general election. For the purposes of this subsection, the term “gross floor area” shall include outside retail areas.

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The Lodi Zoning Ordinance (Title 17 of the Lodi Municipal Code) is further amended by the addition of Section 17.30.045, which shall read as follows:

Retail structures in the C-S district shall not exceed 125,000 square feet in gross floor area unless approved by the City Council and the voters in the next general election. The City shall not submit any application for a retail structure in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area to the voters if the application has not first been approved by the City Council, unless otherwise required by law. If, after compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and any other applicable laws, the City Council approves and certifies the environmental impact report for a retail structure in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area in any district established by this title, the project shall not become effective until approval by public vote in the next general election. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "gross floor area" shall include outside retail areas.

The Lodi Zoning Ordinance (Title 17 of the Lodi Municipal Code) is further amended by the addition of Sections 17.36.036, 17.39.036, 17.30.046, and 17.06.051, which shall read as follows:

Nothing in this Chapter shall give the City Council the authority to grant a variance from the provisions of 17.36.035, 17.39.035, 17.30.045, and 17.06.050(D) relating to the maximum size of retail structures in any district established by this title, including but not limited to the C-1, C-2, and C-S Districts.

The Lodi General Plan is amended by the addition of Policy 7 to Goal A, which shall read as follows:

The City shall promote preservation of Lodi's small-town and rural qualities by ensuring that retail structures in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area in any land use designation are approved by the City Council and a public vote in the next general election.

The Lodi General Plan is further amended by the addition of Policy 6 to Goal D, which shall read as follows:

The City shall promote and support Lodi's downtown development by ensuring that retail structures in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area in any land use designation are approved by the City Council and a public vote in the next general election.

The Lodi General Plan is further amended by the addition of Policy 7 to Goal E, which shall read as follows:

The City shall support commercial use development to provide goods and services to Lodi residents and market area by ensuring that retail structures in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area in any land use designation are approved by the City Council and a public vote in the next general election.

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The City of Lodi's General Plan is hereby amended to add the following implementing Policy, Policy 17, to read as follows:

The City shall prepare and implement the requirement for City Council and public voter approval of retail structures in excess of 125,000 square feet in gross floor area in any district established by Lodi's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.