



## City Council Supplemental Report

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**From: Jonathan Lait, Planning and Development Services Director**

**Meeting Date: September 23, 2024**

**Item Number: 9**

Report #:2409-3499

### **TITLE**

REINTRODUCED FIRST READING: Adopt an Ordinance Adding Chapter 18.29 and Amending Chapters 18.14, 18.24, 18.70, and 16.65 in the Palo Alto Municipal Code as well as Amendments to the Zoning District Map, and Rezoning of Parcels Within the NVCAP area (PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED: August 5, 2024 PASSED 6-1, Kou no)

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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### **BACKGROUND**

Following publication of the staff report for this item, staff identified a clerical error in the ordinance as well as an area of potential confusion. The attached ordinance has been updated to address both of these items.

The clerical error involved Section 5 of the ordinance, which amends Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) Section 18.70.040. A new subsection (d) was added to PAMC 18.70.040, but was not underlined to show that it was a new addition.

The ordinance was also updated to further clarify the rules for nonconforming uses. In Section 2 of the Ordinance, the proposed language for PAMC 18.29.100 was modified to specify that the office uses are only permitted to remain under subsection (a) if they are the most recently established use on the site. For example, a building that had an office tenant in the past, but has since automotive use prior to the effective date of the ordinance would not be entitled to reestablish the office use under PAMC 18.29.100. A similar clarification was also added to PAMC 18.70.040, subsection (d).

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Ordinance Adding Chapter 18.29 and Amending Chapters 18.14, 18.24, 18.70, and 16.65

**APPROVED BY:**

Jonathan Lait, Planning and Development Services Director