

ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE
AMENDING TITLE 10 (ZONING) OF THE PLACERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO
ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND PERMITTED USES FOR LOW-BARRIER
NAVIGATION CENTERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW (AB 101)**

WHEREAS, [Government Code Sections 65660 through 65668](#) (AB 101) require local jurisdictions to allow "Low-Barrier Navigation Centers" (LBNC) by-right in areas zoned for mixed-use and nonresidential zones permitting multi-family uses; and

WHEREAS, Program B-4 of the City of Placerville's Sixth Cycle Housing Element commits the City to amending the Zoning Ordinance to ensure compliance with these state requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that providing streamlined paths for service-enriched shelters is essential to addressing homelessness and moving individuals into permanent housing.

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

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 10-1-4 (DEFINITIONS)

Section 10-1-4 of the Placerville Municipal Code is hereby amended to include the following definition:

LOW-BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTER: A "Housing First," low-barrier, service-enriched shelter focused on moving people into permanent housing that provides temporary living facilities while case managers connect individuals to income, public benefits, health services, other shelter, and permanent housing. "Low-Barrier" means the operation of the center includes best practices to reduce barriers to entry, including, but not limited to:

1. The presence of partners if it is not a population-specific site (e.g., women-only);
2. The ability to store personal possessions;
3. The ability to bring pets; and
4. Providing privacy, such as partitions in shared sleeping areas or private rooms.

SECTION 2: ADDITION OF SECTION 10-4-21 (LOW-BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTERS)

A new Section 10-4-21 is added to Chapter 4 (General Regulations) of Title 10 to read as follows:

10-4-21: LOW-BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTERS

(A) Purpose: This section provides objective standards for Low-Barrier Navigation Centers to ensure compliance with [Government Code Section 65660 et seq.](#)

(B) Permit Required: A Low-Barrier Navigation Center shall be a use allowed by-right

(ministerial) in all zones identified in this Title, provided it meets the following standards:

1. **Service Plan:** The operator must provide a clinical service plan for connecting residents to permanent housing, including onsite case management.
2. **Coordinated Entry:** The center must be linked to the [El Dorado County Coordinated Entry System](#).
3. **HMIS:** The center must participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
4. **Duration:** Stays shall be temporary and focused on rapid transition to permanent housing.

(C) Review Timeline: The City shall notify a developer whether an application is complete within 30 days of receipt. The City shall act on a completed application within 60 days of receipt.

SECTION 3: AMENDMENT TO ZONE DISTRICTS

The following sections of Title 10 are amended to include **Low-Barrier Navigation Centers** under "(B) Permitted Uses":

1. **Section 10-5-14 (CBD, Central Business District):** Add "Low-Barrier Navigation Centers, subject to Section 10-4-21."
2. **Section 10-5-15 (C, Commercial Zone):** Add "Low-Barrier Navigation Centers, subject to Section 10-4-21."
3. **Section 10-5-16 (HWC, Highway Commercial Zone):** Add "Low-Barrier Navigation Centers, subject to Section 10-4-21."
4. **Section 10-5-17 (BP, Business-Professional Zone):** Add "Low-Barrier Navigation Centers, subject to Section 10-4-21."

SECTION 4: CEQA EXEMPTION

The City Council finds that this ordinance is exempt from the [California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\)](#) pursuant to **Government Code Section 65661(b)**. This section provides a statutory exemption for actions taken by a public agency to approve a Low-Barrier Navigation Center that meets the requirements of the code. Additionally, the ordinance is exempt as a ministerial action under **Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1)** and **CEQA Guidelines Section 15268**.

SECTION 5. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days after its final passage and

adoption. Prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of its adoption, a summary of this ordinance shall be published at least once in the Mountain Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Placerville, together with the names of the Council members voting for and against the ordinance.

SECTION 6. Codification.

The City Clerk is directed to cause this ordinance to be codified in the Placerville Municipal Code.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on June 9, 2026, by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____.

PASSED AND APPROVED, by the City Council of the City of Placerville on June 9, 2026, by the poll taken as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 23rd day of June 2026, upon second reading by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mayor Nicole Gotberg

Attest:

Regina O'Connell, CPMC, City Clerk