

ZOA 25-0001 Hillside Objective Design Standards

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 23, 2026



Project Request

Case No.	ZOA 25-5001
Project Applicant:	City of Palm Desert
Project Description:	A City-initiated proposal to establish Hillside Residential Design Standards (“Hillside Standards”) applicable to residential development within the Hillside Planned Residential (“HPR”) Zoning district
Project Location:	Hillside Planned Residential (“HPR”) Zoning district

Timeline

Joint ARC and Planning Commission

September 23, 2025

Planning Commission

December 16, 2025

City Council

January 8, 2026

Planning Commission

March 3, 2026

This item is being presented today solely to address technical corrections and to clarify development thresholds, while maintaining the direction provided by ARC, Planning Commission, and City Council

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council approve an ordinance establishing Hillside Residential Design Standards, amend applicable provisions of Palm Desert Municipal Code Title 25 to implement such standards, and determine that the action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), or alternatively, is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).