

Council Meeting
December 20, 2011

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 3754

RECOMMENDATION:

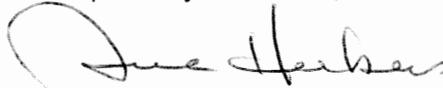
Second and Final Reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3754** amending Section 95.3.6 of the Torrance Municipal Code relating to church use.

BACKGROUND:

At the regular meeting of the City Council held on the 13th day of December 2011, this Ordinance was introduced and approved for its first reading by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Barnett, Furey, Numark, Rhilinger, Sutherland, and Mayor Scotto.
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None.
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None.
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Brewer.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk

NOTED:


LeRoy J. Jackson, City Manager

Attachment A: Ordinance 3754
B: Ordinance summary

ORDINANCE NO. 3754

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AMDENDING SECTION 95.3.6 OF THE
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CHURCH USE**

The City Council of the City of Torrance ordains as follows:

SECTION 1

Section 95.3.6 of the Torrance Municipal Code is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“SECTION 95.3.6. CHURCHES.

Churches and associated recreational, educational and social facilities conditionally permitted in R-1, R-2, A-1, C-3, C-4, C-5, M-1, M-L R-3, R-R-3, R-4, C-1 and C-2. Churches are subject to the following development standards:

- a) A church steeple or bell tower may exceed the height limit of the zone in which it is located provided there is no floor space above the height limit in the zone in which it is located.
- b) The parking area shall be developed in accordance with Chapter 3 of this Division.
- c) The main structure or the usable floor area of a church shall not exceed the height limit of the zone in which it is located.”

SECTION 2

Any inconsistent provisions of the Torrance Municipal Code, or any other inconsistent ordinances of the City, are repealed, to the extent of the inconsistencies.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

This ordinance will take effect thirty days after the date of its adoption. Within fifteen days following adoption, this ordinance or a summary of this ordinance, if authorized by the City Council, will be published at least once in the Daily Breeze, a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

INTRODUCED and **APPROVED** the 13th day of December, 2011.

ADOPTED and **PASSED** this _____ day of December, 2011.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

Mayor Frank Scotto
ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk

Ordinance Summary**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 3754**

On _____, 2011, the City Council of the City of Torrance adopted Ordinance No. 3754 amending Section 95.3.6 of the Torrance Municipal Code.

The City Council amended Section 95.3.6 to delete: the 20 foot front, side and rear setbacks for churches, the prohibition of churches in residential areas unless parking facilities and ingress and egress of automobiles does not disturb the residential character of the neighborhood, and the minimum lot size of one acre for a church. The ordinance also provides that churches are conditionally permitted in R-3, R-R-3, R-4, C-1, and C-2 zones.

*****City Clerk to add a paragraph stating that copies of the ordinance are available at the City Clerk's office and stating the names of the City Council members that voted in favor and those that voted against.*****