



# Public Hearing Proposed Amendments to Long Beach Municipal Code (LBMC)

City Council meeting: November 12, 2019

# Triennial Code Adoption Cycle

Every three years, the State of California adopts the latest edition of the California Building Standards Code and Uniform Housing Code (Codes) to establish uniform standards for the construction and maintenance of **buildings, electrical systems, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, and fire and life safety systems.**

- The 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Code was adopted by the California Building Standards Commission and published on July 1, 2019.
- Multiple Development Services bureaus and other City departments (**Building and Safety, Fire Prevention, Code Enforcement, Planning, Public Works, and the Office of Sustainability**) have reviewed the Codes and recommend the proposed local amendments.

**State law requires that the Codes become effective at the local level on January 1, 2020.**

# Updated and Impacted Titles of the LBMC

**Title 3, LBMC, Revenue and Finance.** Amend Chapter 3.90 to update references to Chapters 18.15 and 18.16 that were previously Chapters 18.22 and 18.23; and change the title of Chapter 3.90.

**Title 8, LBMC, Health and Safety.** Amend various chapters including Sections 8.56.020.C, 8.76.010.E, 8.76.017.C, 8.76.030, 8.76.110, and Chapter 8.59 (Lot Fencing) as its requirements are addressed in Chapter 18.29 Maintenance of Vacant Lots.

**Title 9, LBMC, Public Peace, Morals and Welfare.** Amend Section 9.37.170 update the lien notice letter for nuisance abatement efforts to reflect the current calendar year.

**Title 14, LBMC, Streets and Sidewalks.** Amend Chapter 14.32 to update and relocate these provisions to Chapter 18.11 to address building addressing. Amendments to Chapter 14.08 update existing public right-of-way occupancy permits. Chapters 14.44 and 14.48 are proposed to be added to codify existing right-of-way encroachment and protective fencing requirements. Section 14.04.015 updates regulation for work within public rights-of-way.

# Updated and Impacted Titles of the LBMC

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**Title 18, LBMC, Building Standards Code.** Amend all references in the Codes from 2016 to 2019. Several administrative amendments are proposed that update existing plan review, inspection, and code enforcement procedures. Chapter 18.11 is added to include provisions for building addressing. Chapters 18.22 and 18.23 are proposed to be relocated to Chapters 18.15 and 18.16. Chapter 18.77 is proposed to be added to codify expediting the issuance of solar photovoltaic permits. Chapter 18.73 is proposed to be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the latest flood design and construction requirements contained in the Codes.

**Title 21, LBMC, Zoning.** Amend Sections 21.33.045 and 21.45.400 to update a reference for Harbor Permits and refer the structural design requirement for roof supporting solar photovoltaic panels to the Codes.

# Approvals and Outreach

- **Board of Examiners Appeals and Condemnation**  
Meetings: September 17, 2018, October 15, 2018, December 3, 2018, July 15, 2019, August 19, 2019, September 16, 2019. Approval recommended: September 30, 2019.
- **Sustainable City Commission**  
Approval recommended: July 25, 2019.
- **Planning Commission** Amendments to Title 21, Zoning Approval recommended: October 17, 2019.
- **Industry Partner Outreach:** Long Beach/South Bay Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, California Apartment Association (local office), Structural Engineers Association of Southern California, Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter of the Building Industry Association, and the Downtown Long Beach Alliance.

# Recommendation

Receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and declare the Ordinance adopting and amending the 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Code and the 1997 Edition of the Uniform Housing Code by amending and restating Title 18 of the Long Beach Municipal Code in its entirety.

Declare the Ordinance amending Sections 8.56.020.C, 8.76.010.E, 8.76.010.J, 8.76.017.C, 8.76.030, 8.76.110, 9.37.170, 14.04.015, 21.33.045, and 21.45.400; amending Chapters 3.90 and 14.08; adding Chapters 14.44 and 14.48; and repealing Chapters 8.59 and 14.32 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

Adopt a Resolution making express findings and determinations relating to the adoption of more restrictive code provisions where appropriate;

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Development Services to submit the Ordinance amendments to the California Coastal Commission for a finding of conformance with the Certified Local Coastal Program (Application 19-008); and,

Accept and adopt Negative Declaration ND 09-19 for the Long Beach Building Standards Code Amendments Project. (Citywide)



Thank you

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