

FINDINGS

**Triennial Building Code Update
Zoning Code Amendment
Application No. 1908-33
October 17, 2019**

The Long Beach Municipal Code does not have specific findings for the adoption of a zoning code amendment codified. Pursuant to California Government Code §65860, a zoning ordinance shall be consistent with the adopted General Plan. The City of Long Beach makes the following finding in support of its adoption of the zoning code amendment relating to the triennial building code update.

The modifications to the Zoning Code relating to the triennial building code update are consistent with objectives, principles, and standards of the General Plan.

Every three (3) years the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) updates the California Building Standards Code. Objectives of the CBSC that generally apply to local agencies include analyzation and acceptance of building standards proposed and adopted by governmental agencies, clarifying issues resulting from the implementation of the state building standards, reviewing local agency modifications to Title 24, and ensuring stability and uniformity in the codification, terminology, and format of the code.

Changes are based off proposals made by State agencies, vetted by the California Building Standards Commission and typically provide for enhanced clarity and consistency in application. Code provisions are intended to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the population, while avoiding unnecessary costs and preferential treatment of specific materials or methods of construction.

The changes proposed as part of this zoning code amendment include two minor editorial changes, an updated reference to a valid section of the Code (now 18.04.040) and correction of a typographical error within Section 21.45.400(B); deletion of the word trade. The final change refers to solar ready roofs and deletes specific language allowing for additional dead load, and instead just requiring that solar ready roofs shall be subject to all applicable state and local construction codes.

The City's Public Safety Element of the General Plan contains several goals that relate to protection from hazards through development. The changes proposed clarify the incoherent issues within each Code section, and in the instance of solar-ready roofs, provide for a bit of flexibility while protecting the safety and welfare of the public by allowing design of solar ready roofs subject to applicable state and local codes as opposed to the specific dead load weight in the prior version of the code.