

Public Hearing Omnibus Zoning Code Amendments - Round 2 (ZCA19-003)

City Council meeting: October 22, 2019





Background

"Tune-ups" to modernize the Zoning Code:

- Address new land use trends and business types
- Better respond to unique neighborhood development patterns
- Improve administrative processes

Periodic Zoning Code Amendments:

- Round 1 Zoning Code updates adopted by City Council on May 14, 2019
- Round 2 Zoning Code updates reviewed by Planning Commission on September 5, 2019









Proposed Zoning Code Amendments

Land Use

- Escape rooms
- Tutoring centers
- Animal-related uses

Development Standards

- Distance between structures on a residential property
- Parking requirements in historic landmark districts
- Gross Floor Area (GFA) and Floor Area Ratio (FAR) calculations
- Measuring fence heights in flood zones
- Corner cutoffs
- Rooftop solar height exemption

Administrative Procedures

• Exempt hearing items continued to a date certain from re-noticing











Omnibus Zoning Code Update Round 2 Outcomes

Land Use

Respond to demand for services and decrease vacant retail space

Development Standards

- Eliminate potential for conflicting regulations
- Remove parking requirements that pose a frequent barrier to improvement, expansion, renovation, and preservation of historic resources
- Provide required parking that is better integrated with proposed developments
- Improve sustainability

Administrative Procedures

Eliminate repeat noticing for public hearings









Public Outreach

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- June 5, 2019 Open House for Zoning Code Update
- June 12, 2019 Focus Group for Animal-Related Uses
- Environmental documents (ND 06-20) posted on City website and circulated to libraries and to interested individuals
- Draft Zoning Code amendments posted on City website
- LinkLB digital outreach

Summary of Public Comments

- 10 comments on Zoning Code Update
- 32 comments on animal-related uses





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Environmental Review

- A Negative Declaration (ND) was prepared for the Zoning Code Amendment, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- The ND was posted on the City's website and circulated for a 30 day review period between August 2 and September 2, 2019
- No comments on the ND were received during comment period





Recommendation

- Receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and adopt Negative Declaration ND 06-20
- Declare and Adopt an Ordinance amending Title 21, Zoning, of the Long Beach Municipal Code (ZCA19-003)
- Adopt a Resolution directing 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





