



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt Resolution of Intention to vacate a portion of the alley north of Artesia Boulevard and west of Orange Avenue, accept the dedication of a new branch alley, and set a date for a public hearing on the vacation for Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. (District 9)

A new City of Long Beach Fire Station is to be constructed at 1199 East Artesia Boulevard. The development of the proposed 56,181 square foot project site will entail the elimination of the southerly part of the alley system in this block, and the creation of a new branch alley 135 feet northerly of the old east-west branch alley. The proposed changes to the alleys in the block north of Artesia Boulevard and west of Orange Avenue are shown on the attached Exhibit A. The site development plan for the new fire station is shown on Exhibit B.

Proceedings for this vacation are being conducted in accordance with Chapter 3, General Vacation Procedure, of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law of the California Streets and Highways Code. Findings must establish that the subject right-of-way is unnecessary for present or prospective public use. The Department of Public Works supports this action based on the following evidence, facts, conditions and findings, establishing that the dedicated right-of-way to be vacated is unnecessary for present or prospective public use.

1. On December 4, 2008, the City of Long Beach Planning Commission approved plans for a new 11,080 square foot fire station and a 4,632 square foot Emergency Support Center at 1199 E. Artesia Boulevard.
2. Also on December 4, 2008, the Planning Commission determined that the subject alley vacation is consistent with the City's General Plan, as required in Section 8313 of the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law. In conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Negative Declaration Number NO 14-08 was issued for this project. The Planning Department staff report is included as Exhibit C.
3. A new 20-foot wide branch alley will be dedicated and constructed to maintain through alley access to all of the private properties in this block.
4. There are existing public utilities in the alley portion to be vacated. These utilities will be rerouted from the alley to be vacated during the construction of the fire station. Upon completion of the utility relocation, the easement reserved for public utilities will be quitclaimed by the City of Long Beach.
5. The interested City Departments, including Fire and Police, have reviewed the proposed right-of-way vacation and land development, and have no objections to this action. Conditions of approval, satisfying the concerns of the public utility companies, are shown on Exhibit D.

The public hearing on this matter to be held on August 11, 2009, will allow all persons interested in,

or objecting to, the proposed vacation to appear and be heard.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on May 5, 2009, and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on May 13, 2009.

City Council action is requested on July 14, 2009, in order to allow the construction of the fire station to proceed on schedule.

A vacation processing fee of \$3,180 was deposited to the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Public Works (PW).

Approve recommendation.

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE ALLEY NORTH OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD AND WEST OF ORANGE AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAYS AND SERVICE EASEMENTS LAW (DIVISION 9, PART 3, CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE); FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN OR OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED VACATION

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