



City of Long Beach
Working Together to Serve

Date: August 23, 2016

To: Members of the City Council

From: Robert Garcia, Mayor
Lena Gonzalez, 1st District Councilmember *LG*
Jeannine Pearce, 2nd District Councilmember *JP*

Subject: Alcoholic Beverage Manufacturing Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff to work with City Attorney and the Planning Commission to review the implementation of the recently adopted Alcohol Beverage Manufacturing (ABM) ordinance and provide a written report on the progress of permitting breweries and brew pubs under the terms of the ordinance. The report should also consider adding language to LBMC 21.45.114 to provide staff the ability to recommend waivers of special development standards based on findings.

DISCUSSION:

On April 7, 2015, the City Council adopted an Ordinance amending Title 21 (Zoning) of the Long Beach Municipal Code related to Alcoholic Beverage Manufacturing and Accessory Tasting Rooms. This Ordinance was in response to the significant growth in the industry and resulting economic benefits to many communities and local governments across the state in the form of investment, jobs, and tourism. To facilitate the creation of neighborhood-friendly establishments, special development standards were created, with the intent that they would reduce the time and expense required to open a new ABM business. The most significant change was removing the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit, and allowing this use in commercial districts (as opposed to restricting it to industrial districts only) throughout the City with implementation of special development standards.

Given that Long Beach now has a number of ABM businesses either proposed or under review, and we have a better feel for them from an administrative and regulatory perspective, it is appropriate that the City review the overall process. This includes

ensuring that flexibility exists for staff and/or the Planning Commission to allow waivers of various special development standards within the ABM ordinance.

Once the Planning Commission has studied the issue and made recommendations, staff should agendaize the matter for City Council consideration, and complete any recommended amendments to the Ordinance. It is recommended that this issue should return to the City Council in 90 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this matter.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Recommendation



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: *August 19, 2016*

To: Maria Garcia, City Clerk

From: *Mayor Robert Garcia*

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of *August 23, 2016*

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
CD9	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
CD1	Lena Gonzalez	<i>Lena Gonzalez</i>
CD9	Roberto Uranga	<i>Roberto Uranga</i>

Attachment: Staff Report dated