



**Date:** December 19, 2006

**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Mayor and Councilmember, First District *bl*  
Rae Gabelich, Councilmember, Eighth District *RG*

**Subject:** **Request for Report on Fire Suppression and Fire Alert Requirements**

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Since 1974, California law requires new apartment buildings larger than 5,000 square feet or with 3 or more stories to include automated sprinklers, which are credited with drastically reducing fire fatalities.

The City of Long Beach currently does not require buildings of three or more stories built before 1974 to install automated sprinklers.

**Recommendation:**

We respectfully request that the Long Beach Fire Department and Long Beach Department of Building and Planning provide a report on fire suppression and fire alert requirements for pre-1974 buildings.