

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 21.66 RELATING
TO AN UNPERMITTED DWELLING UNIT AMNESTY
PROGRAM

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Long Beach Municipal Code is amended by adding
Chapter 21.66 to read as follows:

Chapter 21.66

Unpermitted Dwelling Unit Amnesty Program

21.66.010 Purpose.

To develop a dwelling unit amnesty program to preserve existing dwellings, bring them into compliance with applicable Building Code standards, and maintain them as income restricted affordable units in accordance with recommendation 2e of the "Everyone Home Long Beach" plan "to expand the number of rent-stabilized units," and Policy 1.1 of the 2017 report prepared by the Mayor's Affordable and Workforce Housing Study Group and adopted by City Council "to encourage the preservation of existing housing stock, consistent with the City's adopted Housing Element." This Section is not intended for housing units that are eligible for legalization as accessory dwelling units through the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) process.

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21.66.040 Eligibility.

Existing dwelling units eligible for the informal dwelling unit amnesty program:

- A. May be located in any zone, except for the IG and IP Industrial Zones;
- B. Shall have been occupied, as a residence, for more than thirty (30) continuous days prior to December 31, 2016, which occupancy shall be demonstrated by the Applicant with proof satisfactory to the Director of Development Services, or designee.

21.66.050 Affordability Covenant.

A. Applicants shall be required to record a covenant on the property that requires the unit to be retained as an income-restricted unit for a period of 10 years at an income level that is the lower of: 1) the existing tenant's income level or 2) a moderate-income household, as determined by Area Median Income (AMI) limits established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

B. The affordability period shall be deferred if the unit is occupied by a tenant with an existing lease who does not meet the subject income restriction. The affordability period shall begin when a tenant meeting the above income restriction occupies the unit.

C. The units shall be subject to the annual covenant monitoring fee.

21.66.060 Review Process.

Site Plan Review shall be required pursuant to Chapter 21.25 of the Municipal Code. Existing dwelling units that are eligible for the informal dwelling unit amnesty program and are located in the Coastal Zone shall be

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required to obtain a Local Coastal Development Permit pursuant to LBMC 21.25.903; however, a public hearing for the Local Coastal Development Permit shall not be required.

21.66.070 Appeals.

Only applicants may appeal Site Plan Review determinations to the Planning Commission.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the Mayor.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 20____, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

Approved: _____
(Date)

Mayor

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