STUDY SESSION ITEM

CUP Procedures and Requirements: Issues, Options and Recommendations







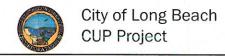


City of Long Beach
Planning Commission Meeting

September 7, 2017

Agenda

- Project Objectives
- Process Overview
- Issues
 - Use Regulations
 - Procedures and Permit Costs
 - Code Clarity and Ease of Use
- Key Recommendations
- Public and Planning Commission Input



Project Objectives

- Efficiency
 - Timeliness
 - Predictability
 - Efficiency
 - Cost
- Effective response to concerns about negative impacts
- Improve City's image as a good place to do business

Q2 What do you see as the major problems with the City's procedures / practices for reviewing and approving new businesses or changes to existing establishments? (Please rank in order with 1 being the most problematic, 5 being the least problematic)

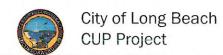
Permit costs

Length of time to secure...

Notification requirements

Availability and...

Process for handling...



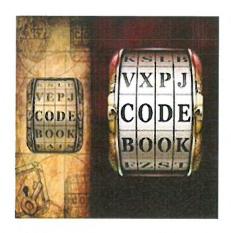
Overview of CUP Study Process

- Progress to date:
 - Technical analysis of Zoning Code/CUP provisions
 - Stakeholder input
 - Survey and compare peer city regulations and practices
 - Identify key issues and options
- This is where we are now
 - Obtain feedback from stakeholders and public officials
 - Planning Commission Study Session



What We Heard From Stakeholders

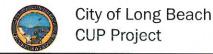
- Outdated zoning requirements
- Time and expense of "getting to yes"
- Difficult requirements and procedures especially for alcohol sales
- Business assistance and outreach



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Business Portal





Stakeholder's Key Issues

- Use regulations and requirements
- Parking standards and parking management
- Procedures, cost, and time-lines
- Code usability, clarity, and modernity





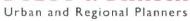
How Does Long Beach Compare?

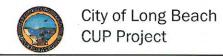
- Cost and processing time similar to peer cities
- 750-foot notification radius greater than peer cities
- Some peer cities do better job providing information on business assistance and applications under review
- Some peer cities give staff greater responsibility for permit approval
- Some peer cities require less parking



Preliminary Recommendations

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Use Regulations



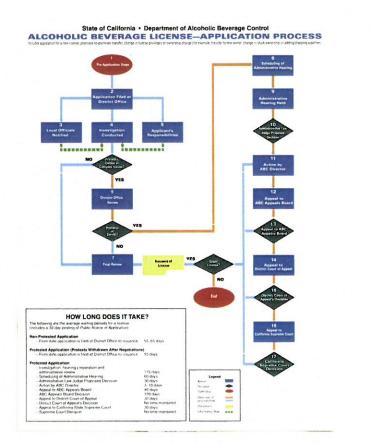


- New and revised requirements for specific uses
- More flexibility for alcohol sales
- Clarified rules for assembly uses
- Simplified requirements for industrial zones
- Modified requirements for live-work



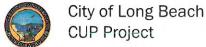
Alcohol Sales

- Adjust CUP exemptions
- Additional alcohol sales with AUP
- Determination of Public Convenience or Necessity
- Coordination with ABC requirements



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Regulation of Other Uses

- Clarify requirements
- Consider ways to reduce need for CUP
 - Drive-through fast food
 - Entertainment
 - Assembly uses
 - Thrift shops
 - Tattoo parlors
 - Truck parking









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Application Procedures

- Consider two-part fee structure with downpayment
- Improve communication of requirements
- Reduce notification radius to 300 feet to lower cost
- Improve website sharing of public notices





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Other Code Changes

- Update Code to remove invalid provisions
- Establish zoning clearance process to ensure applicants understand rules and make enforcement easier





Next Steps

- Economic Development Commission Study Session
- Feedback from stakeholders and community
- Draft revised regulations
- Additional meetings if necessary
- Planning Commission and City Council public hearings
- City Council adoption





