



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by amending Section 15.40.130; and by repealing Section 15.40.140 and Section 15.40.150, all relating to natural gas pipeline regulations, read and adopted as read. (Citywide)

Upon request of private parties who want to be connected to the City's natural gas pipeline system, the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (LBGO) performs construction activities such as gas pipeline installation or extensions. LBGO charges these parties fees that are based on a council approved tariff. LBGO owns the new extension and is responsible for .operation and maintenance of the system.

In an effort to simplify the code for operational efficiency, LBGO is requesting to amend and consolidate various sections of the Long Beach Municipal Code that relate to the construction activities on the City's gas pipeline system. Gas mains, gas services, and stub pipelines are all part of the City's gas pipeline system and, therefore, can be combined into one Municipal Code section.

In addition, the Municipal Code has been modified to eliminate an exemption which allows for the "free" installation of 150 feet of main pipeline by LBGO under certain circumstances. This exemption and the "free" installation has no cost recovery basis and currently requires a subsidy from ratepayer revenues.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on March 23, 2009, and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on March 20, 2009.

There is no timing consideration to this action.

There is no expected impact to the revenue generated in the Gas Fund (EF 301) in the Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (EN). There is a potential cost avoidance from avoided installation exemption requests.

Approve recommendation.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 15.40.130;
AND BY REPEALING SECTION 15.40.140 AND SECTION 15.40.150, ALL RELATING TO NATURAL GAS PIPELINE REGULATIONS

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