Property Services News

Citywide Eviction Moratorium
The City of Long Beach adopted a Citywide Eviction Moratorium due to the COVID-19 emergency and the “Safer at Home” directive. Please be advised that City’s moratorium expired as of September 30, 2020; however, the County of Los Angeles has enacted a County Moratorium applicable to charter cities effective September 1, 2020.

As an update, the County moratorium has been extended by the County Board of Supervisors and will now expire January 31, 2021. The moratorium is subject to further extensions by the County Board of Supervisors.

For more information, please click HERE.

Development Services News

Fourth Street Parking and Business Improvement Area

The City Council will be asked to adopt a Resolution to continue the Fourth Street Parking and Business Improvement assessment (District 2) level for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 in Council on December 8, 2020. The request is to extend the agreement with the Fourth Street Business Improvement Association for a one-year term. The Fourth Street Parking and Business Improvement Area (FSPBIA) was first established in 2007, which allowed a levy of an annual business license assessment to be paid by businesses located in that area. The monies from this levy is used by the FSPBIA to promote and market the businesses located there.

This area is dubbed “Retro Row,” and stretches between Cherry and Junipero. The district is home to a group of 40+ independent merchants. Fourth Street features clothing, furniture and accessories, art, antiques, and collectibles, as well as a locally owned restaurants, coffee shops and wine bars. The restored 1920’s Art Theatre, is in this area, and Retro Row has been featured in the New York Times as well as New York, Sunset and Los Angeles magazines.

During the council meeting planned on December 8, the City Council will hear and consider any protest against the annual assessment, including the boundaries of the area, and/or any benefit zone as proposed in the Annual Report that is submitted to City Council by the FSPBIA. State law allows that protests to the levy can be made orally or in writing, but also states that if 50 percent of business owners submit written protests, the City Council will not levy the assessment.
It is estimated that the FSPBIA will generate $10,000 in FY 21 through the proposed continuation of the assessment. Assessment funds are collected by the City on behalf of the FSPBIA through additional fees and passed directly through to the FSBIA for implementation of annual programs.

For more about this business district, please click HERE.

### Bixby Knolls Parking and Business Improvement Area

The City Council will also be reviewing the Bixby Knolls Parking and Business Improvement Area (BKPBIA) assessment levy for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 on December 8, 2021. The BKPBIA is located in Districts 7 and 8 and will also seek to extend the agreement for another year.

The BKPBIA was established in 1989 and the funds levied from the businesses located in that area are used for promotional events and marketing purposes. This area has approximately 800 businesses located along Atlantic Avenue from 33rd Street to 46th Street, Long Beach Blvd. from the 405 Freeway to 46th Street, and Wardlow Road between the two corridors. Bixby Knolls has an active local community. The Helen Borges Theater, home to the Long Beach Shakespeare Company, and the Historical Society of Long Beach, are housed on Atlantic Avenue, just north of Carson Street. On the west side of the neighborhood, adjacent to the Los Angeles River, is the large Virginia Country Club, which is also the location of the Rancho Los Cerritos historic site. In 2019, the Los Angeles Times called Bixby Knolls Long Beach’s “Hidden Gem” for its revitalized and pedestrian-friendly shopping and dining strip along Atlantic Avenue.

During the council meeting planned on December 8, the City Council will hear and consider any protest against the annual assessment, including the boundaries of the area, and/or any benefit zone as proposed in the Annual Report that is submitted to City Council by the FSPBIA. State law allows that protests to the levy can be made orally or in writing, but also states that if 50 percent of business owners submit written protests, the City Council will not levy the assessment.

It is estimated that the BKPBIA will generate $204,000 in FY 21. Assessment funds are collected by the City on behalf of the BKPBIA through additional fees and passed directly through to the BKPBIA for implementation of annual programs.

For more about this business district, please click HERE.
With the continuous increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the state, the need to slow down the spread of the virus is vital. Governor Gavin Newsom has tightened restrictions including curfews on restaurants, wineries, and bars, while ordering new caps on social gatherings. Indoor dining, gyms and movie theaters, among other businesses, must either remain closed or shut down in 41 of the state’s 58 counties. On November 23, 2020, The City of Long Beach has issued revised health orders restricting activities of the community as a means of slowing the spread of COVID-19. The orders are in alignment with efforts in the region. Small business such as nail salons, hair and barbershops, and food vendors must remain closed between 10 PM and 5 AM. The number of the state’s small businesses that remain open has dropped by 28.8%. Furthermore, California’s small business revenue was down by 29.3% this month (LA Time’s). Indoor operations are permitted to resume with physical distancing of 6ft or greater between individuals, except where services are being performed. Indoor capacity is limited to 25% of maximum occupancy of the indoor facility. Customers are prohibited from waiting inside the facility. Outdoor operations are strongly encouraged to the extent feasible. Gyms and Fitness Facilities must also remain closed between 10 PM and 5 AM and may only operate outdoors.

The City mandates restaurants, other food facilities, and brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, and wineries that hold a City-issued restaurant permit to service via for drive-thru, curbside, door-side, or other outdoor pickup and delivery only. Such establishments may operate for drive-thru, curbside, door-side, or other outdoor pickup and delivery between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. daily. Restaurants and Bars in hotels and lodging that provide sit-down dine-in meals must close from 10pm to 5am daily for in-person dining. Restaurants in hotels and lodging may remain open for drive-thru, curbside, door side, or other outdoor pickup and delivery only between 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Hotel and lodging operations with large meeting venues, banquet halls, or convention centers, if applicable, must keep these areas closed until each of these types of establishments are allowed by the Health Officer order to resume modified or full operation. Areas such as convention space, rentable rooms, and other areas for private events, etc., shall be kept closed until large gatherings can resume modified or full operation through a specific reopening order and guidance.

For more information, please click HERE.

**Industrial Links**

- Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia’s Nov. 28 Update on Coronavirus Outbreak
- SoCal Economists Predict Prolonged Road to Recovery
- Will California’s Small Businesses Survive Another COVID-19 Surge Without More Help?
- California dishes out $80 million in tax credits to businesses to spur hiring

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