Residential Project in Downtown Long Beach

A new residential project has been completed in Downtown. The project consists of an eight-story, mixed-income residential complex at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Seventh Street. The project, constructed by Holland Partner Group, offers 271 units, and comprises two separate buildings connected by a sky bridge across the separating alleyway. The development includes an elevated terrace and pool deck on the second level that faces Pacific Avenue.

This new project helps add much needed housing in the City, but it also activates the street level. The site location provides easy access to the business and entertainment corridors available in Downtown Long Beach.

Rendering of the new mixed-use development at Pacific and Seventh Street in Long Beach. Source: Holland Partner Group.

Image of the current construction of the new mixed-use development at Pacific and Seventh Street in Long Beach.
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Third-Party Food Delivery Service Fees

On Tuesday, January 19, 2021, City Council heard an ordinance recommendation amending Title 5 of the Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions of the Long Beach Municipal Code, related to third-party food delivery service fees. This Ordinance is proposed to assist retail food establishments, their employees, and customers, faced with economic hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic. On December 8, 2020, the Council requested an Urgency Ordinance related to third-party delivery service fees, and the draft Ordinance, Chapter 5.95, was presented for consideration and approval.

Chapter 5.95 would institute the following:

- Retail food establishments would not be charged any amount designated as a "delivery fee" for an online order that does not involve the delivery of food or beverages.
- Shall not charge a customer any purchase price for a food or beverage item that's higher than the price set by the retail food establishment, or what is listed on the menu.
- Shall not reduce the compensation rates paid to its drives or garnish gratuities as a result of these fee limitations.

This amendment all requires disclosure in plain language any commission or fee charge to the customer by the service, or risk violation of Chapter 5.95 and may result in civil and/or criminal penalties. The City Manager, or designee, is also tasked to provide a report to City Council every 90 days to determine if Chapter 5.95 is still necessary based on the City’s recover from the health and economic impacts of COVID-19.

For more information, please click HERE.

Hero Pay

The City Council also heard and was asked to approve an Ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 5.91 which would establish premium pay for grocery workers. The Ordinance identifies grocery store workers as essential workers who are highly vulnerable to economic insecurity as well as increased exposure and health risks from the COVID-19 pandemic. The premium pay would be paid in addition to regular wages as a type of compensation for employees performing hazardous duty or work due to their increased exposure to the coronavirus. This premium pay would help ensure the retention of these essential workers. Covered grocery workers are limited to those who perform work for a hiring entity where the work is performed in the City of Long Beach.

The premium pay requirement proposed is an additional $4.00 per hour for each hour worked.
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