City Council Extends Eviction Ban for remolds through the end of February 2022

During the council's last meeting in December 2021, members opted to ask that the new ordinance raise the amount or relocation assistance required of landlords for each displaced unit to $4,500, or two months’ rent, and required a 90-day notice to vacate the unit. State law required just one month’s rent to be paid to tenants.

Evictions issued so landlords can remodel their units will continue to be banned through the end of February 2022 as the Long Beach City Council waits for a new city ordinance to be prepared for it to vote on later this year. The pending ordinance could also establish a civil penalty of up to $15,000 for landlords found in violation of the city ordinance.

Evictions that were served due to unit remodeling between Dec. 31 and Tuesday, January 3, 2022, would be covered by the extended ban. The council is expected to vote on a new ordinance before the extended moratorium expires next month.

Grand Prix of Long Beach set to run through at least 2028

On Tuesday, January 4, the Long Beach city council has unanimously approved a new agreement with the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach that will allow the company to continue running the annual Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach through 2028. The new agreement, which will start with the 2022 Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, sustains a relationship between the city and the Grand Prix Association which has spanned the last 46 years.

Significant modifications to the contract with the City and the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach, LLC are:

- Extension of the term to June 20, 2029.
- The City has the right to remove and develop portions of the Race Circuit
- 5% reduction of set-up/tear-down time.
- Effective January 1, 2023, no street improvements or street decorations shall commence before 7:00 a.m. nor continue after 6:00 p.m. in areas adjacent to residential buildings.
- Joint pre- and post-race circuit inspections to document pre-Race tire marks. This determines the obligation of the Grand Prix Association to remove tire marks from the concrete portions of the Circuit that result from the race and related events.
- Prior to the 2023 Race, the City shall perform a grind and overlay of the asphalt portions of the Race Circuit on Pine Avenue.
• One-time application of oil emulsion treatment to the asphalt portions of the Race Circuit.
• Annual road restoration contribution/ future road restoration requirements, where the Grand Prix Association shall contribute $30K per year for a total of five (5) years to the Capital Projects Fund Group to offset it’s application of oil emulsions or equivalent surface treatments to the asphalt portions of the Race Circuit as necessary for upkeep and maintenance.
• COVID relief/amortization of permit fees for 2021.
• The City agrees to provide the Grand Prix Association with detailed information regarding the 2028 Olympics after the City receives such information, and, if necessary, the parties agree to thereafter cooperate in good faith to adjust the 2028 Race schedule to accommodate the Olympics.

For more information, please see the staff report to the City Council.

Councilman Rex Richardson announces he will run for mayor of Long Beach

Vice Mayor Rex Richardson announced Monday, January 3, 2022, he will run to replace Mayor Robert Garcia as the city’s next mayor. Vice Mayor Richardson is Long Beach’s Ninth District City Councilman for the last seven years — four as vice mayor.

Vice Mayor Richardson became the youngest person ever elected to the Long Beach City Council in 2014 at the age of 30, when he replaced Steve Neal, who Mr. Richardson had previously served as chief of staff. Now he could make a different kind of history.

If Richardson wins, he’d become the first Black mayor of the city of Long Beach.

Please see District 9’s website for more information about Vice Mayor Richardson.

Also, please see the full article from the Press Telegram about Vice Mayor Richardson’s announcement to run for Mayor.
City of Long Beach Receives $4.5M to help lead reduction in low-income housing

Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla (both D-Calif.) announced that the City of Long Beach will receive over $4.5 million in federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help reduce exposure to lead paint in low-income housing. Lead is a highly toxic metal that may cause a range of health problems, especially in young children. Although the federal government banned lead-based paint in 1978, it remains an environmental hazard and health threat in households across California and the country.

HUD will award the City of Long Beach $3,991,791 in Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction grant program funding and $587,433 in Healthy Homes Supplemental funding. The city will address lead hazards in 220 housing units providing safer homes for low and very low-income families with children. The city will also perform healthy homes assessments in 220 units, and work with the California Healthy Housing Coalition, the California Asthma Financing Group, and the Regional Asthma Management and Prevention Group.

More information on the City of Long Beach’s lead reduction program is available here.

Industry Links

Long Beach Exchange retail center sells to San Jose-based real estate firm

Virgin Orbit now on Nasdaq; first mission of 2022 to blast off this month

Planning Commission could approve new Beachwood tasting room at 2nd & PCH

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