

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT / NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY NEGATIVE DECLARATION

for the Long Beach Building Standards Code Amendments Project

This serves as the City of Long Beach's Notice of Intent to adopt an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Long Beach Building Standards Code Amendments Project, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project: Long Beach Building Standards Code Amendments

Project Location: The City of Long Beach (City) is located in the southern portion of the County of Los Angeles. The City encompasses approximately 50 square miles and is bordered by the cities of Compton, Paramount, and Bellflower, and the unincorporated community of Rancho Dominguez to the north; the cities of Lakewood, Hawaiian Gardens, Cypress, Los Alamitos, and Seal Beach, and the unincorporated community of Rossmore to the east; the Pacific Ocean to the south; and the cities of Carson and Los Angeles to the west. In addition, the City of Signal Hill is completely surrounded by the City. Regional access to Long Beach is provided by a number of freeways, including Interstates 710, 605, and 405, and State Routes 1, 22, and 91.

Lead Agency: City of Long Beach, 411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Long Beach, California 90802

Project Description: The City is proposing to amend the *Long Beach Municipal Code* (LBMC) by adopting the triennial 2019 California Building Standards Code (Code) and incorporating minor editorial revisions to LBMC Title 21, *Zoning*. The triennial 2019 Code update establishes uniform standards for the construction and maintenance of buildings, electrical systems, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, and fire and life safety systems. Adopting the Code update and editorial revisions to LBMC Title 21, *Zoning*, would provide enhanced clarity and consistency in application to future development in Long Beach.

Discretionary approvals for the proposed project include adoption of Negative Declaration 09-19, approval of an ordinance associated with the adoption of the triennial 2019 California Building Standards Code, and approval of an ordinance associated with the amendments to LBMC Title 21, *Zoning*.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. The Negative Declaration is based on the finding that the project would not have any significant adverse impacts on the environment. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City. Copies of the Initial Study, the proposed Negative Declaration and supporting materials are available for public review at the following locations:

- City of Long Beach, Development Services Department, 411 West Ocean Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Long Beach, California 90802;
- Billie Jean King Main Library, 200 West Broadway, Long Beach, California 90802; and
- City of Long Beach Website: <http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/>

For questions regarding the Negative Declaration contact:

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Public Review Period: **Begins – October 1, 2019**

Ends – October 30, 2019

Hazardous Waste Sites: As the proposed project applies to the entire City, it involves a large geographic area with varying uses, and there are numerous sites listed pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Initial Study/Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing and **received by the City no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date of the public review period as cited above**, in order to be considered prior to the City's final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period. Please submit your written comments to Ms. Amy L. Harbin, AICP, at the address cited above.