

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL

TO ADOPT NEW AND REVISED BUILDING STANDARDS

Project Location: Citywide

Project Applicant: City of Long Beach

Approval(s) Requested: Building Code Amendment, Residential Code Amendment, Methane Gas Mitigation Amendment

The City of Long Beach is conducting a public hearing to amend the 2022 Edition of the California Building Code, the 2022 Edition of the California Residential Code, and Title 18.79 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, in accordance with State law. The proposed changes will go into effect no sooner than thirty (30) days from the time of final passage. The proposed amendments consist of changes related to fire and life safety requirements.

State law permits local jurisdictions to amend the Building Standards Codes when an express finding and determination is made that such local amendments are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions that affect the jurisdiction; and are reasonably necessary, provided it is a more restrictive building standard. Local amendments that are necessary for administrative clarification and do not modify Building Standards, as defined in Section 18909(c) of the California Health and Safety Code, can be enacted without the required express findings and determinations.

The Department of Community Development continuously evaluates the effectiveness of the City's building and safety regulations to ensure they provide the highest level of protection for the people who live, work, and stay in Long Beach. This proposed ordinance addresses three distinct areas where local conditions and emerging risks warrant a proactive enhancement of the standards established by the state's baseline codes. The proposed amendments are focused on preventing tragedies, adapting to future environmental challenges, and providing clarity for safe construction in areas of our city affected by specific climatic, geologic, and topographic conditions. The ordinance is composed of three key components: (1) enhanced drowning prevention measures for private swimming pools, (2) design requirements considering future sea-level rise for buildings in coastal flood hazard areas, and (3) clarifying requirements for subgrade electrical work in areas with potential methane gas.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL:

Meeting Date: August 12, 2025
Meeting Time: 5:00 PM
Meeting Place: 1st Floor City Council Chamber, City Hall
411 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA

For more information, contact Philip Yin, S.E., CASp, General Superintendent of Community Development at Philip.Yin@longbeach.gov or 562-570-6731.

The public will have the option to use eComment to provide comments on agenda items. Written comments may also be submitted by email to CITYCLERK@LONGBEACH.GOV. A staff report will be available for public review on or about August 4, 2025. This report may be viewed on the City website at www.longbeach.gov.

If you challenge this action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or issues raised via written correspondence delivered to the City prior to the public hearing.

MONIQUE DE LA GARZA
City Clerk

Dated: July 23, 2025
Prepared by: Gregory Bowser

City Clerk
Plaza Level City Hall
411 W. Ocean Blvd., First Floor
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Meeting Date – November 1, 2022