BUILDING A BETTER LONG BEACH
LONG BEACH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Consisting of over 180 employees, the Long Beach Development Services Department offers a variety of programs and services related to planning, building and safety, code enforcement, affordable housing, neighborhood improvement and historic preservation. Our team works with the Mayor and City Council, various City departments, developers, engineers, design professionals, neighborhood groups, residents and business owners to create and maintain more safe, sustainable and livable neighborhoods.

Building a dynamic, safe and sustainable city that honors its past and embraces the future.

The Department has four public-facing bureaus, all committed to providing an exceptional experience for those who live, work and visit Long Beach:

- Building and Safety
- Code Enforcement
- Housing and Neighborhood Services
- Planning

The Department is also made up of an Administrative and Financial Services Bureau and a Communications Division dedicated to ensuring customer service and transparency at all levels.

Additionally, Development Services works closely with a number of boards and commissions to fulfill the interests of the city’s diverse community:

- Board of Examiners, Appeals, and Condemnation
- Cultural Heritage Commission
- Long Beach Community Investment Company
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Administrator

For additional information and to learn more about the Department’s programs and services, visit us online at longbeach.gov/ldbs.

We want to hear from you!

562.570.LBDS (5237)  lbds@longbeach.gov
OVERVIEW

BUILDING AND SAFETY

Our team of experts work to ensure the safety of Long Beach residents and businesses. Safety is of the utmost importance when it comes to development and it is critical to ensure that all structures in the city are in compliance with State and local building codes. Efficient construction and design is also crucial to advancing the future of Long Beach.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT CENTER

Building and Safety is home to the City’s Development Permit Center. Looking to start a project or open a business in Long Beach? One of your first stops will be the Development Permit Center, where our friendly and knowledgeable staff is available to help you and your project succeed. Schedule an appointment to visit the Development Permit Center at City Hall, 411 W. Ocean Blvd., 2nd Floor.

562.570.PMIT (7648)  longbeach.gov/permits
Download applications and forms at longbeach.gov/lbds/forms

PLANNING

Every new development in town — residential, commercial, civic or industrial — acts as a building block in shaping the future of Long Beach as a trailblazing urban community. Proactive planning is of vital importance in this effort, as it helps maintain a balance of promoting economic growth and historic preservation while continuing to prioritize the quality of life for residents. The Planning Bureau ensures that all developments in the city, both big and small, are smart, safe and make the best sense for the community to assure that the Long Beach of tomorrow is the best that it can be.

With citywide initiatives such as the Long Beach 2040 update, the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and the Housing Element update, the team is always looking toward the future while still honoring the city’s past.

Want to learn about major development projects happening around Long Beach? Check out the interactive Development Projects Map available online at longbeach.gov/lbds/maps.

For information about planning and development in Long Beach, including project status, entitlements and public noticing, call 562.570.6194 or visit longbeach.gov/lbds/planning.
HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

The Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau offers a variety of innovative programs in support of the City’s mission to preserve and develop affordable housing, in addition to developing housing policies and monitoring long-term affordability covenants. The Bureau also facilitates an array of housing assistance and affordable housing development loans.

Additionally, the Bureau administers a number of neighborhood improvement programs and services, including:

- Place-Based Neighborhood Improvement Strategy projects
- Residential and commercial improvement grant programs
- Neighborhood Resource Center
- Neighborhood Leadership Program
- An urban forestry program with neighborhood tree plantings
- Clean-up events

For information about the City’s housing programs, call 562.570.6949. To learn more about neighborhood improvement in Long Beach, call 562.570.1010 or email nsb@longbeach.gov.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Bureau’s professional staff is responsible for maintaining and improving the quality of life of Long Beach residential, commercial and industrial areas by proactively addressing and responding to complaints of code violations.

Common code enforcement violations may include:

- Storage of wrecked, inoperable and/or abandoned vehicles
- Unpermitted garage conversions
- Overgrown vegetation and/or dead landscaping
- Unpermitted alterations to a dwelling or structure
- Trash and debris and/or outside storage visible from public view

Code Enforcement works in close cooperation and partnership with other City departments and the public to gain voluntary compliance and maintain quality of life standards in our neighborhoods.

Submit an anonymous code referral.

562.570.CODE (2633)  lbcodem.org
Making Long Beach a Greater Place to Live, Work and Visit

LONG BEACH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

BY THE NUMBERS*

- 39,000 Building Inspections Conducted
- 51,250 Permit- and Zoning-Related Customer Calls Handled
- 11,000 Total Permits Issued
- $520M Permit Valuation
- 2,870 Code Enforcement Cases Opened
- 2,700 Code Enforcement Cases Closed
- 790 Tons of Litter and Dumped Items
- 100 Neighborhood Clean-Ups Conducted

*Data reported is for the 2022 calendar year.
CONTACT LBDS

Building and Safety and Development Permit Center
562.570.PMIT (7648)
Code Enforcement
562.570.CODE (2633)
Development Services Main Line
562.570.LBDS (5237)
Housing Development
562.570.6949
Neighborhood Resource Center
562.570.1010
Planning
562.570.6194

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Business License Division
562.570.6211
Economic Development Department
562.570.6099
Public Works Department (Refuse/Dumped Items)
562.570.6784
Sign up for LBDS updates at longbeach.gov/linklb
For other City contact numbers, visit
longbeach.gov/whodoicall

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To request this information in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Development Services Department at longbeach.gov/lbds and 562.570.3807.
A minimum of three business days is requested to ensure availability; attempts will be made to accommodate requests with shorter notice.

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