

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

## BEAC PUBLIC HEARING 4 FINDINGS

### LOCAL ADOPTION OF THE LATEST CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE AND UNIFORM HOUSING CODE

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**Please note:** Only findings related to chapters and their associated sections with amendments presented at BEAC Meeting 4, July 18, 2022, are included in this document. Chapters presented at BEAC Meeting 1, March 21, 2022, BEAC Meeting 2, April 18, 2022, and BEAC Meeting 3, May 16, 2022 have been excluded from the table of contents and this document, as a whole, and are addressed in the supporting documentation for BEAC Meeting 1, March 21, 2022, BEAC Meeting 2, April 18, 2022, and MEAC Meeting 3, May 16, 2022. The use of ellipses (...) in this document represent the omission of text within a chapter or section.

**Findings and determinations relative to the adoption of administrative amendments to the 2022 Edition of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.**

Chapters 18.01 thru 18.30 and 18.60 thru 18.99 – Amendment is necessary for local administrative clarification, does not modify a Building Standards as defined in Section 18909(c) of the California Health and Safety Code, and does not require the express findings and determination required by Sections 17958, 17958.5 and 17958.7 of the California Health and Safety Code.

**Findings and determinations relative to the adoption of administrative amendments, and where appropriate, the adoption of more restrictive building standards code provisions amendments to the 2022 Edition of the California Building Code, Part 2, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.**

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Section 18.40.270 – Amendment is necessary for local administrative clarification, modify a Building Standards as defined in Section 18909(c) of the California Health and Safety Code, and does not require the express findings and determination required by Sections 17922, 17958, and 17958.5 of the California Health and Safety Code as permitted by Section 17958.1 of the California Health and Safety Code. The City of Long Beach is a densely populated city with a documented housing shortage due to a lack of sufficient housing production. The housing shortage contributes to disproportionately high rates of housing unaffordability and overcrowding in the City. Forty-three percent of all Long Beach households are housing cost burdened, and over twenty thousand households in Long Beach experience overcrowding due to a lack of sufficient housing units, as detailed in the City's Housing Element. Facilitating housing production, including units of all sizes, is one of the key strategies for mitigating housing cost escalations and relieving overcrowding. The proposed amendment makes modification and changes to the minimum size of efficiency dwelling units and therefore need to be incorporated into the code to assure that new buildings and structures and additions or alterations to existing buildings or structures are designed and constructed in accordance with the scope and objectives of the California Building Code and Long Beach Municipal Code.

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Section 18.40.630 – Amendment is necessary on the basis of a local geologic and climatic condition. The City of Long Beach is a densely populated city having buildings and structures constructed over or near a vast array of fault traces resulting from the active Newport-Inglewood fault system that is capable of producing a major earthquake and within a climate system capable of producing major winds, fire and rain related disasters, including but not limited to those caused by the Santa Ana winds and El Nino (or La Nina) subtropical-like weather. The City is further impacted by construction of buildings and structures utilizing tradition construction materials that impact the amount of energy, air quality, greenhouse gas emission and construction waste in the area. The proposed amendment to address structural designs specific to intermodal shipping containers, reduce environmental impact of unused and unrecycled intermodal shipping containers, and increase sustainability by reducing consumption of traditional construction materials are intended to better limit personal injury and property damage as a result of geologic and climatic activity and therefore needs to be incorporated into the code to assure that new buildings and structures and additions or alterations to existing buildings or structures are designed and constructed in accordance with the scope and objectives of the California Building Code.

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