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11th Update to the Land Development Code

On March 22, 2018, the City Council adopted 46 code amendments that improve housing affordability, streamline the review process, make the code more adaptable and eliminates redundancies. The comprehensive update includes the following changes:

- Paleontological mitigation has been incorporated into grading permit requirements.
- Multiple dwelling unit development on lots that have been consolidated will be allowed by right and no longer require a discretionary permit.
- Live/Work Quarters are permitted in additional commercial zones.
- The discretionary review process for deviations to Historical Resource has been reduced and development requirement exemptions have been added.
- Zoning Use Certificates have been repealed, no longer required to obtain a Business Tax Certificate.

The amendments are summarized in the  [Issues Matrix](#). The 11th Update becomes effective in areas outside the coastal zone on April 21, 2018, and should be in effect citywide early summer 2018. See final ordinances for the adopted code language:

-  [O-20917 – 11th Update to the Land Development Code](#)
-  [O-20918 – Abatement Penalties](#)
-  [O-20919 – Paleontological Resources & Grading](#)
-  [O-20920 Historical Preservation](#)
-  [Paleontological Grading Guidelines](#)

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