

Planning Department

5th Update to the Land Development Code

The 5th Update to the Land Development Code was presented to the City Council on Feb. 7, 2006, and adopted on Feb. 21, 2006 (Issue Matrix). The project included 49 issues total subdivided into six categories including measurement, permit process, use, California Environmental Quality Act implementation, parking, and minor corrections. The 5th Update was a part of implementing the Mayor's goals to simplify and clarify the development process and remove non-value added steps:

- Updated outdoor lighting regulations to bring the Land Development Code into compliance with state energy efficient standards and improve the regulations by clarifying the light source shielding requirement and providing alternatives for security lighting.
- Revised the application and expiration requirements for construction permits to account for complexity of development projects.
- Created a process to allow applicants to rescind a development permit that has been utilized (i.e. replace an existing use regulated by a Conditional Use Permit).
- Amended agricultural zoning standards to retain traditional agricultural uses and limit nonagricultural uses in accordance with the San Pasqual Valley Vision Plan.
- Included parking amendments to facilitate project design on narrow lots. Revised the self-storage parking requirement to reflect the actual parking need for that type of use.

Three ordinances are associated:

- O-2006-86 (19466) became effective March 2006 outside of the coastal overlay zone. The ordinance that includes deviations for the Sustainable Buildings Expedite Program is not effective in the coastal overlay zone. O-2006-86 will be submitted to the Coastal Commission for certification along with other housing amendments such as density bonus and affordable infill housing projects.
- 2. O-2006-87 (19467) became **effective on Aug. 10, 2006**, upon certification of the Local Coastal Program Amendment by the Coastal Commission.
- 3. <u>O-2006-88</u> (19468) became **effective March 2006**, 30 days following Council approval.