



## Planning Department

# 7th Update to the Land Development Code

On Aug. 2, 2011, the City Council adopted the 7th Update, which is a package of amendments that are being processed as part of a comprehensive update and regular maintenance of the code. The amendments are summarized in the [Issue Matrix](#).

The code amendments include changes to address various steps in the permit process (i.e. applications, noticing, initiation, historic resource surveys, appeal of environmental determinations, findings for approval, grounds for appeal, bonds, permit expiration); items to help clarify and simplify the review process for various permit types (i.e. planned development permits, pet care, signs, instructional studios, environmentally sensitive lands, companion units, parking structures, and previously conforming parking) and general clean up modifications to help clarify applicable development regulations and process requirements in the Land Development Code and Planned District Ordinances.

The ordinance became effective in areas outside of the coastal zone on Oct. 6, 2011. On Oct. 10, 2013, the California Coastal Commission approved final certification of the 7th Update ordinance (that included modifications related to Issue #9 Tolling and Issue #20 Environmentally Sensitive Lands required by the Coastal Commission on June 12, 2013). The 7th Update ordinance is effective citywide.

- [City Council Adopted Ordinance](#)

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