



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Notice of Availability

Local Coastal Program Coastal Land Use Plan Update

The City of Newport Beach is in the process of updating its Local Coastal Program (LCP). Pursuant to the Coastal Act, each local government lying, in whole or in part, within the coastal zone is required to prepare a local coastal program for that portion of the coastal zone within its jurisdiction. After a LCP is adopted locally, the LCP must be certified by the California Coastal Commission. After certification of an LCP, coastal development permit authority is delegated to the local government. The Coastal Commission retains original permit jurisdiction over certain specified lands (public trust lands such as tidelands) and has appellate authority over development approved by local government in specified geographic areas.

The Coastal Act and the California Coastal Commission were established by voter initiative in 1972 (Proposition 20) and made permanent by the Legislature in 1976. The Coastal Act includes specific policies that address issues such as shoreline public access and recreation, lower cost visitor accommodations, terrestrial and marine habitat protection, visual resources, landform alteration, agricultural lands, commercial fisheries, industrial uses, water quality, offshore oil and gas development, transportation, development design, power plants, ports, and public works.

A LCP consists of a land use plan and an implementation plan. The land use plan indicates the kinds, location, and intensity of land uses, the applicable resource protection and development policies, and, where necessary, a listing of implementing actions. The implementation plan consists of the zoning ordinances, zoning district maps, and other legal instruments necessary to implement the land use plan.

The first part of the LCP, the Coastal Land Use Plan, was prepared by the City and certified by the California Coastal Commission on October 13, 2005. The implementation plan was not prepared, however. Since that time, the City of Newport Beach adopted a comprehensive update of its General Plan. Due to the changes in the kinds, location, intensity of land uses as a result of the 2007 General Plan, an update of the Coastal Land Use Plan is necessary to make it consistent with the new General Plan. The City of Newport Beach will be holding public hearings on the proposed amendment of the Coastal Land Use Plan in the coming weeks. The second part of the LCP, the implementation plan, will be prepared after the amended Coastal Land Use Plan is certified by the Coastal Commission.

Pursuant to the Coastal Act, the City of Newport Beach seeks to provide maximum opportunities for the participation of the public and all affected governmental agencies in the preparation and certification of the Coastal Land Use Plan. Copies of the draft amendment of the Coastal Land Use Plan can be viewed at the Planning Department office at City Hall and at all branches of the Newport Beach Public Library. A limited number of copies are also available at the Planning Department office for a two-week loan. Copies are also available for purchase at a nominal cost. The Coastal Land Use Plan and the pending amendment to the plan are also available in PDF format at the City of Newport Beach Internet site at <http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/Pln/LCP/LCP.htm>.

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