



Staff Report

TO: Planning Commissioners

FROM: Christina Taylor, Community Development Director

DATE: September 28, 2021

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing and Consideration of an Amendment to Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 17.14.030 “Definitions”, Amendment to Table 17.03-3 “Permitted Uses in Base Zone Districts” and Addition of 17.11.160 “Energy Storage Facilities”**

Background and Analysis:

The State of California has recently enacted policies and legislation related to alternative energy. Some of the most notable legislation includes:

- SB100 “The 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018,”
- SB350 “The Golden State Energy Act” (2019),
- AB802 “Energy Efficiency” (2015),
- Executive Order N-79-20, and
- Numerous Emergency Proclamations related to energy use.

The Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 17 “Zoning” regulates land uses within the City of Beaumont. The municipal code currently allows for a variety of utility related uses including water, sewer and wind. Other than wind, the code does not provide an option for alternative energy. In an effort to acknowledge the direction of the State and to provide options for a variety of alternative energy in the City, staff is proposing the addition of energy storage facilities to the Beaumont Municipal Code.

The proposed ordinance is aimed at providing the opportunity for energy storage while protecting the health and safety of the general public. This is achieved through properly classifying facilities, providing development standards, performance measures and ensuring proper decommissioning when the use is terminated. The ordinance contains the following key components which speak to these points:

- Classification of energy storage facilities and components,
- Development standards addressing site design,
- Standard conditions of approval, and

- Decommissioning plan including establishment of a decommissioning fund.

The proposed municipal code chapter in its entirety is included as an attachment to this staff report along with the definitions and permitted use table.

Recommended Action:

Hold a public hearing; and
Forward a recommendation of approval to City Council for the Amendment to Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 17.14.030 "Definitions", Amendment to Table 17.03-3 "Permitted Uses in Base Zone Districts" and Addition of 17.11.160 "Energy Storage Facilities".

Attachments:

- A. Ordinance
- B. Draft Municipal Code Chapter 17.14.030 "Definitions"
- C. Draft Table 17.03-3 "Permitted Uses in Base Zone Districts"
- D. Draft Chapter 17.11.160 "Energy Storage Facilities"