

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE
COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE, ZONING
CODE AMENDMENTS AND ZONING MAP
ENCOMPASSING THE ENTIRE CITY**

WHEREAS, the State of California Government Code 65103 requires the City to adopt and maintain a General Plan that contains certain elements, describes its long-term goals, and develop policies and programs to achieve those goals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Beaumont initiated a comprehensive update to the City's General Plan in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City has sought to proactively engage the public in the comprehensive update to the General Plan, including community outreach workshops and meetings, internet surveys, the creation of a General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), and the conducting of special meetings by the Economic Development Committee and Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and considered information from a variety of sources, including, but not limited to, City staff, outside agencies, the Draft Environmental Impact Report, the report and recommendations of the GPAC and Planning Commission, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, public notice was provided as required by law and a Planning Commission public hearing was held on October 27, 2020, when the Commission voted 5-0 to recommend that the City Council adopt the General Plan Update, Zoning Code Amendments and Zoning Map; and

WHEREAS, public notice was provided as required by law and a City Council public hearing was held on November 3, and November 17, 2020, to consider action on the General Plan Update, Zoning Code Amendments and Zoning Map; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, based upon evidence in the record hereby makes the following findings in support of the General Plan Update, Zoning Code Amendments and Zoning Map:

1. California State law requires that each city adopt a general plan to describe its long-term goals and its policies and programs to achieve those goals. The general plan is intended to serve as a "blueprint" for future growth and development, in that land use decisions, zoning regulations, subdivision approvals, and other policies by the City are required to be consistent with the General Plan.

2. The City's current General Plan, adopted in 2007, reflects the environmental conditions, demographics, growth projections, and community goals of that time. There is a need, and it is in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare to update the City's General Plan to incorporate current conditions, community goals, and revised growth projections from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) that extend the planning horizon to the year 2040.
3. The General Plan Update was initiated by the City Council in December 2016 and is a comprehensive update of the 2007 General Plan. The update includes review and, where determined necessary, recommended revisions of both State mandated and optional elements, including the Land Use and Community Design Element; Mobility Element; Economic Development and Fiscal Element; Health and Environmental Justice Element; Community Facilities and Infrastructure Element; Conservation and Open Space Element; Safety Element; Noise Element; Downtown Area Plan; Implementation Element and Housing Element (which is currently being updated, and is not included as part of this ordinance).
4. The General Plan Update and Zoning Code Amendments are based upon eight guiding principles resulting from the community outreach and visioning process. This information, as well as public testimony, information from the Program Environmental Impact Report, data provided by City staff and outside agencies, and applicable State and federal law, has been reviewed and considered by the City Council.
5. A Program Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for the General Plan Update and Zoning Code Amendments that provides a description of potential environmental impacts of the proposed General Plan and Zoning Code Amendments and recommends mitigation measures to reduce potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level, where feasible. Where mitigation to a less than significant level is not possible, a statement of overriding considerations was adopted. This Program EIR was prepared and circulated in accordance with applicable law, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code of Regulations section 21000 et. seq., and the CEQA guidelines, 14 California Code of Regulations Sec. 15000 et. seq.
6. The City Council hereby finds, in accordance with Section 15090 of the State CEQA Guidelines, that it has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report prepared for the General Plan Update and Zoning Code Amendments prior to approval and that the information contained in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.
7. The City held fourteen (14) opportunities for public engagement from March 2017 through November 2020 to receive public comments, and to study the draft documents in formulating a recommendation to the City Council on the General Plan Update.

8. The General Plan update and Zoning Code Amendments will promote the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing goals, objectives, policies, and programs to guide development and maintenance of an efficient and attractive built environment, protection and management of natural environmental resources, and provision of adequate infrastructure and services to meet the expected population demand.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Beaumont as follows:

1. This City Council adopts the General Plan Update and General Plan land use map attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit “A”; and
2. The City Council adopts the Zoning Code amendments and Zoning map prepared for consistency with the General Plan Update attached to the Ordinance as Exhibit “B”.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time and ordered posted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the 17th day of November, 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES
ABSENT
ABSTAIN

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the 1st day of December, 2020.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Rey Santos, Mayor

Attest:

John Pinkney, City Attorney

Exhibits Attached:

- A. General Plan Update and General Plan Land Use Map
- B. Zoning Code Amendment and Zoning Map