

**ORDINANCE NO. 1162**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, TEMPORARILY TERMINATING PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AS IDENTIFIED IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS MAP FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS**

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to promote and encourage business activity in the downtown; and

WHEREAS, there are vacant buildings in downtown which cannot be utilized due to current parking requirements; and

WHEREAS, Vacant buildings are a threat to public peace, health, safety and welfare as they contribute to blight and are a drain on City resources.

WHEREAS, The City of Beaumont is in the process of preparing a Downtown Revitalization Plan and updating the zoning code, both which envision a City structure that enhances the quality of life of the residents, enhances the health safety and welfare of the community, meets the community's vision for the future, and connects new growth areas together with established Beaumont neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Current parking requirements do not support the City's goals of achieving revitalization in the Downtown and promoting a vibrant, walkable environment and promoting the aesthetic and fiscal health of the community.

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was conducted on this matter as required by law by the Planning Commission on August 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Beaumont has reviewed the reasons for the recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission as described above;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby finds that the temporary termination of parking requirements established in Beaumont Municipal Code Chapter 17.05, for existing, non-residential structures, in the Downtown District, for a period not to exceed eighteen (18) months, is consistent with the adopted policies in the City of Beaumont Economic Development Strategic Plan and the General Plan of the City of Beaumont.

**SECTION 2.** The City's General Plan and the Economic Development Strategic Plan include specific goals and policies that aim to promote fiscal stability and business growth. Specifically, goals of the City's General Plan provide for maintaining and, where appropriate expanding the

City's commercial base and promoting development of modern and attractive business activities that will enhance the City's economic well-being. The Safety Element of the General Plan strives to take public health safety and welfare impacts into consideration and incorporate measures to mitigate the likelihood of visual blight, nuisance and criminal activity. Due to the City's need to update the Zoning Code and Economic Development Strategic Plan, it is important that the City study and evaluate options available to it regarding regulation of parking in the Downtown District (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") to prevent the adverse impacts that may result from unoccupied buildings in the City's downtown.

**SECTION 3. CEQA.** In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15304(e), adoption of this ordinance is categorically exempt from CEQA, because it results in a minor, temporary alteration in the use of land which will have no permanent effect on the environment.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date and Publication.** This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage and within fifteen (15) days after its passage the City Clerk shall cause a summary to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Beaumont, in a manner prescribed by law for publishing of ordinances of said City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, approves this amendment to the City Code.**

**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 5th day of September 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: White, Voigt, Lara, Fenn, Martinez

NOES

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN


**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the 19th day of September 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: White, Voigt, Lara, Martinez

NOES

ABSENT: Fenn

ABSTAIN



Julio Martinez III, Mayor

Attest:



Nicole Wheelwright, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Attorney