



# Administrative Report

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**To:** **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**  
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## **TITLE**

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3217-21, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 9, SECTION 10-3.901 CEQA APPEAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTION AND SECOND READING

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On September 21, 2021, City Council approved the attached CEQA Appeal ordinance for introduction and first reading. It is on tonight's agenda for adoption and second reading.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the May 18, 2021 City Council meeting, Council directed staff to prepare an amendment to the City of Redondo Beach CEQA Appeal ordinance codified in Redondo Beach Municipal Code (RBMC) section 10-3.901. As a Blue Folder item for that Council Meeting, Councilmember Nehrenheim provided proposed revisions to the CEQA Appeal ordinance.

Council directed the City Attorney to formally bring back the revisions to the ordinance for introduction and first reading at the July 6, 2021 City Council meeting. This matter was continued to the July 13, 2021 City Council meeting due to technical difficulties with the meeting broadcast.

At the July 13, 2021 City Council meeting, City Council directed staff to come back with a revised ordinance that addressed subsection (f) regarding the hearing and to specifically address the date within which the City Clerk will set the hearing, the date no sooner than which hearing will be set, and the cut-off date for the submittal of evidence and argumentation. Staff was directed to work with Councilman Nils Nehrenheim to address the specific timelines for the setting of appeal hearings and the deadlines for submitting evidence and arguments from appellants.

Staff discussed the above issues with Councilmember Nehrenheim several times, but could not come to a complete consensus on the potential revisions to the ordinance.

At the September 21, 2021 City Council meeting staff presented two ordinances. The first was a further revised ordinance proposed by Councilmember Nehrenheim. The second was an ordinance staff recommended which attempted to address the goals the City Council discussed at the July 13,

2021 meeting.

The City Council approved for introduction and first reading, the revised ordinance proposed by Councilmember Nehrenheim with further revisions. Specifically, the City Council motion further revised the ordinance in the following areas: 1) 2 business days was revised to 4 calendar days in subsection (b), 2) business days was revised to calendar days in subsection (c), and 3) a requirement for the City Clerk to set and notice the appeal hearing in subsection (f) was added.

The ordinance is on the agenda for adoption and second reading. If approved, it will go into effect 30 days thereafter.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- CEQA Appeal Ordinance