RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN A C-L (LIMITED COMMERCIAL) ZONE

The City of Compton has not automatically permitted residential construction is a commercial zone since 1978 (single-family homes) and 1985 (multiple-family homes). Dwellings constructed, with valid building permits, before those dates are legally nonconforming in the C-L Zone. If destroyed to less than 50 percent of value they may automatically be repaired. Should such a structure be destroyed to 50 percent or more of value, a conditional use permit would be required as a precondition of repair or replacement. Conditional use permits are discretionary land use permits that are considered, on a case-by-case basis, by the Planning Commission at an advertised public hearing.

Note: Section 14-2 of the Compton Municipal Code requires that all residential property be inspected by the City prior to sale. Pre-sale inspections are designed to determine the legality and conformity of existing structures. Absent the results of such an inspection, the Planning Department can only provide general information on the status on any property. Contact the Department of Building and Safety to schedule a pre-sale inspection.