On July 22, 1986, the City Council of the City of Compton adopted Ordinance No. 1,733, which approved amendments, deletions and revisions to the Compton Zoning Ordinance. Prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, pallet yards had not been regulated as a separate category use. Existing yards had been established in manufacturing zones as a sub-category of wood products manufacturing. However, the City found that such yards often presented a property maintenance problem which was difficult to abate.

Concerned about the proliferation and appearance of such yards, the City Council determined that the establishment of additional yards would not be in the best interest of the community. Consequently, Ordinance No. 1,733 prohibited new pallet yards. Pallet yards which legally existed prior to July 22, 1986, are permitted to remain in operation provided that they conform to the City’s standards for outside storage and display. These standards include solid wood or block fencing, landscaping and paving. A more complete description of these standards (or any other zoning regulations) can be obtained from the City of Compton Planning Division.