



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 4, 2015
Item Number: D-6
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Elizabeth Anderson, LCSW, MPH
Subject: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS IN THE BUSINESS
DISTRICT
Attachments: 1. Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council move to waive the full reading of the ordinance and that the ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT" be introduced and read by title only.

INTRODUCTION

This ordinance amends the code to allow the City to authorize additional persons to operate bicycles on public sidewalks.

DISCUSSION

City of Beverly Hills currently authorizes use of bicycles on public sidewalks by law enforcement and parking enforcement officers. At present, there is no exemption allowing for additional parties to operate bicycles on public sidewalks within the business/commercial area of the city.

The City, as of July 1st 2015, has contracted with Block by Block, an ambassador service firm providing safety and hospitality services for the Beverly Hills community.

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The Beverly Hills Ambassador Team is deployed 22 hours per day, 7 days per week in the Golden Triangle, bordered by Santa Monica Boulevard, Wilshire Boulevard and Rexford Drive, and on South Beverly Drive.

The Ambassadors conduct the majority of their work on foot. However, to save time traveling between zones within a deployment area, Block by Block recommends utilizing bicycles.

To ensure the Ambassadors are able to effectively monitor the deployment area; they will benefit from authorization to operate their bicycles on public sidewalks.

Ongoing, city staff will determine the additional persons that are authorized to operate bicycles on public sidewalks. The Human Services Division will communicate that authorization to the Police Department and Code Enforcement.

FISCAL IMPACT

This ordinance does not have significant budget or fiscal impacts to the City.

Steven Zoet, Director
Community Services
Approved By

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Attachment 1

ORDINANCE 15-O-____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
AMENDING THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING BICYCLES ON SIDEWALKS IN THE
BUSINESS DISTRICT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS DOES HEREBY
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The city council hereby amends and restates paragraph B of Section 5-6-801 (“Bicycles, Skateboards, And Roller Skates Prohibited on Sidewalks in the Business District”) of Article 8 (“Bicycles, Skateboards, And Roller Skates Prohibited In Certain Areas”) of Chapter 6 (“MISCELLANEOUS RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS”) of Title 5 (“PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SANITATION”) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

“B. Subsection A of this section shall not apply to on duty peace officers as defined in section 830 of the state Penal Code, on duty city parking enforcement officers and city parking control officers, and other persons as authorized by the City for a specific purpose.”

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the city within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance and the city Clerk’s certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this city.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

Adopted:
Effective:

JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D.
Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills,
California

ATTEST:

(SEAL)
BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

MAHDI ALUZRI
Interim City Manager