ORDINANCE NO. ORD-17-0005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH RELATING TO A TEMPORARY LIMITATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, INSTALLATION, PLACEMENT, CONSTRUCTION, EXPANSION, OR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE USE OF UNATTENDED DONATION/RECYCLING COLLECTION BOXES OR BINS IN OR ON ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC LOT IN THE CITY; DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and Findings. At the direction of the City Council, by Minute Order on March 7, 2017, the Department of Development Services and the Planning Commission will undertake or currently are undertaking studies of potential amendments to the Zoning or Building regulations of the City of Long Beach relating to portable unattended donation and/or recycling boxes or bins in the City of Long Beach. The City Council, concerned citizens, and other interested individuals, have expressed that changes to the existing zoning or building regulations are desired in order to prevent the unregulated proliferation of unattended donation and/or recycling boxes or bins which can, if not properly or consistently maintained, become a public nuisance as they attract graffiti, scavenging and illegal dumping near and around said uses, all of which activity leads to visual blight and a diminution in the quality of life of the City's residents and visitors. If said uses are permitted to be installed, established, constructed, expanded or operated during the pendency of said studies, such activity may defeat the effectiveness
of zoning or building regulations ultimately adopted as a result of the current study and review to be undertaken by the Department of Development Services and the Planning Commission.

Section 2. The City Council specifically finds that until such time that the City concludes its review and study and adopts appropriate controls to regulate unattended donation and/or recycling boxes or bins in the City of Long Beach the resulting potentially negative effects of said uses will pose a current and immediate threat to the public safety, health and or welfare of the citizens, residents and visitors of the City of Long Beach.

Section 3. Estimated Time for Completion of Study. It is estimated that the study or studies undertaken in connection with the adoption of this interim ordinance shall take the Department of Development Services and the Planning Commission approximately one (1) year to complete. For the purposes of this ordinance, this interim moratorium study period shall expire no later than March 8, 2018, or at such time as the City Council does adopt appropriate zoning regulations or development standards related to all or some of the below mentioned activities, whichever is sooner.

Section 4. Prohibition on placement, construction or use of unattended donation and/or recycling boxes or bins throughout the City. During the term of the one (1) year interim (moratorium) period, no application for a use permit, building permit, construction permit, encroachment permit, variance or business license, of any kind, shall be approved, nor shall any such permit be issued, for any activity that would result in the placement of unattended donation and/or recycling boxes or bins throughout the City.

Section 5. Declaration of Urgency. This ordinance is an urgency measure, and it is urgently required for the reason that, pending completion of the necessary planning study, and a determination relative to the potential need to amend the City’s Zoning Code or building regulations, it is necessary to limit construction, development or placement of unattended donation and/or recycling boxes or bins throughout the City in order to avoid the adverse impacts associated with said use that
might be inconsistent with the pending revisions to the zoning or building regulations of
the City being considered during the interim moratorium period.

Section 6. This ordinance is an emergency ordinance duly adopted by
the City Council by a vote of five of its members and shall take effect immediately. The
City Clerk shall certify to a separate roll call and vote on the question of the emergency of
this ordinance and to its passage by the vote of five members of the City Council of the
City of Long Beach, and cause the same to be posted in three conspicuous places in the
City of Long Beach.

Section 7. This ordinance shall also be adopted by the City Council as a
regular ordinance, to the end that in the event of any defect or invalidity in connection
with the adoption of this ordinance as an urgency ordinance, the same shall,
nevertheless, be and become effective on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by
the Mayor. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City
Council of the City of Long Beach and shall cause the same to be posted in three (3)
conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach.

I hereby certify that on a separate roll call and vote which was taken by the City
Council of the City of Long Beach upon the question of urgency of this ordinance at its
meeting of April 4, 2017, the ordinance was declared to be an urgency by
the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Pearce, Supernaw,
Mungo, Uranga, Austin,
Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

I further certify that thereafter, at the same meeting, upon a roll call and vote on adoption of the ordinance, it was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Pearce, Supernaw, Mungo, Uranga, Austin, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.


I further certify that the foregoing ordinance was thereafter adopted on final reading by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers:  

Noes: Councilmembers:  

Absent: Councilmembers:  

Clerk

Approved: (Date) Mayor
STATE OF CALIFORNIA          ) ss
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES        )
CITY OF LONG BEACH           )

Samantha Vargas Rios being duly sworn says: That I am employed in the Office of the
City Clerk of the City of Long Beach; that on the 5th day of April, 2017, I posted three true
and correct copies of Emergency Ordinance No. ORD-17-0005 in three conspicuous
places in the City of Long Beach, to wit: One of said copies in the entrance lobby of City
Hall in front of the Information Desk; one of said copies in the Main Library; and one of
said copies on the front counter of the Office of the City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 5th day of April, 2017.

CITY CLERK