ORDINANCE NO. ORD-18-0016


WHEREAS, City of Long Beach Public Safety Dispatchers are non-sworn employees who receive emergency calls for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service and dispatch appropriate personnel; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Dispatchers are required to follow standards established by the State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST); and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the City of Long Beach Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications (DPEC) was established to centralize and bring more focus to disaster preparedness functions in the City, and to better align the City with a growing demand for integrated public safety services and strengthen collaboration between all City departments, and County, State and Federal resources, with responsibility for disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, DPEC must apply for recognition by POST and receive funding for continuous education and training as Public Safety Dispatchers now work within and under DPEC; and
WHEREAS, in order to receive such funding, the City of Long Beach must pass an ordinance indicating DPEC will adhere to POST standards for recruitment and training;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2.17 is hereby added to the Long Beach Municipal Code to read as follows:

Chapter 2.17

DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

2.17.010 Public Safety Dispatchers – recruitment and training standards.

A. The City of Long Beach desires to qualify to receive aid from the State of California under the provision of Section 13522 of the California Penal Code.

B. The City of Long Beach declares that it accepts the requirements of Section 13510(c) of the California Penal Code, and will adhere to the standards for recruitment and training established by the State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) for Public Safety Dispatchers.

C. The City of Long Beach will adhere to the requirements of Section 13512 of the California Penal Code, and the Commission and its representatives may make such inquiries as deemed appropriate by the Commission to ascertain that the City of Long Beach public safety dispatcher personnel adhere to standards for selection and training established by the Commission on POST.
Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the Mayor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of July 10, 2018, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Gonzalez, Pearce, Price, Supernaw, Mungo, Andrews, Uranga, Austin.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Richardson.

Approved: 7/12/18 (Date)

City Clerk

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 11th day of July 2018, I posted three true and correct copies of Ordinance No. ORD-18-0016 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 11th day of July, 2018.

CITY CLERK