

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-23-0017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 5.24.010,
5.24.020, 5.24.080, AND 5.24.140; ALL RELATING TO
BOXING AND WRESTLING EXHIBITIONS

WHEREAS, organizations wishing to hold professional or amateur boxing,
kickboxing, mixed martial arts, and similar events within the City of Long Beach (City) are
required to request an application form the City of Long Beach Financial Management
Department and receive a permit by way of City Council meeting action and approval; and

WHEREAS, the California State Athletic Commission provides oversight for
all professional and amateur boxing, professional and amateur kickboxing, all forms and
combinations of forms of full contact martial arts contests, including mixed martial arts, and
matches or exhibitions conducted, held, or given within the State; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to allow professional or amateur boxing,
kickboxing, mixed martial arts, and similar events which are licensed by the California State
Athletic Commission, to occur just like all other special events within the City; and

WHEREAS, City staff from Special Events and Filming, Health and Human
Services, Police, and Fire Departments will be present during all event hours and shall
perform continual inspections of the permitted areas to ensure the safety of participants
and attendees;

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

Section 1. Section 5.24.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is hereby
amended to read as follows:

5.24.010 Definitions.

1 For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

2 A. "Amateur boxing contest" or "amateur boxing exhibition" is
3 defined as a boxing contest in which no contestant has received or shall
4 receive in any form, directly or indirectly, any money, prize, reward or
5 compensation either for the expenses of training for such contest or for
6 taking part therein, and in addition thereto such contest shall be subject to
7 all of the rules and regulations pertaining to amateur boxing of the State
8 Athletic Commission.

9 B. "Amateur wrestling contest" or "amateur wrestling exhibition"
10 is defined as one in which no contestant has received or shall receive in
11 any form, directly or indirectly, any money, prize, reward or compensation,
12 either for the expenses of training for such contest or for taking part therein,
13 and all other wrestling contests shall and are defined as professional.

14 C. "Kickboxing" shall have the same meaning as set forth in
15 California Business and Professions Code.

16 D. "Martial Arts" shall have the same meaning as set forth in
17 California Business and Professions Code.

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19 Section 2. Section 5.24.020 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is hereby
20 amended to read as follows:

21 5.24.020 Boxing permit – required.

22 Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, no person shall
23 operate any professional or amateur boxing contest or exhibition in the City
24 without first having made an application to and received a permit from the
25 Council so to do, and paid the permit fee as provided in this Chapter.

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27 Section 3. Section 5.24.080 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is hereby
28 amended to read as follows:

1 5.24.080 Wrestling permit – required.

2 Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, no person shall
3 operate any professional or amateur wrestling contest or exhibition in the City
4 without first having made an application to and received a permit from the
5 Council so to do, and paid the permit fee as provided in this Chapter.

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7 Section 4. Section 5.24.140 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 5.24.140 Exemption.

10 The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to:

11 A. Any person operating an event otherwise subject to its
12 provisions with whom the City has executed an agreement for the operation
13 and management of the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center;
14 and

15 B. Any professional or amateur boxing, kickboxing, martial arts,
16 mixed martial arts or similar contest or exhibition licensed by the State
17 Athletic Commission. Such contests and exhibitions shall be required to
18 obtain a Special Events Permit pursuant to the requirements in Chapter
19 5.60 of this Code.

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21 Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by
22 City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Long
23 Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the Mayor.

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1 I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council
2 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of April 11, 2023, by the
3 following vote:

4 Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Duggan, Supernaw,
5 Kerr, Saro, Uranga, Austin,
6 Ricks-Oddie.


7 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

8 Absent: Councilmembers: None.

9 Recusal(s): Councilmember: None.

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15 Clerk

16 Approved: 4/11/23
17 (Date)

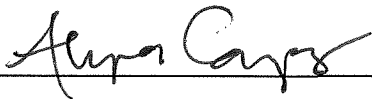
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Mayor

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) ss
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF LONG BEACH)

Alyssa Campos being duly sworn says: That I am employed in the Department of the City Clerk of the City of Long Beach; that on the 14th day of April 2023, I posted three true and correct copies of Ordinance No. ORD-23-0017 in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, to wit: One of said copies in the lobby of City Hall in front of the Civic Chambers; one of said copies in the Billie Jean King Main Library; and one of said copies on the front counter of the City Clerk Department.



Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 14th day of April 2023.


_____ CITY CLERK