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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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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council  
of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by the  
following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recusal(s): Councilmember: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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Mayor