



CITY OF LONG BEACH

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ORD-37

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Jim McDonnell
Chief of Police

July 9, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Declare Ordinance amending Long Beach Municipal Code Section 10.64.010 to allow registered Disaster Service Workers to direct traffic within the City of Long Beach read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The California Vehicle Code, Section 21100(e), provides that local authorities can adopt rules or regulations by ordinance or resolution regarding regulating traffic by means of persons given temporary or permanent appointment for that duty. Current City of Long Beach volunteers who are classified as Disaster Services Workers, such as the Search & Rescue Unit, the Senior Police Partners, the Health Department's Medical Reserve Corps, and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members, provide a pool of candidates who would be an additional benefit to the City if they received appointment for traffic control duties.

The attached amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code incorporates changes to those persons who may lawfully direct traffic. Specifically, this amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code will allow registered Disaster Service Workers, who complete a training program as approved by the Chief of Police, to direct traffic within the City of Long Beach as allowed by California Vehicle Code section 21100(e). These volunteers would be able to provide traffic control at locations where traffic control devices are disabled or inoperable, at the scene of accidents or disasters, and at locations that require direction for the orderly flow of traffic.

This matter was reviewed by City Attorney Gary Anderson on June 14, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 17, 2013.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

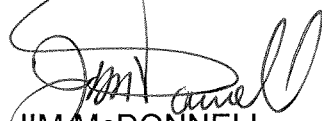
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact or local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve Recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,


JIM McDONNELL
CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED:


PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 10.64.010
RELATING TO TRAFFIC DIRECTION

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

Section 1. Section 10.64.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

10.64.010 Traffic direction.

No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order of a Police Officer, Fire Department official or Disaster Service Worker approved by the Chief of Police, who is directing traffic.

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.

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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 _____, 20__, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

Approved: _____
(Date)

Mayor

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