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ORDINANCE NO. ORD-11-0030

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH  
MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 5.37 RELATING  
TO MOBILE FOOD PREPARATION VEHICLES

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

Section 1. Chapter 5.37 is added to the Long Beach Municipal Code to  
read as follows:

CHAPTER 5.37

MOBILE FOOD PREPARATION VEHICLES

5.37.110 Definitions.

Unless the particular provision or the context otherwise requires the  
definitions and provisions contained in this Section shall govern the  
construction, meaning, and application of words and phrases as used in this  
Chapter:

A. "Mobile food preparation vehicle" shall mean any vehicle,  
including an unhitched trailer, upon which ready-to-eat food is prepared,  
cooked, wrapped, packaged, or portioned for service, sale or distribution.  
However, the term "mobile food preparation vehicle" shall not include "retail  
food vehicles" as that term is defined in Long Beach Municipal Code Section  
5.66.010 or "ice cream trucks" as that term is defined in Long Beach  
Municipal Code Section 5.51.010.

5.37.120 Permit required.

1           No person shall engage in, carry on or conduct the business of a  
2 mobile food preparation vehicle without first having obtained a permit in  
3 accordance with this Chapter, and complying with any and all requirements  
4 and regulations as contained and set forth in this Chapter.

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6           5.37.130     Exemptions.

7           The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to:

8           A.     Any participant in a special event or farmers market conducted  
9 pursuant to Long Beach Municipal Code Sections 21.53.109 and 21.53.113.

10          B.     Any operator who, pursuant to an agreement, license,  
11 franchise or permit from the City, operates on property owned or controlled  
12 by the City.

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14          5.37.140     Operating conditions.

15          A.     No person may operate a mobile food preparation vehicle:

16                 1.     Within ten (10) feet from the outer edge of any entrance  
17 of any business, including, but not limited to: doors; vestibules; driveways;  
18 outdoor dining area entries; and emergency exits as measured in each  
19 direction parallel to the building line, during the hours that any business on  
20 the premises is open to the public or to persons having or conducting lawful  
21 business within those premises. This prohibition may be waived with the  
22 written consent of the affected business.

23                 2.     Within ten (10) feet of any bus stop.

24                 3.     Within ten (10) feet of any street corner or marked  
25 pedestrian crosswalk.

26                 4.     In any manner that blocks or obstructs the free  
27 movement of pedestrians.

28                 5.     On the beach and in public parks, except with City

1 permission pursuant to Section 5.37.130 above.

2 B. The operator shall keep his or her vending area litter free. He  
3 or she must remove litter caused by his or her products off of any public  
4 property and other private property.

5 C. The operator shall be subject to the noise limit provisions of  
6 Chapter 8.80.

7 D. Such mobile food preparation vehicle may not stand or park  
8 between the hours of 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. The vehicle shall comply with the  
9 California Vehicle Code at all times.

10 E. In addition to the permit required under this Chapter, the  
11 operator must obtain either a City health permit pursuant to Chapter 8.44, or  
12 a valid public health license and permit issued by the County of Los Angeles  
13 pursuant to Section 8.04.595 of the Los Angeles County Code, and shall  
14 have such permit in his or her possession during operations within the City.

15 F. The operator shall keep and maintain his or her equipment in  
16 a neat, clean and safe condition and shall conduct all operations in a neat,  
17 orderly, safe and sanitary manner. Such operations shall not obstruct,  
18 interfere with or impede the free movement or use by the general public of  
19 any street, sidewalk, parking area, alley, way or other public or private  
20 property. No operations shall be conducted in a manner which disturbs,  
21 accosts, confronts, harasses, badgers or annoys any person.

22 G. Food packaging utilized by the operator shall be made from  
23 recycled material, which is defined as materials, goods, and supplies with  
24 no less than thirty percent of the total weight of which consists of secondary  
25 and post-consumer material. For the purposes of this Section, "food  
26 packaging" means all bags, sacks, wrapping, containers, bowls, plates,  
27 trays, cartons, cups, straws and lids which are not intended for reuse, on or  
28 in which any foods or beverages are placed or packaged on the mobile food

1 preparation vehicle.

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3 5.37.150 Application for permit.

4 A. The application for a permit under this Chapter shall be filed  
5 with the City Manager or his/her designee upon a form which is furnished by  
6 or acceptable to the City Manager or his/her designee. The application shall  
7 be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to its proposed effective date. Each  
8 application shall be signed under penalty of perjury by the applicant, if a  
9 natural person; or by an officer or partner of the applicant, if application is a  
10 corporation, partnership, association or unincorporated company and shall  
11 contain full, complete and detailed information including, but not limited to,  
12 the following:

13 1. The name, address and telephone number of the  
14 applicant, if a natural person; or if a corporation, its name, date and place of  
15 incorporation, address of its principal place of business and the names of all  
16 its officers together with their respective addresses; or if a partnership,  
17 association or unincorporated company, then the names of the partners  
18 comprising the partnership, association or company, together with their  
19 respective ages and addresses. The application shall also state the trade  
20 name or style, if any, under which the applicant proposes to operate;

21 2. A description of the nature, extent, character and  
22 quality of the proposed operation, including the manner in which such  
23 proposed operation will be conducted;

24 3. A description of the food product(s) the applicant  
25 intends to sell;

26 4. The specific area or areas thereof which will be utilized  
27 in connection with the proposed operation;

28 5. The date or dates or days of the week and the specific

1 times that the described operation is proposed to be conducted;

2 6. Such other information as the City Manager or his/her  
3 designee shall require.

4 B. The City Manager or his/her designee may refer the  
5 application to the appropriate City departments for review, investigation,  
6 evaluation and recommendation regarding approval or disapproval of the  
7 application.

8 C. The City Manager or his/her designee may issue a permit  
9 under this Section if it is determined that the following criteria have been  
10 met:

11 1. That the public convenience and necessity require said  
12 activity in the permitted area;

13 2. The proposed activity will not unduly impede, obstruct  
14 or interfere with the public's use of the sidewalk or other public or private  
15 property;

16 3. The proposed activity will not unduly impede, obstruct  
17 or interfere with the operation of emergency vehicles, equipment or  
18 personnel in or through the particular permit area;

19 4. The proposed activity will not adversely affect the City's  
20 ability to perform municipal functions or furnish City services in the vicinity of  
21 the permit area;

22 5. The proposed activity will not present a substantial or  
23 unwarranted safety or traffic hazard;

24 6. The proposed activity will not have a significant adverse  
25 environmental impact;

26 7. The proposed activity is compatible, consistent and  
27 suitable with the character, nature, general theme and appearance of the  
28 area; and comports with the public health, safety, morals and welfare.

1           D.     In addition to the requirements of this code or other applicable  
2 laws or rules or regulations promulgated with the City Manager, each permit  
3 shall contain such terms and conditions regarding the time, place and  
4 manner of utilizing the City sidewalks or other public property which are  
5 determined by the City Manager or his/her designee to be necessary and  
6 appropriate under the circumstances. No permit shall be issued under this  
7 Section for longer than one (1) year and shall be subject to revocation or  
8 cancellation pursuant to Chapter 5.06 herein at any time that it is  
9 determined that the permittee has violated any applicable law, rule or  
10 regulation or that it is in the City's best interests to revoke or cancel said  
11 permit. In the event that an annual permit is not renewed, it will be  
12 automatically cancelled. Each permit issued hereunder shall be subject to  
13 the provisions of this code and all other applicable laws, rules and  
14 regulations which are in existence at the time the permit is issued or which  
15 are enacted, promulgated or amended at any time during the term of the  
16 permit. Each permitted activity shall be subject to inspection at any time by  
17 the Director of Financial Management, license inspectors, police officers,  
18 health department officials or other City representatives for the purpose of  
19 determining whether the activity is being conducted in compliance with the  
20 requirements of the permit and any applicable laws, rules or regulations. No  
21 person shall hinder, impede, interfere with or obstruct any such inspection.

22           E.     Operation of the mobile food preparation vehicle may be  
23 conducted only on the dates and at the times and locations and in  
24 accordance with the terms, conditions and requirements specified in the  
25 permit, and pursuant to all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

26           F.     Each permittee shall, at all times while engaging in such  
27 activities, display a valid vendor identification card, decal or sticker issued  
28 by the City Manager or his/her designee.

1           G.     The following indemnification and insurance shall apply for  
2 each permit issued under this Section:

3           1.     Each permit shall expressly provide that the permittee  
4 shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officials, employees and  
5 agents harmless from and against all claims, damage, demands, causes of  
6 action, loss, liability, proceedings, costs and expenses (including reasonable  
7 attorney fees) of any kind (collectively in this Subsection, "claim") arising  
8 from or attributable to or caused by the alleged acts or omissions of  
9 permittee, its officers, agents or employees in connection with the  
10 permittee's activities under the permit; and the permit shall expressly state  
11 that permittee shall, at permittee's sole cost and expense, pay any  
12 settlement and satisfy any judgment rendered against the City, its officers,  
13 employees and agents resulting from permittee's activities under the permit.  
14 Permittee shall notify the City of any claim within ten (10) days.

15           2.     Concurrent with the issuance of a permit under this  
16 Section and as a condition precedent to the effectiveness of the permit,  
17 permittee shall procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term  
18 of the permit insurance as prescribed in regulations issued by the City  
19 Manager pursuant to Section 2.84.040, and shall provide proof of such  
20 insurance with the permit application.

21           H.     Every applicant and permittee shall pay the fees established  
22 for such applications and permits by resolution of the City Council.

23           I.     Permittees holding valid vending permits issued under this  
24 Section shall be subject to the business license provisions of this code and  
25 shall pay the business license taxes established for such operations.

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27           Section 2.     Section 5.66.015 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is  
28 amended to read as follows:

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5.66.015 Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles.

“Mobile food preparation vehicles, as defined in Long Beach Municipal Code Section 5.37.110, shall not be subject to the terms and conditions of this Chapter, but instead are subject to the requirements of Chapter 3.57.”

Section 3. Subsection E of Section 8.44.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

“E. Mobile food vending vehicle” means and includes any self-powered vehicle wherein or wherefrom only wrapped food, foodstuffs, products, liquids or material intended for food or drink for human consumption are sold, served, distributed, or offered for sale, and mobile food preparation vehicles, as defined in Long Beach Municipal Code Section 3.57.010. A vehicle from which bakery products, ice cream, meat and eggs shall be dispensed shall not be included within the term "mobile food vending vehicle.”

Section 4. Section 8.68.095 is added to the Long Beach Municipal Code to read as follows:

“Section 8.68.095 – Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle

Smoking is prohibited and is unlawful at and within forty feet (40') of any operating mobile food preparation vehicle, as defined in Section 5.37.110 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.”

Section 5. 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



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1 Mayor.

2 I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City  
3 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of December 13, 2011, by  
4 the following vote:

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6 Ayes: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, DeLong, O'Donnell, Schipske,  
7 Andrews, Johnson, Gabelich, Neal.  
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10 Noes: Councilmembers: None.  
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12 Absent: Councilmembers: Garcia.  
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17 City Clerk

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19 Approved: 12/14/11  
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24 Mayor

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