

Legislation Text

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Recommendation to declare ordinance conferring upon and delegating to the Board of Harbor Commissioners the authority to enforce statutes and ordinances, to arrest and to prepare, issue and deliver written notices to appear at the office building at 415 West Ocean Boulevard in Long Beach, the new City Hall with Council Chambers and the underground parking structure, which are all part of the new Civic Center Plaza, read and adopted as read.

Section 1203(b) of the Long Beach City Charter provides the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners the power and duty for and on behalf of the City to operate publicly owned facilities incident to the operation of the Harbor District both inside and outside of the Harbor District.

The Board of Harbor Commissioners has adopted Ordinance No HD-1903 authorizing designated security officers of the Harbor Department Security Division ("Harbor Patrol") to enforce statutes and ordinances within the Harbor District of the City of Long Beach.

On January 27, 2014, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the second reading of Ordinance Number HD-2180 that gave the Harbor Patrol authority to enforce key sections of the Penal Code and Long Beach Municipal Code within the Port of Long Beach's ("Port's") Interim Administrative Offices building.

The City of Long Beach, acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners, recently purchased property and constructed an office building at 415 W. Ocean Blvd in Long Beach, which is part of the new Civic Center Complex, to serve as the headquarters of the Harbor Department ("Port Headquarters"). It is the desire of the Board of Harbor Commissioners that the Harbor Patrol continue to provide security services at the new Port Headquarters and associated areas. Therefore the, Board of Harbor Commissioners adopted a resolution at their regular meeting on April 22, 2019, which requests an ordinance from the City Council that will confer upon and delegate to the Board of Harbor Commissioners the ability to confer authority upon the Harbor Patrol to enforce specific sections of the California Penal Code and Long Beach Municipal Code necessary to protect the Port employees, customers, and other visitors within the Port Headquarters building, underground parking garage, and Central Utility Plan and Utility Yard, and at the shared use spaces of City Hall and the Council Chambers during Port events. This request has been discussed and coordinated with the Long Beach Police Department, City Attorney's Office and the Human Resources Department.

It is requested that the City Council, pursuant to Section 1204 of the Long Beach City

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Charter, approve the first reading of the Ordinance to confer upon and delegate to the Board of Harbor Commissioners the ability to amend Ordinance No, HD-1903 to allow the Director of Security, the Chief Port Security Officer and Security Officers of the Harbor Patrol to have clearly defined authority to enforce specific statutes and ordinances at designated locations within the Civic Center Complex in Long Beach.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney, Dawn McIntosh, on April 19, 2019,

This matter is time critical because the required Council and Board actions and appropriate public notices related thereto need to be completed prior to the scheduled move-in date at the Port Headquarters which is July 2019,

This action will have no fiscal impact.

Approve recommendation.

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