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ORDINANCE NO. ORD-20-0031

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH  
MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 10.80  
ESTABLISHING A 19-TON WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMIT ON  
THE TOLEDO BRIDGE OVER RIVO ALTO CANAL

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles conducts annual inspections of the  
City's bridges to ensure the safe, continued operation of the bridges; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles provided to the City rating reports  
for the Toledo East Bridge over Rivo Alto Canal and the Toledo West Bridge over Rivo  
Alto Canal; and

WHEREAS, per the bridge rating reports, the County recommended  
adjusting vehicle weights and load limits to 19 (nineteen) tons, and posting those limits to  
provide notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, this weight restriction will prohibit fully loaded tractor-trailer  
trucks and overweight permit loads, as well as heavily loaded commercial vehicles, from  
being allowed to use the bridges; and

WHEREAS, Section 35750 (b) of the California Vehicle Code allows the  
City Council of a City to determine the maximum weight of vehicles and loads which a  
bridge under its jurisdiction will safely sustain, and allows a lower maximum weight than  
is otherwise permitted (forty tons) under the California Vehicle Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 35751 (a) of the California Vehicle Code requires that  
an engineering investigation be made and that a public hearing be held whenever such a  
determination appears necessary; and

WHEREAS, Section 35751 (b) of the California Vehicle Code requires that  
upon the basis of the investigation and all evidence presented at the hearing, the City

1 Council shall determine by order in writing the maximum weight of vehicle and load which  
2 the bridge will safely sustain; and

3 WHEREAS, Section 35752 of the California Vehicle Code requires that the  
4 authority having jurisdiction over the bridges shall erect and maintain suitable signs, in  
5 accordance with Section 21400 of the California Vehicle Code, specifying the maximum  
6 weight so determined, at a distance of not more than five (500) hundred feet from each  
7 end of the bridge or any approach thereto;

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

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11 Section 1. Chapter 10.80 is added to the Long Beach Municipal Code to  
12 read as follows:

13 Chapter 10.80

14 TOLEDO BRIDGE OVER RIVO ALTO CANAL

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16 10.80.010 Purpose.

17 The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a weight limit and load  
18 restriction on the Toledo East Bridge over Rivo Alto Canal and Toledo West  
19 Bridge over Rivo Alto Canal.

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21 10.80.020 Scope.

22 A. In order to protect the public, the City of Long Beach accepts  
23 the findings and recommendations of the latest County of Los Angeles,  
24 Department of Public Works Bridge Load Rating Analysis, limiting the  
25 maximum weight and load of vehicles utilizing the Toledo East Bridge over  
26 Rivo Alto Canal and Toledo West Bridge over Rivo Alto Canal.

27 B. The Toledo East Bridge over Rivo Alto Canal and Toledo  
28 West Bridge over Rivo Alto Canal shall be restricted to a maximum and

1 load of vehicles of nineteen (19) tons.

2 C. The restriction shall remain in effect as long as signs giving  
3 notice thereof are posted at the bridge approaches in accordance with  
4 Section 21400 of the California Vehicle Code.

5 D. The City of Long Beach, Department of Public Works shall  
6 erect and maintain suitable signs in accordance with Section 21400 of the  
7 California Vehicle Code.

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9 10.80.030 Violations.

10 Violations of this Chapter shall be punishable in accordance with  
11 California Vehicle Code section 35753.

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13 Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by  
14 the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of  
15 Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the  
16 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 August 18, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Pearce, Price, Supernaw,  
Mungo, Andrews, Uranga, Austin,  
Richardson.

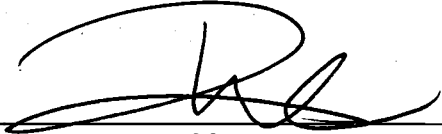
Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

  
City Clerk

Approved: 9/24/2020  
(Date)

  
Mayor

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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

Tamela Austin being duly sworn says: That I am employed in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Long Beach; that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, I posted three true and correct copies of ORD-20-0031 in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, to wit: One of said copies in the lobby of Civic Chambers; one of said copies in the Main Library; and one of said copies on the front counter of the Office of the City Clerk.

  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
This 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

  
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CITY CLERK