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September 1, 2020

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to declare ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code by adding Chapter 10.81 establishing a 34-ton weight and load limit on the Ravenna Bridge over the Rivo Alto Canal, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (District 3)

DISCUSSION


Pursuant to your request on August 18, 2020, this ordinance has been prepared and is submitted for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

  
By: AMY R. WEBBER  
Deputy City Attorney

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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 ADDING CHAPTER 10.81  
ESTABLISHING A 34-TON WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMIT ON  
THE RAVENNA 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 Ravenna Bridge over Rivo Alto Canal; and

WHEREAS, per the bridge rating reports, the County recommended  
adjusting vehicle weights and load limits to 34 (thirty-four) 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  
Council shall determine by order in writing the maximum weight of vehicle and load which

1 the bridge will safely sustain; and

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

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

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10 Section 1. Chapter 10.81 is added to the Long Beach Municipal Code to  
11 read as follows:

12 Chapter 10.81

13 RAVENNA BRIDGE OVER RIVO ALTO CANAL

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15 10.81.010 Purpose.

16 The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a weight limit and load  
17 restriction on the Ravenna Bridge over Rivo Alto Canal.

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19 10.81.020 Scope.

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

25 B. The Ravenna Bridge over Rivo Alto Canal shall be restricted  
26 to a maximum weight and load of vehicles of thirty-four (34) tons.

27 C. The restriction shall remain in effect as long as signs giving  
28 notice thereof are posted at the bridge approaches in accordance with

1 Section 21400 of the California Vehicle Code.

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

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6 10.81.030 Violations.

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

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

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

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

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

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Recusal(s): Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

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

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Mayor