

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding Section 63.134 to Article 3, Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit weapons and dangerous or hazardous items in City facilities.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Section 63.134 is added to Article 3, Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 63.134. CITY PROPERTY AND FACILITIES – PROHIBITED ITEMS.

(a) **Subject to Search Prior to Entry into a City Facility.** Every Person, and his or her belongings, including, but not limited to, rolling carts, wheelchairs, and strollers are subject to search upon entry into a City facility and while a person and his or her belongings are in a City facility.

(b) **Banned Items.** Except with the prior written approval of the department head or his or her designee responsible for the control of a City facility, it shall be unlawful for any Person to enter, or remain in, a City facility with any of the following:

1. Any weapon prohibited by state law, including, but not limited to, Section 171b of the California Penal Code, as amended from time to time, or any successor statutes;
2. Illegal narcotic or illegal controlled substance;
3. Bear repellant, mace, or pepper spray;
4. Bat or baton;
5. Box cutter, utility knife, or razor blade;
6. Ice pick;
7. Fireworks or explosives;
8. Knife of any length;
9. Martial arts weapon of any kind;
10. Metal, composite, or wooden knuckles;
11. Sword, saber, or other bladed device;

12. Animal, except a service or comfort animal (an animal that is capable of working, assisting or performing a task for the benefit of a person with a disability); or

13. Replica firearm.

(c) Banned Items if May be Used as a Weapon or Are Dangerous or Hazardous.

1. Any item that, in the reasonable judgment of a peace officer, as defined in California Penal Code, Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 or Part 2 ("peace officer"), that may be used as a weapon or otherwise may be dangerous or hazardous is not allowed inside a City facility, and a Person possessing such an item may be required to relinquish, dispose, or store the item outside of the City facility as a condition of entry into the facility.

2. It shall be unlawful for any Person to remain in a City facility if that Person fails or refuses to relinquish, dispose, or stow away from the City facility an item that, in the reasonable judgment of a peace officer, may be used as a weapon or otherwise may be dangerous or hazardous.

(d) Nothing in this section shall preclude the Persons listed below from possessing a firearm, knife, tear gas, stun gun, ammunition, or explosive in a City facility:

1. A duly appointed peace officer, a retired peace officer with authorization to carry concealed weapons as described in Article 2 (commencing with Section 254) of Chapter 2 of Division 5 of Title 4 of Part 6 of the California Penal Code, a full-time paid peace officer of another state who is carrying out official duties while in California, a full-time paid peace officer of the federal government who is carrying out official duties while in California and who limits his or her presence to the portions of any City facility or property open to the public, or any Person summoned by any of these officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while he or she is actually engaged in assisting the officer; or

2. A qualified reserve peace officer, as defined by California Penal Code Section 830.6, to the extent that such person is otherwise authorized by his or her respective state, county, or city law enforcement agency to possess a weapon for use in accordance with the law enforcement policy of the agency.

Sec. 2. URGENCY CLAUSE. The City Council finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of public peace, health, and safety for the following reason: In order for the City of Los Angeles to protect city officials, employees and the public by deterring illegal, dangerous, injurious, or destructive activities on City property, the amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code, as

reflected in this ordinance, must become effective as soon as possible. For all these reasons, the ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles Charter Section 253.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____