



DATE: May 6, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Oceanside Police Department

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, PARKING, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS FOR JULY 3 AND 4, 2009; ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SAFETY ZONE ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT DOGS ON THE STRAND ON JULY 4-5, 2009; AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution approving temporary road closures, no-parking areas, and traffic-flow plans between the hours of 4:00 a.m. on July 3 and Midnight on July 4, 2009, in various locations and at various times within the area bounded by The Strand to the west, Coast Highway to the east, Oceanside Boulevard to the south, and Harbor Drive to the north (map, attachment 1), to facilitate the movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic during the Fourth of July festivities and enhance public safety (the closure of one parking lot is the only restriction going into effect on July 3). Staff also recommends that the City Council introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the City Code by the addition of Section 4.16 prohibiting dogs on The Strand between Breakwater Way and Wisconsin Street during the time that the Coastal Safety Enhancement Zone is in effect; and approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$45,000 from the General Fund Unallocated Fund Balance to the Police Department for assistance from the California Highway Patrol and San Diego County Sheriff's Office.

BACKGROUND

On February 19, 2008, the City Council held a Workshop to consider Fourth of July planning recommendations for the Beachfront Area. Staff recommended restriction of vehicular access, street closures, resident parking areas, and no-parking zones in various locations. These recommendations were adopted and implemented on July 4th, 2008. The measures worked extremely well. As a result, reconstitution of these measures is recommended for July 4th, 2009. This report enumerates those recommendations.

ANALYSIS

This year's festivities are expected to attract 150,000-plus residents and visitors to the City's beaches and surrounding areas. Public safety is of the utmost importance, and staff believes a comprehensive plan for parking and traffic flow will provide a more

enjoyable experience for all, as well as enhance public safety for pedestrians and facilitate the movement of emergency vehicles in the Beachfront Area. With this in mind, the following traffic plan has been developed to address roadway closures, parking restrictions and pedestrian and traffic flow throughout the event.

The closure of Lot 30 (102 North The Strand at 4:00 a.m. on July 3 is to facilitate the storage and unloading of equipment/supplies for use on July 4.

July 4, 2009, Road Closures

- Roadway closures beginning at 4:00 a.m.
 - The Strand from Seagaze Drive to Surfrider Way
- Roadway closures beginning at 9:00 a.m.
 - All roadways in the area bounded by Oceanside Boulevard to the south, Harbor Drive to the north, Cleveland Street to the east, and the shoreline to the west.
- Road closure beginning at 12:00 Noon – these closures may be effected prior to 12:00 Noon if traffic and pedestrian flow dictate an earlier closing.
 - All roadways in the area bounded by Mission Avenue to the south, Surfrider Way to the north, Coast Highway to the east, and the railroad tracks to the west.

Exceptions for residents and their guests

- If residents or slip renters need to exit the closed area after the streets have been closed, they will be free to do so. If they wish to enter the area after the streets have been closed, they must be able to show proof of residency or appropriate slip renter permit and confirm they have off-street parking available.
- Guests of residents or slip renters will be allowed into the closed area provided they have a specific address or specific Boat Slip they are going to and they have off-street parking available.
- Guests of the Wyndham Timeshares, Oceanside Marina Suites, Marina Towers and Marina Del Mar will have a pass or inform the officers they are headed to the property and they will be accommodated; this includes employees of the Wyndham as well as employees of the businesses located within the Oceanside Harbor.
- When pedestrian traffic in the closed area becomes so heavy that the safety of pedestrians may be compromised by vehicular traffic, no resident, employee or resort property vehicles will be allowed into the closed area. If and when this occurs, vehicles will not be allowed in the area until the zone commander has determined pedestrian traffic is at a safe level for inclusion of vehicular traffic.
- Medical issues and caregivers will be accommodated as needed.

Traffic Flow

- The flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be monitored throughout the day by zone commanders. Traffic control measures will be modified as needed to ensure pedestrian safety within the zones. Public safety is the highest priority consideration for zone commanders while evaluating traffic and pedestrian flow within their zones.

July 3, 2009, Parking Restriction

- Parking Lot closure beginning at 4:00 a.m.
 - Lot 30 (102 North The Strand) – this lot will remain closed until Midnight on July 4

July 4, 2009, Parking Restrictions

- Parking Lot closures beginning at 4:00 a.m.
 - Lot 29 (301 North The Strand) and Lot 30 (102 North The Strand)
- Resident parking restrictions beginning at 9:00 a.m.
 - Parking is prohibited in the 600 block of South Pacific Street (any vehicles parked in this location at 9:00 a.m. will be towed)
 - Parking is prohibited in the 500 block of North Pacific Street (any vehicles parked in this location at 9:00 a.m. will be towed)
 - All other street parking is available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis
- Handicapped parking
 - Available in Lot 28 (358 North The Strand) and Lot 31 (704 North The Strand)
 - Drivers with handicapped passengers will be allowed to drop off their passengers at the designated handicapped parking lots.

Exceptions for residents

- Parking will be available for area residents on the morning of July 4 on a first-come, first-served basis in Lot 20 (998 N. Pacific St), Lot 21 (222 Windward Way), Lot 24a (224 Pier View Way) and Lot 27 (700 S. Myers Street). However, when pedestrian traffic in the closed areas becomes congested to the point that safety may be compromised by the inclusion of other vehicles, the zone commander will shut off vehicle access to the area to all residents and hotel guest or employees. The area will remain closed to vehicle traffic until the zone commander deems it safe to re-open. Public safety and pedestrian safety are the highest priority for zone commanders. Zone commanders recognize the importance of allowing as much access as is possible to residents, hotel guests and employees, and will take this into account in the decision-making process to restrict total access.
- Parking in the Oceanside Harbor will continue as normal on the morning of July 4th, governed by existing parking signage. At 9:00 a.m. when street closures take effect, visitors to Oceanside Harbor will be free to leave, but not permitted to re-enter the closed area until roadways are re-opened.

Parking Lots designated for General Public's Use

- Lot 1 (1300 Carmelo Drive)
- Lot 2 (1960 Harbor Drive North)
- Lot 3 (1870 Harbor Drive North)
- Lot 4 (1351 Harbor Drive North)
- Lot 5 (1335 Harbor Drive North)
- Lot 6 (240 Harbor Drive South)
- Lot 7 (1202 North Pacific Street)
- Lot 8 (320 Harbor Drive South)

- Lot 8A (314 Harbor Drive South)
- Lot 9 (284 Harbor Drive South)
- Lot 10 (1201 North Pacific Street)
- Lot 11A (1304 North Pacific Street)
- Lot 11B (1374 North Pacific Street)
- Lot 12 (1450 North Pacific Street)
- Lot 22 (202 Surfrider Way)
- Lot 23 (201 Pier View Way)
- Lot 24 (211 Pier View Way)
- Lot 25 (102 North Myers Street)
- Lot 32 (217 North Cleveland Street)
- Lot 33 (100 North Cleveland Street)
- Lot 34 (320 North Tremont Street)
- Lot 35 (318 North Tremont Street)

Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Oceanside City Code

Staff recommends introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Oceanside City Code by the addition of Section 4.16 prohibiting dogs on The Strand between Breakwater Way and Wisconsin Street during the time that the Coastal Safety Enhancement Zone is in effect. This will prohibit dogs on The Strand between the hours of 12:01 a.m., July 4, through 3:00 a.m., July 5, 2009. This restriction would not apply to service dogs for disabled persons or to police canines.

Due to the large number of people anticipated on the 4th of July, which are expected to exceed 150,000, on the beach, the strand, and in the surrounding area, public space will be limited. The presence of dogs within this limited space and in close proximity to large crowds of people presents a significant public health hazard. The risk of injury from unintentional dog bites is significantly increased due to the diminished distance between people and dogs. Agitation of the dogs intentionally or unintentionally possesses a significant risk of a dog bite, or worse yet, a mauling. Under section 4.15, dogs are currently prohibited from the public beach areas within the Coastal Safety Enhancement Zone. This risk of injury can be avoided by prohibiting dogs from The Strand as well during the designated times on July 4 and 5.

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff is requesting approval of a budget appropriation in the amount of \$45,000 from the General Fund Unallocated Fund Balance which has a current balance of \$4.2 million. The appropriated funds will be transferred to OPD Administration (101.364360.5254). Funds will be used to provide assistance to the California Highway Patrol and San Diego Sheriff's Office. Staff will provide the Council with an after-action plan that identifies all costs associated with the event.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Does not apply.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

This report will be presented to the Police and Fire Commission as an advisory item.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

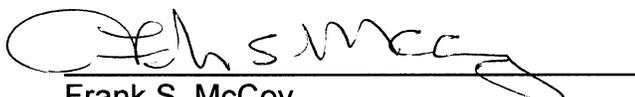
The reference documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

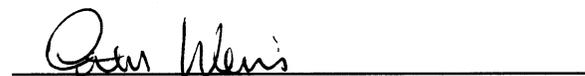
RECOMMENDATION

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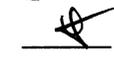

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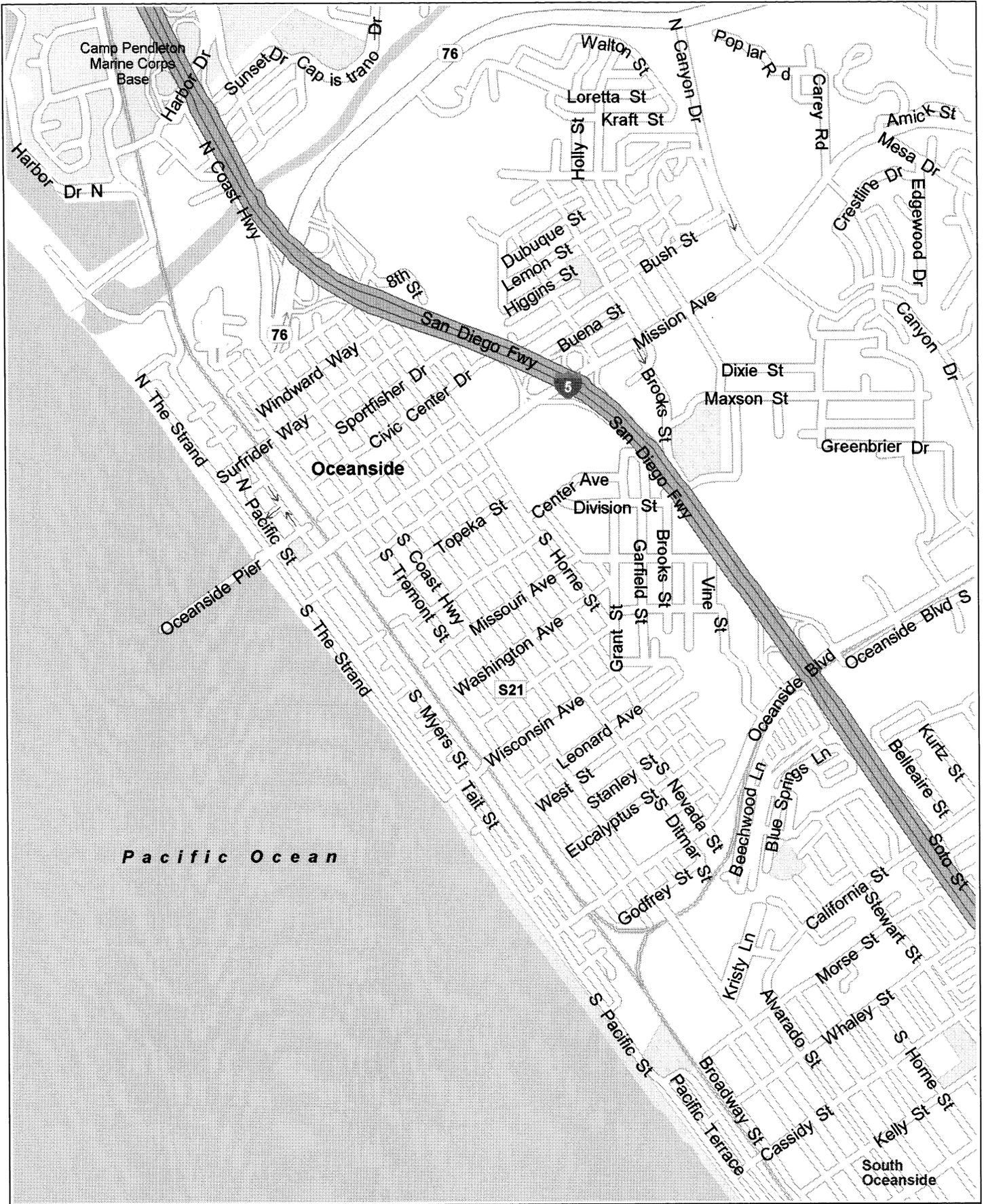
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Don Hadley, Deputy City Manager
Teri Ferro, Financial Services Director





ATTACHMENTS
Resolution
Ordinance

Escondido Junction, Oceanside, California



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1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE APPROVING TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE,
4 PARKING, AND TRAFFIC PLANS FOR JULY 3 AND 4, 2009,
5 IN THE BEACHFRONT AREA

6 WHEREAS, on February 19, 2008, the City Council held a Workshop to discuss Fourth
7 of July planning recommendations for the Beachfront Area and directed staff to develop a
8 comprehensive circulation plan for all areas;

9 WHEREAS, the Fourth of July planning recommendations were adopted and
10 implemented for July 4, 2008 yielding a significant positive enhancement to public safety
11 throughout the day of the event;

12 WHEREAS, an increased volume of traffic and large pedestrian crowds are expected in
13 the Beachfront Area on July 4, 2009;

14 WHEREAS, the Oceanside City Code Section 30A.23, Street Closure, allows for the
15 temporary closure of any portion of any street for a special event, when the closing is necessary
16 for the safety and protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the
17 temporary closing; and

18 WHEREAS, the Oceanside City Council finds that it is necessary for the safety and
19 protection of persons who are to use that portion of the street during the temporary closing to
20 implement the roadway closure, parking, and traffic-flow plans as set forth herein.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

22 That the following roadway closure, parking, and traffic-flow plans be implemented for
23 July 3 and 4, 2009:

24 July 3, 2009, Parking Restriction

- 25 • Parking Lot closure beginning at 4:00 a.m.
- 26 – Parking Lot 30 (will remain closed until Midnight on July 4, 2009).

27 July 4, 2009, Road Closures

- 28 • Roadway closures beginning at 4:00 a.m.
- The Strand from Seagaze Drive to Surfrider Way.

- 1 • Roadway closures beginning at 9:00 a.m.
 - 2 – All roadways in the area bounded by Oceanside Boulevard to the south, Harbor
 - 3 Drive to the north, Cleveland Street to the east, and The Strand to the west.
- 4 • Roadway closures beginning at 12:00 p.m.
 - 5 – All roadways in the area bounded by Mission Avenue to the south, Surfrider Way
 - 6 to the north, Coast Highway to the east and Cleveland Street to the west.
 - 7 – These closures may be effected prior to 12:00 p.m. if traffic and pedestrian flow
 - 8 dictates an earlier closure.

9 July 4, 2009, Parking Restrictions

- 10 • Parking Lot closures beginning at 4:00 a.m.
 - 11 – Parking Lot 29.
- 12 • Parking restrictions beginning at 9:00 a.m.
 - 13 – Parking will be prohibited in the posted no parking areas on South Pacific Street
 - 14 and North Pacific Street between Oceanside Boulevard and Breakwater Way (any
 - 15 vehicles parked in this location at 9:00 a.m. may be towed).
 - 16 – Parking is prohibited on 200 Sportfisher Way and 100 Ash Street (any vehicles
 - 17 parked in these locations at 9:00 a.m. may be towed).
- 18 • Handicapped parking
 - 19 – Available in Lot 28 at 358 North the Strand and Lot 31 at 704 South the Strand
 - 20 – Drivers with handicapped passengers will be allowed to drop off their passengers at
 - 21 the designated handicapped parking lots.
- 22 • Exceptions for residents
 - 23 – All other street parking is available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis
 - 24 – Parking Lots for resident use are Lot 20 at 998 North Pacific Street, Lot 21 at 222
 - 25 Windward Way, Lot 24a at 224 Pier View Way and Lot 27 at 700 South Myers
 - 26 Street, on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - 27 – However, when pedestrian traffic in the closed area becomes congested to the point
 - 28 that safety may be compromised by the inclusion of other vehicles, the zone

1 commander will shut off vehicle access to the area to all residents, guests and
2 employees. The area will remain closed to vehicle traffic until the zone commander
3 deems it safe to re-open. Public safety and pedestrian safety are the highest priority
4 for zone commanders.

5 July 4, 2009, Traffic Flow

- 6 • The flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be monitored throughout the day by
7 zone commanders. Traffic control measures will be modified as needed to insure
8 pedestrian safety within the zones. Public safety is the highest priority consideration for
9 zone commanders while evaluating traffic and pedestrian flow within their zones.

10 These traffic-control measures will be cancelled when traffic in the downtown lightens up and
11 both pedestrian and vehicle traffic can flow smoothly without the assistance of a police
12 presence.

13 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
14 this _____ day of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

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16 AYES:

17 NAYS:

18 ABSENT:

19 ABSTAIN:

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21 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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23 ATTEST:

24 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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26 City Clerk

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City Attorney

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1 SECTION 1. Chapter 4, section 4.16 of the Oceanside City Code is added to read as
2 follows:

3 Sec. 4.16. Dogs on The Strand during the Fourth of July.

4 It shall be unlawful for the owner or custodian of any dog, whether licensed or
5 unlicensed, to suffer, permit or allow such dog to be on any portion of The Strand between
6 Breakwater Way and Wisconsin Street during the time the Coastal Safety Enhancement Zone is
7 in effect pursuant to section 1.15.B, whether or not the dog is led or restrained by any leash,
8 chain, strap, or cord. Signs giving notice of this prohibition may be erected in accordance with
9 section 1.15.B. The prohibitions of this section shall not apply to guide, signal or service dogs
10 for persons with disabilities pursuant to Civil Code sections 54.1 and 54.2, or dogs under the
11 control of a peace officer acting within the course and scope of his or her prescribed duties.

12 SECTION 2. Severability.

13 If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be
14 invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision
15 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council
16 hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and adopted this Ordinance and each
17 section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections,
18 subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

19 SECTION 3. The City Clerk of the City of Oceanside is hereby directed to publish this
20 ordinance, or the title hereof as a summary, pursuant to state statute, once within fifteen (15)
21 days after its passage in the North County Times, a newspaper of general circulation published
22 in the City of Oceanside.

23 SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth (30th) day
24 from and after its final passage.

25 INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Oceanside,
26 California, held on the ___ day of _____, 2009, and, thereafter,

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of
2 Oceanside California, held on the ____ day of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

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4 AYES:

5 NAYS:

6 ABSENT:

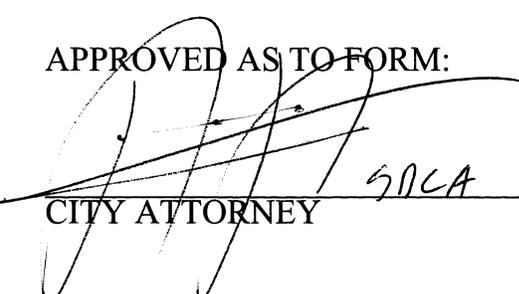
7 ABSTAIN:

8 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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10 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY CLERK

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CITY ATTORNEY

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