

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 14 of Subsection B of Section 63.44 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit persons from entering, remaining, staying or loitering within designated City parks with special operating hours, when those parks are closed, consistent with the restrictions already promulgated in Paragraphs (a) and (b) of Subdivision 14 of Subsection B of Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code; and amending Subdivision 4 of Subsection D of Section 63.44 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to further define and prohibit camping and lodging within a City park except in locations designated for such purposes, and to restrict the use of tents within all City parks.

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (City) wishes to create uniform rules regarding entering, remaining, staying, loitering, camping and the use of tents in City parks consistent with other City regulations regarding park hours and the use of tents and camping; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to further define the already established restrictions regarding camping and lodging within City parks; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to restrict the use of tents or other camping facilities within City Parks; and

WHEREAS, unregulated camping, lodging and tents cause visual clutter and blight in City parks; and

WHEREAS, unregulated camping, lodging and tents in City parks creates unnecessary, excessive and blighted activity, which is detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety and contrary to public interest, harms nearby residents, and diminishes the public's enjoyment and use of City parks for recreational purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The introductory passage of Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 14 of Subsection B of Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(c) No person shall enter, remain, stay or loiter in any of the following parks or facilities between the closing hour and the opening hour of the following day. The closing and opening hours for each of the following parks or facilities shall be as follows:

Sec 2. Subdivision 4 of Subsection D of Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

4. Camp in a City park, except in locations designated for such purposes, or erect, maintain, use or occupy any Tent, excluding Umbrellas or Sun Shades.

(a) **Definitions:** For purposes of this Subdivision, the following words or phrases shall mean:

(i) **“Camp”** means to erect, maintain or occupy a Camp Facility for any purpose, including lodging or living accommodation.

(ii) **“Camp Facility”** means one or more of the following: a Tent, hut, other temporary physical shelter, cot, bed, sleeping bag, hammock or bedroll, erected, maintained or used for lodging or living accommodation. The recreational use of a sleeping bag or bedroll that is removed from the park upon closing and not used to Camp is not considered a camp facility.

(iii) **“Tent”** means shelter or structure that is not entirely open and which lacks an unobstructed view into the Tent, shelter or structure from the outside.

(iv) **“Umbrella or Sun Shade”** means any canopy or cover that is open on all sides, consists of pliable tent-like material such as canvas, nylon or other synthetic fabric, and that is held aloft by one or more supporting metal, plastic, or wooden poles. No Umbrella or Sun Shade shall exceed eight feet in height and ten feet in diameter or width. All Umbrellas or Sun Shades shall be dismantled and removed from the park before the park is closed.

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.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _____.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk


By _____
Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality:

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By 

ANTHONY-PAUL DIAZ
Deputy City Attorney

Date 6/6/18