

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.00 to add a definition for a “rodeo” and adding LAMC Section 53.39.2 to prohibit the use of harmful practices, techniques, and devices at rodeos or rodeo-related events.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated December 17, 2021 to amend LAMC) Section 53.00 to add a definition for a “rodeo” and adding LAMC Section 53.39.2 to prohibit the use of harmful practices, techniques, and devices at rodeos or rodeo-related events.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:  
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

Against:  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On December 7, 2022, your Committee considered a December 17, 2021 City Attorney report and Ordinance relative to amending LAMC) Section 53.00 to add a definition for a “rodeo” and adding LAMC Section 53.39.2 to prohibit the use of harmful practices, techniques, and devices at rodeos or rodeo-related events. According to the City Attorney, pursuant to Council’s February 23, 2021 request, the City Attorney has prepared the requested draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance adds a new Section 53.39.2 to the LAMC to prohibit at rodeos the use of any practice, technique, or device that will or is likely to cause an animal physical injury, torment, or suffering.

Prohibited devices include electric prods or shocking devices, flank or bucking straps, wire tie-downs, sharpened or fixed spurs or rowels, and lariats or lassos. Consistent with California Penal Code Section 596.7(e), the draft ordinance allows for the limited use of electric prods and similar devices once an animal is in a holding chute and only if necessary to protect rodeo participants or spectators. The draft ordinance also explicitly requires compliance with Penal Code Section 596.7 Subdivisions (b) through (d) relating to the availability of a licensed veterinarian and a conveyance for injured animals at every rodeo. Finally, the draft ordinance amends Section 53.00 of the LAMC to add a definition

for “rodeo” because no such definition currently exists. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Ordinance. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee

**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

KORETZ: YES

HARRIS-DAWSON: YES

BONIN: ABSENT

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12/7/22

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