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SEC. 11.00. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CODE.

(Amended by Ord. No. 175,676, Eff. 1/11/04.)

(a) Short Title. Reference to Code in Prosecutions. Designation in Ordinances. This Code, which consists of criminal or regulatory ordinances of this City, shall be known as the "Official Los Angeles Municipal Code," and it shall be sufficient to refer to the Code as the "Los Angeles Municipal Code" in any prosecution for the violation of any of its provisions; it shall also be sufficient to designate any ordinance adding to, amending or repealing this Code or a portion of this Code as an addition or amendment to or a repeal of the "Los Angeles Municipal Code."

(b) Existing Law Continued. The provisions of this Code, to the extent they are substantially the same as existing provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations of the Code and not as new enactments.

(c) Construction. The provisions of this Code and all proceedings under it are to be construed with a view to effect its objectives and to promote justice.

(d) Effect of Code on Past Actions and Obligations Previously Accrued. Neither the adoption of this Code nor the repeal of any ordinance of this City shall in any manner affect the prosecution for violation of ordinances, which violations were committed prior to the effective date of the ordinance, nor be construed as a waiver of any license or penalty at the effective date due and unpaid under the ordinance, nor be construed as affecting any of the provisions of the ordinance relating to the collection of any license or penalty or the penal provisions applicable to any violation, nor to affect the validity of any bond or cash deposit in lieu of a bond, required to be posted, filed or deposited pursuant to any ordinance or its violation, and all rights and obligations associated with the ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

(e) References to Specific Ordinances. The provisions of this Code shall not in any manner affect deposits or other matters of record which refer to, or are otherwise connected with ordinances that are specially designated by a number or otherwise and which are included within this Code, but those references shall be construed to apply to the corresponding provisions contained within this Code.

(f) Heading, Effect of. Division, chapter, article and section headings contained in this Code shall not be deemed to govern, limit, modify or in any manner affect the scope, meaning or intent of the provisions of any division, chapter, article or section.

(g) Reference to Acts or Omissions Within This City. This Code shall refer only to the omission or commission of acts within the territorial limits of the City of Los Angeles and that territory outside of this City over which the City has jurisdiction or control by virtue of the Constitution, Charter or any law, or by reason of ownership or control of property.

(h) Proof of Notice. Proof of giving any notice may be made by the certificate of any officer or employee of this City or by affidavit of any person over the age of 18 years, which shows service in conformity with this Code or other provisions of law applicable to the subject matter concerned.

(i) Notices, Service of. Whenever a notice is required to be given under this Code, unless different provisions in this Code are otherwise specifically made applicable, the notice may be given either by personal delivery to the person to be notified or by deposit in the United States Mail in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to the person to be notified at his or her last known business or residence address as it appears in the public records or other records pertaining to the matter to which the notice is directed. Service by mail shall be deemed to have been completed at the time of deposit in the mail.

(j) Prohibited Acts; Include Causing, Permitting, Suffering. Whenever in this Code any act or omission is made unlawful it shall include causing, permitting, aiding, abetting, suffering or concealing the fact of the act or omission.

(k) Validity of Code. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this

Code. The Council of this City hereby declares that it would have adopted this Code and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of the Code, irrespective of the fact that any one portion or more sections, subsections clauses, phrases or portions are declared invalid or unconstitutional.

(I) In addition to any other remedy or penalty provided by this Code, any violation of any provision of this Code is declared to be a public nuisance and may be abated by the City or by the City Attorney on behalf of the people of the State of California as a nuisance by means of a restraining order, injunction or any other order or judgment in law or equity issued by a court of competent jurisdiction. The City or the City Attorney, on behalf of the people of the State of California, may seek injunctive relief to enjoin violations of, or to compel compliance with, the provisions of this Code or seek any other relief or remedy available at law or equity. **(Amended by Ord. No. 177,103, Eff. 12/18/05.)**

Violations of this Code are deemed continuing violations and each day that a violation continues is deemed to be a new and separate offense and subject to a maximum civil penalty of \$2,500 for each and every offense.

As part of any civil action, the court may require posting of a performance bond to ensure compliance with this Code, applicable state codes, court order or judgment.

(m) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision or fail to comply with any of the requirements of this Code. Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of this Code, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor unless that violation or failure is declared in this Code to be an infraction. An infraction shall be tried and be punishable as provided in Section 19.6 of the Penal Code and the provisions of this section. Any violation of this Code that is designated as a misdemeanor may be charged by the City Attorney as either a misdemeanor or an infraction.

Every violation of this Code is punishable as a misdemeanor unless provision is otherwise made, and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both a fine and imprisonment.

Every violation of this Code that is established as an infraction, or is charged as an infraction, is punishable by a fine as set forth in this Code section, or as otherwise provided in this Code, not to exceed \$250.00 for each violation.

Each person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this Code is committed, continued or permitted by that person, and shall be punishable accordingly.

(n) Pursuant to Government Code Section 38773, the City may summarily abate any nuisance at the expense of the persons creating, causing, committing, or maintaining it and the expense of the abatement of the nuisance may be a lien against the property on which it is maintained and a personal obligation against the property owner.

(o) Pursuant to Government Code Section 38773.7, upon entry of a second or subsequent civil or criminal judgment within a two-year period that finds an owner of property responsible for a condition that may be abated in accordance with California Government Code Section 38773.5, a court may order the owner to pay treble the costs of the abatement. These costs shall not include conditions abated pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 17980.

COMPREHENSIVE ZONING PLAN ~~1224~~ .13 Exceptions.

13. Infrequent Use of Property for Commercial Filming. (Amended by Ord. No. 170,516, Eff. 6/18/95.) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this article to the contrary, property in all zones may be used for the purpose of infrequent filming of commercial motion pictures and still photographs, provided that a permit therefore has first been obtained from the City Council, or whoever the Council by order, resolution or ordinance may delegate such authority. The City Council, or whomever the Council by order, resolution or ordinance may delegate such authority shall adopt such rules and regulations concerning the issuance of said permits as may be necessary to assure that filming will be conducted at such times and in such a manner as to cause a minimum of interference with the enjoyment and use of adjacent property, and consistent with public health, safety and general welfare.

SEC. 22.02. POWER TO REVOKE AND SUSPEND PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES — PROCEDURE.

Any permit or certificate granted pursuant to the provisions of this Code to any person to conduct, carry on or engage in any business, profession, trade or occupation by any Board, Commission or other person having authority to do so, unless provision is otherwise specifically made, shall not be revoked or suspended except as provided in this section.

No such permit or certificate shall be revoked or suspended until a hearing upon written notice to the permittee or certificate holder shall have been had by the Board, Commission or other person having authority to do so. Written notice of such hearing shall be served upon the permittee or certificate holder in the manner provided for the giving of notice in Section 11.00 of this Code.

Such notice shall state:

- (a) The grounds for complaint or reasons for the revocation or suspension in clear and concise language.
- (b) The time when and the place where such hearing is to be held.

If a verified complaint is required to be filed with the Board, Commission or other person having authority to revoke or suspend such permit or certificate, or if any Board or Commission shall have power to initiate its own complaint, then a true and correct copy of such complaint shall be served on the permittee or certificate holder in lieu of stating the grounds of complaint.

However, notice of the time when and the place where such hearing is to be held shall be served with such complaint.

Such notice or copy of complaint shall be served or given to the permittee or certificate holder at least five (5) and not more than ten (10) days prior to the date set for said hearing.

At any such hearing the permittee or certificate holder shall be given an opportunity to be heard and defend himself, and he may call witnesses in his behalf.

The Board, Commission or other person conducting such hearings may continue such hearings from time to time upon good cause being shown therefor.

After conducting such hearing the Board, Commission or other person having authority may suspend or revoke any such permit or certificate upon such terms and conditions as, in the exercise of a reasonable and sound discretion, it shall determine.

Revocation of permit granted by it by a municipal board is a proper exercise of police power.

Vaughn v. Board of Police Commissioners, 59 Cal. App. 2d 771, 775.

SEC. 52.00 DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this article, the following words and phrases are defined, and shall be construed as hereinafter set out, unless it shall be apparent from the context that they have a different meaning:

(1) **"Board"** shall mean the Board of Police Commissioners.

(2) **"Official Police Officer's Badge"** shall mean badges of the sizes, types and designs last approved by resolution of the Board adopted subsequent to January 1, 1940 for the use of Regular Police Officers and Reserve Police Officers. Each badge shall bear on the face thereof the title or rank of the person to whom it was issued. All badges of each title or rank shall be consecutively numbered and the numbers shall appear on the face of each badge. Where a Regular or Reserve Police Officer possesses more than one Official Police Officer's Badge, those badges shall bear the same badge number. **(Amended by Ord. No. 175,997, Eff. 7/7/04.)**

(3) **(None)**

(4) **"Special Police Officer's Badge"** shall mean a badge of the size, type and design last designated by resolution of the Board for the use of persons commissioned by the Board to act as Special Police Officers. Such badge shall have enameled on the face thereof "Special" in addition to any other words or device and shall so differ in shape and design from the official police officer's badge as to be, when displayed or worn, readily distinguishable there from. All

such badges shall be consecutively numbered and the number shall appear on the face of each such badge.

(5) **"Regular Police Officers"** shall mean all regular police officer members of the Police Department of this city appointed under civil service rules and regulations and duly commissioned and sworn in as provided by law to perform the duties as peace officers and not retired from active duty, suspended or discharged; under whatever designation they may be elsewhere described.

(6) **"Civilian Employee"** shall mean all civilian employees of the Police Department of this City appointed under civil service rules and regulations, other than regular police officer members. **(Added by Ord. No. 112,577, Eft 2/12/59.)**

(7) **"Civilian Badge"** shall mean a badge to be readily distinguishable from the official police office's badge. Such badge shall bear on the face thereof the civil service classification of the employee to whom such badge is assigned and shall be of a design approved by the Board. **(Added by Ord. No. 112,577, Eff. 2/12/59.)**

SEC. 52.27.1. RETIRED OFFICERS — AUTHORIZED BADGES.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, any person who has been, during his lifetime, a duly and regularly appointed, commissioned and sworn police officer of this city and who was honorably retired from such position prior to June 10, 1940, may retain and carry any badge lawfully issued to him or otherwise lawfully acquired by him during his service or incident to his retirement, provided the word "RETIRED" is plainly shown on such badge, by being engraved or embossed thereon or otherwise permanently affixed thereto.

(b) **Retirement. (Amended by Ord. No. 177,374, Eff. 4/9/06.)** Badges may be issued to retired officers as follows:

1. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to issue to any regular sworn police officer, who is honorably retired after January 1, 1993, a badge that the retired officer may carry. The badge shall be especially adopted or approved for this specific purpose by the Board. The badge shall contain the word "RETIRED" in capital letters, blue in color, on a ribbon to be permanently affixed to the badge directly above the scroll containing the rank of the officer. This badge shall be known as the "Retired Officer's Badge".

2. Upon the return of a retired officer to active duty or upon demand of the Chief of Police, and "Retired Officer's Badge" previously issued to that person shall be returned to the Chief of Police.

(c) Any honorary badge or other badge lawfully acquired indicating that the bearer occupied public office in the City, upon which appears the bearer's name and which plainly shows the word "**RETIRED**" may be retained if lawfully acquired prior to June 10, 1940, by any person who prior to that date held any of the following offices in the government of this City:

1. Mayor,
2. Secretary to the Mayor,
3. Commissioner of any Board,
4. Secretary to any Board,
5. Secretary to the Chief of Police,
6. Councilman,
7. Any other elective office,
8. Managing officer of any department.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to authorize the use of any badge herein mentioned for any unlawful purpose and any such badge so used may be confiscated by the Board.

(e) Any badge mentioned in this section shall be subject to confiscation by the Board if worn or displayed by any person other than the true owner, and shall be returned to the true owner only upon a showing that such use was without consent, express or implied.

SEC. 52.28. POLICE UNIFORMS — LIMITATION OF.

(Amended by Ord. No. 164,340, Eft 2/20/89.)

No person, other than a sworn police officer, shall wear any shoulder emblem or any uniform of a pattern, or design, or in the semblance of the uniform, adopted, or hereafter adopted, by the Board for the use of the regular members of the police department, or wear upon any uniform any star, badge, or insignia of a pattern or design that may be mistaken for, or confused with, the official police officer's badge.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph of this section, any retired Los Angeles Police officer authorized by the Chief of Police and actively employed to perform traffic control and crowd control pursuant to the provisions of Section 80.03.1 at the site of the filming of any motion picture or television production, may wear the uniform of the Los Angeles Police Department with the retirees retired officer's badge affixed thereto.

SEC. 80.03.1. TRAFFIC CONTROL AT COMMERCIAL FILMING SITES.

(Added by Ord. No. 164,340, Eff. 2/20/89.)

A. Permit to Engage in Crowd and Traffic Control. The Chief of Police shall establish rules and regulations which shall govern the control of traffic and crowds on public property by retired and off-duty Los Angeles Police Officers employed by a person holding a valid permit pursuant to Section 22.350 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. Pursuant to said rules and regulations, the Chief of Police or his or her designee, in his or her discretion, may authorize and grant a permit to off-duty and retired Los Angeles Police Officers to engage in traffic and crowd control on public property. Said permits shall be limited to performance of traffic and crowd control at those times and places authorized in the permit issued pursuant to Section 22.350 et seq. of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

B. Revocation, Suspension Or Denial Of Permits. A permit provided for in this section may be revoked, suspended, or denied for any of the following reasons:

1. violation of applicable law; or
2. violation of any rule or regulation adopted hereunder; or
3. upon a finding of inability, lack of necessary expertise, or willful or negligent failure to properly and safely perform the duties for which the permit is granted.

C. Notice And Hearing. No permit issued or applied for pursuant to this section shall be revoked, suspended, or denied until a hearing is held by a Deputy Chief of Police appointed by the Chief of Police to conduct such hearing. Service of notices and the conduct of the hearing shall be in conformance with the requirements of Sections 11.00 and 22.02 of the L.A.M.C.

Color of Lamps and Reflectors

25950. This section applies to the color of lamps and to any reflector exhibiting or reflecting perceptible light of 0.05 candela or more per foot-candle of incident illumination. Unless provided otherwise, the color of lamps and reflectors upon a vehicle shall be as follows:

(a) The emitted light from all lamps and the reflected light from all reflectors, visible from in front of a vehicle, shall be white or yellow, except as follows:

(1) Rear side marker lamps required by Section 25100 may show red to the front.

(2) The color of foglamps described in Section 24403 may be in the color spectrum from white to yellow.

(3) An illuminating device, as permitted under Section 24255, shall emit radiation predominantly in the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum. Any incidental visible light projecting to the front of the vehicle shall be predominantly yellow to white. Any incidental visible light projecting to the rear of the vehicle shall be predominantly red. Any incidental visible light from an illuminating device, as permitted under Section 24255, shall not resemble any other required or permitted lighting device or official traffic control device.

(b) The emitted light from all lamps and the reflected light from all reflectors, visible from the rear of a vehicle, shall be red except as follows:

(1) Stoplamps on vehicles manufactured before January 1, 1979, may show yellow to the rear.

(2) Turn signal lamps may show yellow to the rear.

(3) Front side marker lamps required by Section 25100 may show yellow to the rear.

(4) Backup lamps shall show white to the rear.

(5) The rearward facing portion of a front-mounted double-faced turn signal lamp may show amber to the rear while the headlamps or parking lamps are lighted, if the intensity of the light emitted is not greater than the parking lamps and the turn signal function is not impaired.

(6) A reflector meeting the requirements of and installed in accordance with Section 24611 shall be red or white, or both.

(c) All lamps and reflectors visible from the front, sides, or rear of a vehicle, except headlamps, may have any unlighted color, provided the emitted light from all lamps or reflected light from all reflectors complies with the required color. Except for backup lamps, the entire effective projected luminous area of lamps visible from the rear or mounted on the sides near the rear of a vehicle shall be covered by an inner lens of the required color when the unlighted color differs from the required emitted light color. Taillamps, stoplamps, and turn signal lamps that are visible to the rear may be white when unlighted on vehicles manufactured before January 1, 1974.

Amended Sec. 38, Ch. 766, Stats. 1995. Effective January 1, 1996.

Amended Sec. 4, Ch. 198, Stats. 2004. Effective January 1, 2005.