

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE MONROVIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND INTENT.

A. The City Council finds that special events such as assemblies, concerts festivals and parades regularly are conducted by private parties and government entities on City property. The City Council further finds that occasionally such special events are knowingly and intentionally disrupted by persons unaffiliated with the event.

B. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish regulations to prohibit disruption of special events conducted on City property. In enacting this Ordinance, the City Council intends to protect all organizers and participants of special events on City property without regard to the subject matter or content of their particular event. In enacting this Ordinance, the City Council also intends to repeal certain obsolete regulations affecting special events at City parks.

SECTION 2. CODE AMENDMENT. Paragraph (5) of Section 12.32.030 ("Unlawful Acts Specified") of Chapter 12.32 ("Parks") of Title 12 ("Streets, sidewalks and Public Places") of the Monrovia Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"To post, place or erect any bills notice, paper or advertising device or matter of any kind."

SECTION 3. CODE AMENDMENT. Paragraph (25) of Section 12.32.030 ("Unlawful Acts Specified") of Chapter 12.32 ("Parks") of Title 12 ("Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places") of the Monrovia Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. CODE AMENDMENT. Title 12 ("Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places") of the Monrovia Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter 12.52 to read as follows:

**"Chapter 12.52
SPECIAL EVENTS**

12.52.010 Title. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Special Event Protection Ordinance" of the City of Monrovia.

12.52.020 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish regulations to prohibit disruption of special events conducted on City property. In enacting this chapter, the City Council intends to protect all organizers and participants of special events on City property without regard to the subject matter or content of their particular event.

12.52.030 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "Special Event" means an assembly, concert, festival, parade or similar activity.

B. "Disrupt a special event" means to do any of the following without the permission of the special event organizer:

1. Distribute any advertisement, booklet, handbill, pamphlet, poster or similar item to the audience, participants or vehicles of a special event within the areas made available for the exclusive use of the special event organizer by a City permit, license or other approval;
2. Grab, pull, push or strike any animal, audience member, participant or vehicle of a special event;
3. Mount any animal or vehicle of a special event;
4. Obstruct the passage of any animal, audience member, participant or vehicle of a special event;
5. Use an amplifier, loudspeaker, radio or similar device to broadcast any sound which would drown out or significantly interfere with the sound of a special event.

C. "Public place" means a city-owned building, park, right-of-way, street or sidewalk.

12.52.040 **Disruption prohibited.** No person shall knowingly and intentionally disrupt a special event lawfully conducted in or upon a public place. This section shall not apply to persons acting in cases of a bona fide emergency.

12.52.050 **Scheduling of special events.** The City Manager shall have the authority to schedule special events on a first-come, first-served basis for any public place that cannot accommodate more than one special event at a time. The City Manager may promulgate application forms and procedures to facilitate the scheduling of special events among the different categories of public places available for special event use."

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance or any part hereof is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part hereof. The City Council of the City of Monrovia hereby declares that it would have passed each section subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

INTRODUCED this 26th day of June, 2001.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of July 2001 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
EXCUSED:

BY:

Lara Larramendi Blakely, Mayor
City of Monrovia, California