ORDINANCE NO. 21-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA
AMENDING INGLEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5-67 TO
DEFINE THE TERM “CAMP OR LODGE,” EXPAND THE HOURS
WHEN PEOPLE ARE PROHIBITED FROM BEING IN CITY
PARKS, AND UPDATE JOB TITLES

WHEREAS, Article 3, section 4 of the City Charter gives the City the right and
power to acquire, construct, complete, conduct, operate and maintain parks; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority the City has enacted various ordinances
regulating city parks, codified in Inglewood Municipal Code (IMC) Chapter 5, Article 3.
Park Regulations; and

WHEREAS, IMC section 5-67(b) provides that it is unlawful for any person to
camp or lodge in a public park without written permission from the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to define the term “camp or lodge;” and

WHEREAS, unregulated camping and lodging in public 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; and

WHEREAS, IMC section 5-67(k) provides that it is unlawful for any person to
enter, remain, stay or loiter in any public park commencing at eleven p.m. on any day
and ending one hour before sunrise of the following day without written permission
from the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to expand the hours set forth in IMC 5-67(k) from
eleven p.m. to nine p.m.; and

WHEREAS, IMC section 5-67(l) provides that it is unlawful for any person to
enter, remain, stay or loiter in Siminski Park commencing at sunset at any day and
ending one hour before sunrise the following day without written permission from the
City; and

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WHEREAS, the City desires to amend IMC section 5-67(l) to include certain
neighborhood and pocket parks; and

WHEREAS, allowing people to enter, remain, stay or loiter in City parks in the
evening and after hours diminishes the peace and quiet of a neighborhood, harming
nearby residents, which is detrimental to public health, welfare and safety, and contrary
to public interest; and

WHEREAS, certain job titles need to be updated;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Inglewood Municipal Code section 5-67 is hereby amended as
follows:

“Section 5-67. Unauthorized Use of Park Facilities Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person, without the written permission of the Parks,
and Code Enforcement Director and Recreation and Community Services Director
within any public park to:
(a) Make or kindle a fire except in picnic stoves or fireplaces provided for that
purpose;
(b) Camp or lodge therein. “Camp or lodge” means to erect, maintain or occupy a
camp facility for the purpose of living accommodations. “Camp facility” means one or
more of the following: tents, huts, other temporary physical shelters, cots, beds, sleeping
bags, hammocks or bedrolls;
(c) Cook, prepare, serve, picnic, or eat except in places designated therefor;
(d) Wash dishes, empty waste liquids in any place other than in sinks provided
therefor;
(e) Leave any garbage cans, bottles, papers or other refuse elsewhere than in
receptacles placed therefor;
(f) Play or engage in any baseball, softball, football, soccer-ball, volleyball or other
game excepting at such places as shall be especially designated or set apart for that
purpose; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as
requiring such written permission for such informal games as “Catch,” “Toss Ball,” or
other similar nonoffensive games when participated in by not to exceed four persons
when same are conducted in such a manner as not to disturb or annoy other persons
present in such public park;

(g) Indulge in riotous, boisterous, threatening, or indecent conduct, or abusive or
threatening language, or operate any radio, musical instrument, or sound equipment
which can be heard at a distance greater than twenty-five feet outside the boundary of
any park or which in any manner disturbs any picnic, meeting, service, concert, exercise
or exhibition;

(h) Operate or use any loud speaker or loud speaking sound amplifying device in
any public park; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as
preventing the use of small portable radios when used for the purpose of receiving
programs broadcast from regularly authorized and licensed broadcasting stations;

(i) Make any speech or publicly address any group or gathering of persons unless
as an authorized part of a ceremony or program for which such a permit is held at the
time;

(j) Distribute any handbills or circulars, or post, place or erect any bills, notice,
paper, or advertising device or matter of any kind;

(k) Enter, remain, stay or loiter in any public park between the period commencing
at eleven-nine p.m. on any day and ending one hour before sunrise of the following day;

(l) Enter, remain, stay or loiter in Ash Park, Center Park, Circle Park, Grevillea
Park, North Park, Queen Park and Siminski Park within this City between the period
commencing at sunset on any day and ending one hour before sunrise of the following
day;

(m) Hold any meeting, service, concert, exercise or exhibition;

(n) Hold or take part in an organized meeting, assembly or parade involving more
than twenty-five people;
(o) Enter or use any restroom for women if a male person over eight years of age;
(p) Dress, undress, or change his or her clothes in any toilet or restroom in any public park;
(q) Remove from any park equipment, any sign indicating that such equipment is reserved;
(r) Use or attempt to use or interfere with the use of any table, space, or facility in said park which at the time is reserved by written reservation then in effect issued to or for any other person; provided, however, that all such reservations shall specify the period covered by same and shall be subject to cancellation by the Recreation, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director. Unless the actual use of the table, space or facility referred to in any reservation is commenced within thirty minutes after the period covered by such reservation begins, such reservation shall thereupon be void and all rights under such reservation may be cancelled by the Recreation, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director.
(s) Sell or offer for sale any merchandise or object whatsoever;
(t) Take into, possess or consume intoxicating liquor of any kind.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term "alcoholic beverage" shall mean any spirituous, vinous, malt, or fermented liquor, liquid, compound, or mixture, whether medicated, proprietary, patented or not, and by whatever name designated, containing one-half of one percent of more of alcohol by volume and which is capable of being used for beverage purposes.
(u) Ride, drive or propel into or upon any roadway, path or way, in any public park or recreation ground within the City any vehicle, device or other equipment, including a bicycle, when there shall be posted at the entrance to any such road, roadway, path or way a notice or sign to the effect that the same is closed to vehicles, placed by the order of the Recreation, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director.
(v) To play any drum."
SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or paragraphs of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance. The City of Inglewood hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause and paragraph hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the foregoing sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the approval, passage and adoption of this Ordinance by the City Council and shall cause the same to be published in accordance with the City Charter; and thirty days from the final passage and adoption, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2021

James T. Butts, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Aisha L. Thompson, City Clerk
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  )
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)   SS.
CITY OF INGLEWOOD    )

I, AISHA L. THOMPSON, City Clerk of the City of Inglewood, California do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the CITY COUNCIL of said city is five; that the foregoing ordinance being Ordinance No. 21-06 is the full, true and correct original of Ordinance No. 21-06 of the said City of Inglewood, California entitled;

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which was duly passed and adopted by the said City Council, approved and signed by the Mayor of said city, and attested by the City Clerk of said City, all at a meeting of said Council held on the 6th day of April, 2021 and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members, Dotson, Padilla, Morales, Faulk and Mayor Butts, Jr.; and

Noes: None.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said City the 8th day of April, 2021.

(SEAL)

City Clerk of the City of Inglewood