ORDINANCE NO. 22-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA
ADDING ARTICLE 5.1 TO CHAPTER 8 OF THE INGLEWOOD
MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING PEDICABS AND AMENDING
OTHER RELEVANT MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Inglewood is a gateway to major commercial centers
that is directly accessible to the Los Angeles International Airport and future light rail
stations; and

WHEREAS, the City’s unique position on the shore of the Pacific Rim makes it
a premier location for tourists and visitors to its various event hubs like the Forum, SoFi
Stadium, Hollywood Park Casino, and future Intuit Dome; and

WHEREAS, the City’s streets are heavily utilized by motor vehicles and bicycle
traffic; and

WHEREAS, pedicabs have grown in popularity as a form of transportation for
hire, particularly amongst the tourist population; and

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code section 21 provides that the provisions of the
California Vehicle Code are applicable and uniform throughout the state and in all cities
located therein, and a local authority shall not enact or enforce any ordinance on matters
covered by the Vehicle Code unless expressly authorized by said code; and

WHEREAS, Vehicle Code sections 21100(n), 21215, 21215.2, and 21215.5
impose certain regulations on the operation of pedicabs and give a city the authority to
adopt even more stringent operating and equipment requirements than those imposed by
state law; and

WHEREAS, the licensing and regulation of pedicab operations is necessary to
ensure safe, quality pedicab services, mitigate negative impacts on traffic circulation,
and promote the general welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1.  Inglewood Municipal Code section 8-53.3 is amended as follows:

“Section 8-53.3. Category 3-$100.00

(1) Automobile dealer, used; or not under contract with manufacturer.
(2) Auto wrecking yard.
(3) Concert—"rock type."
(4) Dance hall or night clubs where dancing is permitted.
(5) Horse race information-(off race track premises).
(6) Live entertainment in night clubs or eating establishments.
(7) Pari mutuel agency.
(8) Pawn shop, secondhand dealer.
(9) Private investigation services and security patrol.
(10) Pool hall.
(11) Jazz festivals, concerts and similar events at the amphitheater at Edward Vincent Jr. Park.
(12) Pedicabs.”

SECTION 2.  A new Article 5.1 Pedicabs is added to Chapter 8 Businesses, Trades and Professions of the Inglewood Municipal Code to read as follows:

“Article 5.1 Pedicabs

Section 8-85. Definitions

The following words or phrases as used in this Article shall have the following meanings.

“Darkness” is any time from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise and any other time when visibility is not sufficient to render clearly discernible any person or vehicle on the street at a distance of 1,000 feet.

“Operate” means to pedal, steer, use the brakes, or otherwise control a pedicab.

“Owner” means any person who owns a pedicab.
“Pedicab” means a bicycle, including an electric bicycle, that has three or more wheels, that transports, or is capable of transporting, passengers on seats attached to the rear of the bicycle, that is operated by a person, and that is being used for transporting passengers for hire within the City of Inglewood.

“Pedicab decal” means a nontransferable decal issued by the City to a pedicab owner for display on the pedicab to indicate that the pedicab is permitted to operate within the City.

“Pedicab operator” or “operator” means a person who pedals, steers, uses the brakes, or otherwise controls a pedicab.

“Pedicab owner permit” means the permit issued by the City to a pedicab owner to indicate that the pedicab is permitted to drive and operate within the City.

Section 8-85.1. Rules and Regulations. Pedicab Owner Permit.

(a) A pedicab owner shall not operate a pedicab, nor allow their pedicab to be operated within the City unless the owner has a valid business tax certificate and pedicab owner permit issued in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Inglewood Municipal Code. A pedicab owner must obtain a separate permit and decal for each pedicab that the owner operates within the City. Pedicab owner permits are the property of the City and are not transferable to another person.

(b) The Permits and Licenses Committee is authorized to adopt rules and regulations consistent with this Code and necessary to implement this Article. Such rules and regulations may include, but are not limited to, provisions governing pedicab service and safety, pedicab vehicle equipment standards, conditions and qualifications of applicants for pedicab owner permits, and the responsibilities of the pedicab owner and pedicab operator.

Section 8-85.2. Insurance and Indemnification Requirements.

(a) Insurance. Prior to the issuance of a pedicab owner permit, the permit applicant must submit proof of insurance as required and determined by the City
Attorney at the time of application. A pedicab owner shall maintain such insurance in
full force and effect, at no cost to the City, during the term of a pedicab owner permit.

(b) Indemnification. Prior to the issuance of a pedicab owner permit, the
permit applicant must sign an agreement to reimburse the City for any costs incurred by
it in repairing damage to City property occurring in connection with the operation of
permittee’s pedicabs proximately caused by the actions of the permittee, its officers,
employees, agents, customers, or any person who was under the permittee’s control
insofar as permitted by law. The agreement shall also provide that the permittee hold
harmless, indemnify, and defend, the City, its officials, officers, agents, employees, and
volunteers against any claims, costs, damages, demands, liability and notices, or any of
these, arising or resulting from any damage or injury proximately caused by actions of
the permittee in connection with the operation of permittee’s pedicabs, regardless of
whether the City is actively or passively negligent, except those claims, costs, damages,
demands, liability and notices, or any of these, caused solely by the negligence or willful
misconduct of the City.

Section 8-85.3. Pedicab Operations.

(a) A pedicab operator shall:

(1) Keep pedicabs within its fleet in clean and sanitary conditions, and be free
from mechanical or safety defects;

(2) Make pedicabs within its fleet available for inspections at reasonable times
by the City, including for annual inspections;

(3) Operate in compliance with local and state laws applicable to pedicabs
and pedicab operations; and

(4) Annually report to the Department of the California Highway Patrol any
accidents caused or experienced by the pedicabs.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to:

(1) Operate a pedicab, if said person is under 18 years of age;

(2) Operate a pedicab without a valid California driver’s license;
(3) Operate a pedicab in any manner that impedes or blocks the normal or reasonable movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic unless such operation is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law or under the direction of law enforcement personnel;

(4) Load or unload pedicab passengers on roadways or in the middle of roadways;

(5) Operate a pedicab on any street with a posted speed limit in excess of thirty miles per hour, except to cross the street at an intersection;

(6) Operate a pedicab in a manner that results in damage to property;

(7) Operate a pedicab while carrying a number of passengers that exceeds the number of available seats;

(8) Operate a pedicab without having all passengers be restrained by seatbelts;

(9) Operate a pedicab without having a City-approved insurance policy in full force and effect at all times during the operation of the pedicab;

(10) Operate a pedicab that has broken or inactive equipment, or is otherwise in an unsafe operating condition;

(11) Advertise or otherwise hold itself out as providing pedicab services within the City, unless such person is operating pursuant to City issued permit;

(12) Refuse to comply with a lawful order from a City official charged with enforcement of this Chapter,

c. A pedicab shall:

(1) Be of a single frame construction and reasonably clean and safe, so as not to injure or damage the person, clothing or possessions of a passenger;

(2) Have an exterior reasonably clean, free of cracks, breaks and major dents, and treated or painted for adequate weather protection and a neat and clean appearance;

(3) Be equipped with working seat belts for all passengers, seat backs, and grab rails;

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(4) Be equipped with battery-powered headlights and taillights, with taillights mounted at the same level on the right and left exterior, red in color and plainly visible from all distances within five hundred feet to the rear of the pedicab;

(5) Be equipped with turn signals visible from the front and rear of the pedicab;

(6) Be equipped with hydraulic or mechanical disk brakes;

(7) Be equipped with spoke reflectors on each wheel, and tape type reflectors showing the front and back width of the pedicab;

(8) Have permanently and clearly affixed company name and phone number on the exterior in easy to read lettering at least two inches tall; and

(9) Have clearly affixed fare schedule signs, in easy to read lettering at least one inch tall, including all applicable fares and charges, including minimums, distance, time, tour or other charges.

Section 8-85.4. Fare Schedule.

Every pedicab operated under this Article shall display the rates to be charged for the pedicab service that meets the size, format and location requirements set forth by the rules and regulations adopted by the City’s Permits and Licenses Committee. The rates shall be visible to all passengers in the pedicab and no pedicab operator shall charge a passenger a fare greater than the fare posted on the pedicab.

Section 8-85.5. Enforcement.

(a) Any person violating any provision of this Article is guilty of an infraction or a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Inglewood Municipal Code section 1-18. Where the violation is of a continuing nature, each day that the violation continues constitutes a separate and distinct violation.

(b) Any person violating any provision of this Article shall be subject to administrative fines and penalties pursuant to this Code.

(c) The remedies specified in this Section are cumulative and their specification shall not preclude the use of any other remedy provided by law.”
SECTION 3. 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 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. 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 24th day of May, 2022.

James T. Butts, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:
Angela Allen, Acting City Clerk
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  )
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)        SS.
CITY OF INGLEWOOD         )

I, ANGELA ALLEN, Acting 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. 22-10 is the full, true and correct original of Ordinance No. 22-10 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 24th day of May, 2022 and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:

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

Noes: None; and

Absent: Council Member Dotson.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said City the 24th day of May, 2022.

(SEAL)

Acting City Clerk of the City of Inglewood