

# **CITY CHARTER**

# **CITY OF INGLEWOOD**

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## FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

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April 9, 1963	April 21, 1963	Art. XIII
		Art. XXXVI, Sec. 10
June 2, 1964	January 13, 1965	Art. V, Sec. 4
June 7, 1966	June 29, 1966	Art. V, Sec. 4
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April 6, 1971	July 19, 1971	Art. VII, Sec. 3
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**CHARTER OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME AND SUCCESSION**

**SECTION 1:** The municipal corporation now existing and known as the "City of Inglewood," California, shall remain and continue a body politic and corporate in fact and in law by the name as at present of "City of Inglewood," and by such name shall have perpetual succession.

**ARTICLE II  
BOUNDARIES**

**SECTION 1:** The boundaries of the said City of Inglewood shall continue as now established until changed as authorized by law.

**ARTICLE III  
POWERS OF THE CITY**

**SECTION 1:** The City of Inglewood, as successor in interest to the municipal corporation of the same name heretofore created and existing, shall have, own, hold, possess, control, and in every way succeed to, and become the owner of all rights, titles, claims and interests, and all property of every kind and nature whatsoever, both real and personal, by said existing municipal corporation had, owned, held, possessed, claimed or controlled, and shall in every way have power to use, lease, manage and sell or otherwise dispose of the same, and shall be subject to each and all of the debts, obligations, liabilities, dues and duties of said existing municipal corporation.

**SECTION 2:** The said City of Inglewood shall have, possess and exercise all powers, privileges and rights vested in said City of Inglewood under the constitution of the state of California, the laws of said state, and this charter, and said city shall have all powers which a municipal corporation may lawfully possess or exercise under the constitution of said state.

**SECTION 3:** The said City of Inglewood shall have the right, authority and power to make and enforce all laws and regulations in respect to municipal affairs, subject only to the restrictions and limitations provided in this charter; provided however, that nothing herein contained shall ever be construed to

prevent or restrict said city from exercising any and all rights, powers and privileges hereby, or heretofore or hereafter granted or prescribed by the general laws of said state; and provided further that where the general laws of said state provide a procedure for the carrying out and enforcement of any rights or powers belonging to said city, such procedure shall control and be followed, unless a different procedure shall have been provided in this charter, or by ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** The City of Inglewood, in addition to any other rights and powers now held by it, or that hereafter may be granted to it, under the constitution or laws of the state of California, subject to the restrictions in this charter contained, and without in any way, or to any extent, limiting the powers in this charter conferred or mentioned, and for the purpose of removing all doubt concerning the exercise of the powers hereinafter expressly mentioned, shall have power:

**FIRST:** To have perpetual succession.

**SECOND:** To have and use a corporate seal, and by ordinance to alter it at pleasure.

**THIRD:** To sue and be sued in all courts and places, and in all actions and proceedings whatsoever.

**FOURTH:** To levy and collect taxes, and to levy and collect license taxes, for both regulation and revenue.

**FIFTH:** To borrow money, incur municipal indebtedness, and issue bonds or other evidence of such indebtedness.

**SIXTH:** To make contracts.

**SEVENTH:** To acquire by purchase, gift, bequest or devise, or condemnation, or by any other manner sanctioned by law, within and without the boundaries of said city, property, both real and personal, of every kind and nature whatsoever, for all purposes.

**EIGHTH:** To acquire by and of said means above stated, and to establish, maintain, equip, own and operate, either within or without the boundaries of said city, telephone and telegraph systems, street railways, ships or vessels, motor transports and busses, airplanes, dirigibles, and all manner of aircraft, or other means of transportation, warehouses, free public markets, waterworks, filtration plants, gas works, electric light, heat and power works, underground or overhead conduit systems, and any other works necessary or convenient to a public utility, or to carrying

on the business of such utility, and pipe lines for transporting oil and gas; and to join with any other city or cities, district, or county, in the acquisition, construction, completion and maintenance of the same.

**NINTH:** To have the power by ordinance to take out a permit or lease under the regulations concerning oil and gas permits and leases and rights-of -way for oil and gas pipe lines, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the regulations of the Department of the Interior, General Land office of the United States of America, as authorized by acts of Congress.

**TENTH:** To improve streams and channels flowing in or through said city, or adjoining the same, and to widen, straighten and deepen such channels and streams, and remove obstructions therefrom, and to construct and maintain embankments and other works to protect the said city, or any portion thereof, from overflow and storm water.

**ELEVENTH:** To furnish the said city, or its inhabitants, or persons without the boundaries of said city, with water, gas, electricity, telephone, telegraph, information or entertainment, heat, illumination, refrigeration or power service in any of their respective forms, or any other public utility service or commodity whatsoever, and whether by means of pipes, wires, conduits, waves, beams or other means of transmission or service.

**TWELFTH:** To have, own, hold, possess, use, control and manage property, both real and personal, of every, kind and nature, for any and all purposes whatsoever.

**THIRTEENTH:** To lease, sell, convey and dispose of any and all property herein mentioned or referred to, for the common benefit.

**FOURTEENTH:** To acquire, construct, complete, conduct, operate and maintain: parks, playgrounds, markets, baths, public halls, shelters, auditoriums, libraries, museums, art galleries, hospitals, sanitariums, gymnasiums, stadiums, coliseums, airports and landing fields for airplanes, dirigibles and aircraft of all sorts, and adequate housing and buildings, tools and equipment, apparatus and paraphernalia necessary or useful in connection therewith; radio transmitting and receiving stations of all kinds, and appurtenances necessary or convenient to be owned or used in connection therewith; and any and all buildings, establishments, institutions and places, and whether situated inside or outside of the boundaries of said city, and which are necessary or convenient or useful in or for the transaction of public business, or for promoting the health, morals, education, peace or welfare of the



inhabitants of said city or for the amusement, recreation, entertainment or benefit of the inhabitants and public of said city; together with any and all equipment, apparatus, tools, food stuffs, medicines, supplies and paraphernalia of any and every kind or nature whatsoever, necessary or useful in connection with any or all thereof.

**FIFTEENTH:** To regulate, discontinue and/or exclude cemeteries within the boundaries of said city.

**SIXTEENTH:** To regulate the entrances to and the exits from all theaters, lecture rooms, public halls, schools, churches and public buildings of every kind, and to regulate and prevent the placing of seats, chairs, benches, or other obstructions in the halls, aisles or other passageways therein.

**SEVENTEENTH:** To regulate or prohibit the operation of blasts and blasting, the drilling for oil or gas, or other hydrocarbon substance, and the construction and operation of derricks, windlasses, or other structures, apparatus and operations hazardous to life and/or property within said city; and to regulate the installation and operation, and provide for the inspection of freight and passenger elevators, boilers, engines, dynamos, and other apparatus for generating steam, electricity or other power or heat within the said city.

**EIGHTEENTH:** To regulate hotels, lodging houses, tenements, apartment and boarding houses, and to prevent the overcrowding of the same, and to require the same to be put and kept in safe and sanitary condition.

**NINETEENTH:** To provide for the inspection and regulation of all dairies within the boundaries of said city, and to provide for the inspection and regulation of all dairies outside the boundaries of said city that offer for sale or sell, either directly or indirectly, any of their products within the said city.

**TWENTIETH:** To provide for the naming of streets and public places, and the numbering of houses, within said city, and to regulate or prohibit the exhibition or placing of banners, flags, placards, signs, advertising matter or posters, in, upon or across the public streets and sidewalks, or other public places within the said city.

**TWENTY-FIRST:** To regulate or prohibit the making up of railroad or railway trains upon any of the streets, street crossings, or street intersections within the said city; to establish stands for busses, taxicabs, public carriages, express wagons and other public vehicles for hire, and to regulate the

charges for the use of any of such busses, taxicabs, public carriages, express wagons and other public vehicles, and require schedules for such charges to be posted in or upon such public vehicles.

**TWENTY-SECOND:** To prohibit injury to, or interference with, trees, plants, shrubbery and ornamental growths in the public streets and places of said city, and to prescribe the punishment for such injury and interference.

**TWENTY-THIRD:** To grant the right to erect, construct, string or lay telegraph, telephone and electric light and power wires, and to install conduits for transmitting electrical or other energy for lighting or power purposes, or pipe lines for transporting water, oil, gas or steam under the public streets or highways of said city; provided, however, that all such rights and franchises shall be granted subject to the restrictions and limitations in this charter contained relating to the granting of franchises.

**TWENTY-FOURTH:** To restrain and prevent diseased, blind, maimed, crippled, injured, or other similarly unfortunate persons, from displaying their infirmities upon or in the public streets and places of said city for the purpose of receiving the alms, gifts or donations, and to properly care for and aid such diseased, blind, maimed, crippled, injured or similarly unfortunate persons from the general municipal revenues of said city.

**TWENTY-FIFTH:** To regulate speaking in the public streets and/or places and gathering therein, and to regulate and/or prohibit the exhibition or carrying in parades, or otherwise, of any placard, banner or advertisement, and the distribution of dodgers or handbills in the public streets, grounds or places within said city; to regulate or prohibit traffic in goods, wares or merchandise, or sales in the public streets, grounds or places; and to prevent encroachments upon or obstructions in, to or of the public streets, avenues, alleys and ways, and to require the abatement and removal of all such encroachments and obstructions.

**TWENTY-SIXTH:** To prevent any and all drunkenness, offensive, immoral, indecent and disorderly conduct and practices in said city; and to restrain and prohibit all kinds and descriptions of gambling, and all gambling devices and practices; all playing of cards, dice and other games of chance for the purpose of gambling, and the keeping or operating of card machines, slot machines, or other contrivances or apparatus or devices, upon or into which money or anything is staked, hazarded, deposited or paid upon chance; and to prohibit the making or selling of pools on races, games or other exhibitions, and to authorize the confiscation and destruction of all instruments, apparatus and paraphernalia used

for the purpose of gambling; and to restrain and punish vagrants, mendicants, lewd persons, lascivious persons and prostitutes.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH:** To make any and all restrictions which may be necessary, convenient, expedient or advisable for the preservation of the public health and the suppression of diseases; to make any and all regulations necessary, convenient, expedient or advisable to prevent the introduction of contagious, infectious or other diseases into said city; to make quarantine laws and regulations, and to enforce the same within the said city; to regulate, control and prevent the entry into said city of any person or persons, baggage, goods, wares or merchandise, or other property, infected with any contagious disease.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH:** To prohibit and punish cruelty to animals and fowls within said city, and to require the places where they are kept to be maintained in a clean, healthful and sanitary condition.

**TWENTY-NINTH:** To acquire, construct, complete and maintain any and all works necessary or convenient for, or useful in the disposal of sewage, garbage, rubbish and waste matter of any and all kinds, and to construct, own, maintain and operate sewers, sewer farms, sewage disposal plants, and all machinery, apparatus and equipment necessary or convenient so to do; to construct, own, maintain and operate incinerating plants and garbage reduction plants, and to join with any other city or cities, or county, or sanitation district, in the acquisition, construction, completion, maintenance and operation of any such works, farms or plants.

**THIRTIETH:** To provide for the care, housing and sustenance of indigent, aged and/or helpless persons within said city.

**THIRTY-FIRST:** To regulate travel and traffic in and upon the public streets, avenues, highways, alleys and places within the said city, and to establish boulevards and main arteries of traffic, and to regulate and control traffic thereon.

**THIRTY-SECOND:** To regulate the speed of railway engines, cars, trains and equipment, and of street cars and street railway apparatus or equipment, and of all public busses and conveyances passing through or operating within said city; to require railroad companies and street railway companies either to station flagmen, or place sufficient automatic warning signals and signaling bells, or other warning devices, at crossings; and to require street cars and public conveyances to be provided with suitable fenders and/or other appliances for the protection of the public.

**THIRTY-THIRD:** To regulate the operation of all manner and types of aircraft, whether heavier than air or otherwise and whether for the carrying of passengers or freight; in or over any part of said city; to provide for municipal inspection of all types of aircraft within the said city, at the cost of the city or the owners, operators or pilots thereof; to prohibit the operation of any and all type of aircraft in or over the city unless the same shall have been first approved as to safety and airworthiness, and a permit issued for such operation, by designated municipal of Inglewood authorities; to designate fields or stations at which any such aircraft, may be lawfully landed; and to prescribe the respective minimum heights at which any and all types of aircraft may be operated over said city, and which, as prescribed from time to time, shall be observed, except when such aircraft is being operated in the immediate act of either taking off or landing.

**THIRTY-FOURTH:** To regulate and control the carrying of freight and/or passengers, whether for hire or otherwise, in or through any part of said city, on, along or upon any and all of the public streets, avenues, highways, alleys, ways or places therein.

**THIRTY-FIFTH:** To regulate or prohibit the sale, keeping, storing and use of gasoline, dynamite, powder, petroleum, fireworks, nitroglycerin, and all other explosive or highly combustible materials and substances, and the place of manufacture or storage thereof, and their transportation; and to regulate the keeping or storing of hay, straw, excelsior, and other highly inflammable materials.

**THIRTY-SIXTH:** To make, adopt and enforce any and all necessary, advisable or convenient rules and regulations for the protection of persons and property within the said city from fire, floods, riots and other public calamities, and to make, adopt and enforce all such local, police, sanitary and other rules or regulations as are deemed expedient to establish, preserve and maintain the public peace, protect life and property, promote the public morals and welfare, and preserve the health and well-being of the inhabitants and public of said city.

**THIRTY-SEVENTH:** The City of Inglewood shall have the right, authority, and power to acquire, organize, equip and maintain a full and complete fire department, together with all necessary, usual and convenient appurtenances, and to make any and all regulations necessary, advisable, and convenient for the prevention and combating of fire. A full and complete fire department shall mean the existence, operation and maintenance of at least four separate and distinct fire stations within the boundaries of the city. The stations shall be staffed by no less than the minimum number of firefighters which staff said fire stations at the time

of the adoption of this charter amendment. Each station shall be equipped with a comprehensive paramedic program capable of responding to emergency calls within three minutes of dispatch and transporting at least two patients at a time.

Any transfer or consolidation of the city=s fire department functions, emergency medical service, paramedic program, hazardous materials protection service, city owned property, vehicles, equipment, departmental assets, or personnel committed to the prevention and combating of fire to, or with a state, county, or city government shall become effective only if accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 4, Power 89 of the City Charter.

**Amended by Election November 3, 1998**

**THIRTY-EIGHTH:** To grant permits, except when prohibited by this charter or the constitution or laws of the state of California, to any person, firm or corporation to use the public streets, avenues, ways, highways, alleys, places or public property of said city, upon such terms and conditions as the council may by ordinance prescribe, and which said permits shall be revocable by the council at any time without notice.

**THIRTY-NINTH:** To regulate, establish and change from time to time the rates and charges to be imposed and collected by any person, firm or corporation for any commodity or service rendered under, pursuant to or in connection with any franchise, permit or license heretofore or hereafter granted by said city, or any authority thereof, provided that the same is not inconsistent with the provisions of this charter or the constitution or laws of the state of California.

**FORTIETH:** To receive and use any and all kinds of devises, bequests, trusts, gifts, and/or donations, of any and all kinds of property, whether in fee simple, in trust, or otherwise, and whether for charitable, educational or other purposes; and to do and perform any and all acts and things necessary, advisable or convenient to carry out the purposes or requirements of such devices, bequests, trusts, gifts or donations, and with full power to manage, control, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the same, in accordance with the respective terms and conditions of any such devises, bequests, trusts, gifts or donations, or absolutely, in case the same be unconditional.

**FORTY-FIRST:** To regulate and limit the height and bulk of buildings or structures hereafter erected, and of additions to buildings or structures already erected, within said city, and to regulate and determine the area of yards, courts and other open

spaces within said city, and for such purposes to divide said city into districts. Such regulations, limitations and determinations shall be uniform for each class of buildings or structures throughout any district, but the regulations, limitations and determinations in one or more districts may differ from those in other districts. Such regulation shall be designed to secure safety from fire and other dangers, and to protect and promote the public health and welfare, including so far as conditions may permit, provisions for adequate light, air and convenience of access, and shall be made with reasonable regard to the character of the buildings or structures erected in each district, the value of the land involved, and the use to which it may be put, to the end that such regulations, limitations or determinations may promote the public peace, health, safety and/or welfare of said city and its inhabitants.

**FORTY-SECOND:** To regulate and control the construction and manner of construction of, and materials used in, any and all buildings, chimneys, stacks and other structures of every kind and nature whatsoever within the said city; to prevent the erection and/or maintenance of insecure or unsafe buildings, walls, chimneys, stacks, or other structures, and to provide for their summary and immediate abatement, demolition or destruction; to prescribe the depths of cellars and basements, and materials used in, and the method of construction of, foundations and foundation walls, and the manner of construction and the location of drains and sewers' and the character of the materials used therein; to prescribe, determine and regulate the materials used in and the thickness and construction of party walls, partitions and outside walls; the thickness and construction of chimneys; the construction and character of bathrooms, water closets, privies and vaults, and, the manner of the materials used in plumbing for sanitary or drainage or other purposes; and the manner of the materials used in the wiring of buildings or other structures for the use of electricity for lighting, power or other purposes, and to prescribe, determine and regulate the manner of and materials used for piping buildings or other structures for the purpose of supplying the same with water and/or gas, and to prohibit the construction or maintenance of buildings and structures which do not conform to such regulations.

**FORTY-THIRD:** To require the owners, lessees or occupants of buildings or other structures within said city to place upon or in them fire escapes and appliances for protection against the extinguishment of fire.

**FORTY-FOURTH:** To prevent the construction of, and to cause the removal of, insecure or dangerous chimneys, fireplaces, hearths, stoves, stove pipes, ovens, boilers, apparatus and machinery used or installed in any building in said city, and to regulate the carrying on of industries, or businesses, or factories which from their nature, or on account of the commodities handled, are liable to cause fire; prevent the distribution of ashes, or other objectionable materials, or the accumulation of shavings, rubbish, refuse or combustible materials in unsafe places, or in any place in which the same will constitute a fire menace, and to make any and all provisions necessary or convenient to guard and protect against fire.

**FORTY-FIFTH:** To lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of, any public utility owned by the said city; provided, however, that no such public utility, or substantial portion thereof, so owned, shall be sold, leased, or otherwise transferred, without the assent of two-thirds of the qualified voters of said city voting on the proposition at an election at which such propositions shall be submitted.

**FORTY-SIXTH:** To prohibit in and exclude from said city such trades, vocations, hospitals, institutions, asylums, callings, businesses, or industries as the city council may by ordinance from time to time determine or declare to be nuisances, or obnoxious, dangerous or offensive to human beings.

**FORTY-SEVENTH:** To join with one or more cities, counties, sanitation districts or improvement districts incorporated or organized under the constitution and/or laws of the state of California, in order to acquire, construct, complete, develop, maintain and use sewers, sewer out falls and sewage disposal plants, and a source or sources of water supply for municipal and domestic purposes, and to construct any and all works necessary for their joint and several purposes, uses and needs, and to unite with such other cities, counties and/or districts in bond issues therefor.

**FORTY-EIGHTH:** To acquire, establish and maintain a pound; to regulate and prevent the running at large of dogs, or other animals, and of fowls; to provide for the impounding and disposing of such dogs, animals or fowls; to provide for the destruction of vicious dogs, or other vicious or obnoxious animals, whether impounded or not; to require the payment of license fees by the owners or persons having the possession of dogs, and such other animals as the council may by ordinance prescribe, and to impose penalties upon such persons for refusing to pay such license fees.

**FORTY-NINTH:** To license, regulate, and when deemed necessary by the council, in order to preserve the public peace, health, welfare, or safety of the public, or inhabitants, of said city, to prohibit any and all public exhibitions, shows, games, amusements or meetings of any nature, excepting only meetings of the council of said city.

**FIFTIETH:** To provide at the beginning of the fiscal year hereafter an emergency fund of fifteen hundred dollars, which may be used or expended at the sole instance and direction of the mayor, to be paid out from time to time upon his itemized demands, for any purpose or emergency connected with the affairs of his office or of said city, and to reimburse said executive for any reasonable expenditures made by him in the discharge of his duties, such as the entertainment of visitors and officials to the said city, stenographic fees, the investigation of conditions which in the opinion of said official require investigation therein, and the securing of any other service or thing required by said official in or about the duties of his office. At the beginning of each succeeding fiscal year thereafter said fund shall be replenished to the full extent of any withdrawals made therefrom during the preceding fiscal year and such respective succeeding funds shall be subject to the use or expenditure of the mayor as provided for in the case of said first fund.

**Amended by election November 5, 1968.**

**Approved by State Legislature February 6, 1969.**

**FIFTY-FIRST:** To cause and require the removal from above ground and the placing underground of any and all telephone, telegraph, electric light, electric power, or other wires, or cables, or conduits, or conductors, within the said city, or within any designated portion thereof, and to regulate the location and placing of poles, and the suspending of wires, cables or ropes, or other conductors, along or across any of the public streets, avenues, highways, lanes, alleys, ways and public places within said city.

**FIFTY-SECOND:** To require persons, firms and/or public service or other corporations excavating in public streets or alleys for any purpose whatsoever, to secure a permit so to do before commencing any such excavating, and to repave or replace the excavated portion with the same class of materials and in the same manner that existed prior to such excavation; and to require such persons, firms and/or corporations, before receiving any such permit, to give such bonds, or deposit such moneys, as the council may prescribe, as a guarantee of the faithful performance of such work, the refilling of such excavation, the restoration of the surface to its condition as it existed immediately prior to the making of such excavation, and that said work will be completed to the satisfaction of the street superintendent of said city.



In the event of any default by any such person, firm or corporation in any particular in any obligation herein contemplated on the part of such person, firm or corporation to be performed, or upon request of such person, firm or corporation, or on order of the council of said city, the street superintendent shall cause such work of refilling and restoration of surface to be performed and completed by the street department of said city, and the cost thereof shall be deducted from, and paid to said city out of, the principal sum of any such bond, or deposit, or paid to said city by such person, firm or corporation.

**FIFTY-THIRD:** To provide for the collection and disposal within said city of garbage, ashes, animal and vegetable refuse, dead animals, filth, tin cans, combustible rubbish, semi-combustible rubbish, non-combustible rubbish, and waste matter of all kinds.

**FIFTY-FOURTH:** To prohibit and prevent any person, firm or corporation from filling in, obstructing or placing any obstruction in any natural water course, waterway or channel, within said city, in such a-manner as to cause storm waters to flood, flow upon or damage any public street, lane, alley, place, park or public property of any kind within the said city, and to require that any and all such channels, waterways or water courses be opened and be kept open at all times.

**FIFTY-FIFTH:** To make regulations requiring the owner or owners of real property bordering or fronting upon any public street, avenue, lane, alley, way or other public place, in which there exists a public sewer, or a public water main, or public gas main, or other public utility mains or conduits, to connect therewith their several premises by proper laterals or connections, to each lot, provided, however, that there shall be at least one such lateral or connection of each class to and for each fifty feet of frontage of such premises, either before or at the same time such street, avenue, lane, alley, way or other public place, or the portion thereof upon which such property fronts, is substantially paved or otherwise substantially improved; and upon default of such owner or owners to cause such connections to be made before or at the same time such pavement or improvement is made, to cause such connections to be made by said city, and to make the cost thereof a lien and charge upon each property or premises so connected, and to make provision for the enforcement of such lien by sale of such premises.

**FIFTY-SIXTH:** To regulate the material, quality, size and location of all water pipes, gas pipes, mains, service pipes, fire plugs, and all other pipes and conduits of every kind constructed, laid, placed or installed in the public streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, ways or other public places within the said city, and to provide for and to regulate the construction, operation,

maintenance, use, repair removal and replacement of any and all such water pipes, gas pipes, mains, service pipes and fire plugs, and all other such pipes and conduits of every kind, and of all cisterns, pumps and other appliances requisite to effect or facilitate the transportation or distribution of water, gas, electricity, steam or other substance in the public streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, ways or other public places within the said city, and to require any person, firm or corporation seeking to install, use, operate, maintain, remove, repair or replace the same, or any portion thereof, before commencing any such work, to file an application for a written permit so to do, with a chart or map showing the material, size, character and location of the proposed installation or works; and no such installation or works shall be commenced until such written permit is granted.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH:** To assess, levy, collect and enforce assessments and special assessments for public or local or district improvements or work, and in the discretion of the council to contribute from the general or other municipal revenues or funds of the city towards the cost of maintenance of the same.

**FIFTY-EIGHTH:** (a) The "State Employees' Retirement Act," as now amended or as it may hereafter be amended, is hereby adopted for the City of Inglewood, and plenary authority and power is vested in said City, its Council, and its several officers, agents, and employees to do and perform any act, or exercise any authority granted, permitted, or required under the provisions of said Retirement Act, to enable said City to become a contracting city participating into the State Employees, Retirement System; provided, however, that the legislative body of the City may terminate any contract entered into with the Board of Administration of the State Employees' Retirement System only under authority granted by ordinance adopted by a majority vote of the electors, of the City of Inglewood.

(b) The limitations of subdivision EIGHTY-THIRD of Section 4 of this Article, with respect to the levy and collection of municipal taxes, shall not apply to any tax required to be levied to meet the obligations of the City to the State Employees, Retirement System.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, in the event that firefighting and EMS services are transferred from the Inglewood Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department a contract is authorized between the City and the Los Angeles County Fire Department providing retirement benefits for fire fighters.

**Amended by Election Nov. 7, 1944.  
Amendment approved Jan. 9, 1945, by Legislature.  
Amended by Election November 3, 1998**

**FIFTY-NINTH:** To exercise the right of eminent domain for the purpose of acquiring real and/or personal property of every kind whatsoever within and/or without the corporate limits of said city, necessary or convenient for the use of said city, or of the public or inhabitants thereof.

**SIXTIETH:** To create by ordinance offices other than those established by this charter or by the general law, whenever the public convenience or necessity, in the opinion of the majority of the members of the council, may require the same, and to prescribe the duties pertaining to the respective offices thus created, and to provide for the election or appointment, and the compensation of the officers to fill the same, and their respective assistants and employees.

**SIXTY-FIRST:** To establish and change the grade and/or curb lines, and lay out, open, extend, widen, straighten, change, close, vacate, abandon, pave, repave, surface or resurface, light, tunnel or retunnel, or otherwise in any manner whatsoever improve, re-improve, reconstruct, care for, or repair, or perform work of any kind in, upon or under, any and all public streets, avenues, ways, lanes, alleys, highways, and places, or portions thereof, within the said city; and to construct, reconstruct, repair, alter, remove and replace therein sewers, drains, conduits, culverts, improvements and works of any and all kinds and descriptions whatsoever, also to assess and levy special or district assessments to defray the whole or any part of the cost of such works or improvements; and also to provide for the repair, cleaning, and sprinkling of any and all such public streets, avenues, ways, alleys, lanes, highways and places; also to acquire, construct, complete, improve and maintain parks, parking and parkways, and to plant, care for, attend to and remove therefrom trees, shrubs, flowers, vines, grass, and ornamental growths of every kind whatsoever; also to acquire, construct, provide, complete, equip and maintain zoos, aviaries, aquariums, horticultural and botanical, and other interesting, educational or scientific exhibits and collections, whether composed of living things or otherwise; also to provide, acquire, construct, complete, equip and maintain athletic fields, bathing and swimming pools, lakes, boats and boat houses, golf courses, polo fields, tennis and other game courts, grounds and fields, and all classes of athletic, instructive, educational or recreational facilities for public use; also to acquire, provide and maintain any and all equipment, supplies, materials, apparatus and paraphernalia, necessary, convenient or useful in connection with the acquisition, construction, completion, use or maintenance of any and all of the properties, activities, matters or things hereinbefore in this section referred to.

**SIXTY-SECOND:** To define nuisances, and to prevent, remove and abate the same, and to provide that such nuisances may be removed or abated summarily, or otherwise, at the expense of person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations creating, causing, allowing, committing or maintaining such nuisance or nuisances, and for the collection of such expenses by suit against any such party or parties, and by ordinance to make the expense of such abatement a lien against the real property of each such nuisance so maintained, as well as to make such expense a personal obligation against the owner of said property.

**SIXTY-THIRD:** To provide for the creation, employment and maintenance of a municipal band.

**SIXTY-FOURTH:** To pass or adopt ordinances upon or concerning any subject of municipal regulation or control, and to carry into force and/or effect any and all powers of said city.

**SIXTY-FIFTH:** To make the violation of any provision or provisions of its ordinances, and/or this charter, a misdemeanor and to prescribe in such ordinances, forfeitures, penalties and punishments for the violation thereof, which punishment shall be by fine or imprisonment, or by both fine and imprisonment; but no such punishment shall exceed a fine of five hundred dollars, or six months imprisonment, or both.

**Amended by Election Apr. 14, 1959.**

**Approved by State Legislature May 4, 1959.**

**SIXTY-SIXTH:** To fix the fees, compensation and/or charges for any and all official services not otherwise provided for in this charter.

**SIXTY-SEVENTH:** To make rules and regulations governing elections within the said city, not inconsistent with this charter or the constitution of the state of California.

**SIXTY-EIGHTH:** The City of Inglewood shall have the right, authority and power to acquire, provide, organize, establish, equip and maintain a full and complete police department, together with all necessary, usual and convenient appurtenances, and to make any and all necessary, advisable or convenient regulations for the prevention and combating of crime, the detection, arrest and punishment of criminals, and the preservation of the public peace and safety.

Any transfer or consolidation of city police department functions, city owned property, vehicles, equipment, departmental assets, or personnel committed to the prevention and combating of

crime to, or with a state, county, or city government shall become effective only if accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 4, Power 89 of the City Charter.

**Amended by Election November 3, 1998**

**SIXTY-NINTH:** To establish a park commission, and to appoint commissioners thereon to serve without compensation, with such number of commissioners and such powers and duties as may be fixed by the council by ordinance.

**SEVENTIETH:** To establish a city planning commission, and to appoint commissioners thereon to serve without compensation, with such number of commissioners and such powers and duties as may be fixed by the council by ordinance.

**SEVENTY-FIRST:** To regulate, license or prohibit the construction and use of billboards and signs.

**SEVENTY-SECOND:**

**Repealed.**

**Amended by Election November 3, 1998**

**SEVENTY-THIRD:** To provide and maintain morgue.

**SEVENTY-FOURTH:** To provide suitable buildings, rooms and accommodations for all courts, departments, boards, officers and employees, together with all necessary attendants, furniture, fuel, light and stationery for the convenient transaction of business.

**SEVENTY-FIFTH:** To license for the purpose of revenue or regulation all and every kind of business, occupation and/or profession authorized by law and transacted or carried on in said city, and all shows, exhibitions and lawful games carried on therein, and to fix the rates of license tax upon the same, and to provide for the collection of the same by suit or otherwise.

**SEVENTY-SIXTH:** To make rules and regulations for the government of all servants, employees, officers and departments in said city, and to fix salaries and wages not otherwise provided for by this charter or by the general laws of the state of California.

**SEVENTY-SEVENTH:** To allow and order paid out of the authorized funds of said city the sums respectively chargeable thereto, the allowance of which is not otherwise provided for.

**SEVENTY-EIGHTH:** To provide for the sale at public auction, after five days, published notice, of any personal property unfit or unnecessary for the use of said city.

**SEVENTY-NINTH:** To provide for the purchase of property levied on under execution in favor of said city, but the amount bid on such purchase shall not exceed the amount of the judgment and costs.

**EIGHTIETH:** When authorized by law, and when the council shall by ordinance determine so to do, to acquire by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, and to establish, construct, maintain, equip, own and operate a complete public school system, including kindergartens and schools of all kinds, and including lands and buildings necessary or convenient or useful therefor, and also all apparatus, equipment, supplies and materials necessary, convenient or useful in conducting and operating the same, and to employ and pay any and all superintendents, teachers, janitors and other employees necessary or convenient in order to operate, maintain, conduct, and carry on the same, and to make any and all rules and regulations required or advisable respecting the same.

**EIGHTY-FIRST:** To purchase any public utility commodity, such as gas, water or electricity, and distribute the same to the inhabitants and public of said city.

**EIGHTY-SECOND:** To make contracts providing for payments as the work progresses, but no progressive payment under any such contract shall be for more than ninety per cent of the value of the labor done or materials actually incorporated or used in the work up to the time of such payment, nor shall any such contract provide for or authorize or permit the payment of more than ninety per cent of the contract price before the actual completion of the work to be done under said contract, and the acceptance thereof by the proper department board or council of said city.

**Amended by Election Apr. 12, 1955.  
Amendment approved May 13, 1955 by Legislature.**

**EIGHTY-THIRD:** To assess, levy, collect and enforce taxes upon property for municipal purposes, including music, entertainment and advertising; provided that the tax levied for any one year for all municipal purposes other than parks, libraries, schools, payment of interest on the municipal debt, redemption of and interest on Bonds, music, entertainment and advertising, shall not exceed one hundred cents on each one hundred dollars of the non-operative assessed value of said city; and provided further an additional assessment for parks, music, entertainment and advertising purposes not exceeding fifteen cents on each hundred dollars of such non-operative assessed value of said city, may be levied and collected each year over and above said sum of one hundred cents above referred to, in the same manner and at the same time as the general tax for municipal purposes is levied and collected. The taxes received from said additional levy of fifteen cents shall be expended only for the purposes hereinabove indicated, and in such proportion to each from year to year as the council may elect.

**EIGHTY-FOURTH:** To order the repayment to the persons entitled thereto by the treasurer of any taxes, percentages, expenses or costs erroneously or illegally collected.

**EIGHTY-FIFTH:** To issue bonds for any purpose for which the city is authorized to provide, or for carrying out any of the powers possessed by the city; provided that in the procedure for the creation and issuance of such bonded indebtedness the general laws of the state of California in force at the time such proceedings are taken shall be observed and followed.

**EIGHTY-SIXTH:** To provide for the inspection and sealing of all weights and measures used in said city, and to enforce the keeping and use by dealers of proper weights and measures, duly tested and sealed.

**EIGHTY-SEVENTH:** In the absence of any procedure for carrying out or effectuating any granted or implied power or authority of said city, the general laws of this state, where applicable, and where not inconsistent with any express provisions of this charter, shall prevail and shall be followed.

**EIGHTY-EIGHTH:** To district or zone the city in whole or in part for the purposes of municipal legislation applicable to any such zones or districts.

**EIGHTY-NINTH:** The power of the city to acquire, organize equip and maintain an independent and locally controlled Fire Department or Police Department, as set forth in, Article III, Section 4, Powers 37 and 68, shall not be revoked and transferred/consolidated unless at least two-thirds of those voting at an election called for that purpose shall have voted in favor of said revocation and transfer/consolidation or the City Council has voted by 4/5 majority to revoke and transfer/consolidate either or both of said powers.

In the event of such transfer or consolidation, all other provisions of this Charter inconsistent therewith shall be deemed repealed.

Any transfer or consolidation of Fire or Police Department functions with a state, county or city government shall be supported by (1) a detailed proposal which sets forth the annual costs to be paid by the city for receipt of service(s) (2) an objective and verifiable analysis of the state, county, or city proposal which unequivocally establishes a minimum of 25% savings to the City during the first year of operation, and (3) a proposal which restricts the annual increase on the charge for provision of services to the City to 3%.

Authority to transfer or consolidate said functions shall not be terminated or revoked unless at least two-thirds of those voting at an election called for that purpose shall have voted in favor of said termination or revocation.

Notwithstanding the provisions set forth above which relate to fire and police functions only, nothing contained herein shall in any way effect the ability of the City Council to transfer, consolidate or suspend any other functions of city government as it deems necessary to do in the course of conducting city business and in accordance with law.

**Amended by Election November 3, 1998**

**NINETIETH:** To exercise any and all municipal and/or police powers necessary to or convenient for the full and complete and efficient management and control of any and all municipal property, and for the efficient administration of the municipal government of said city, whether such powers are herein expressly enumerated or not.

**NINETY-FIRST:** To exercise the fullest measure of local self-government not in conflict with the constitution and laws of the state of California, and to exercise each and every one of the powers which a municipal corporation may now or hereafter exercise under the constitution of the state of California.

**NINETY-SECOND:** To do and perform any and all things and acts necessary or convenient in order to carry out or make effective or enjoy any and all of the rights, powers, objects and/or duties of said city.

**NINETY-THIRD:** Lastly, this grant of power is to be liberally construed for the purpose of promoting and securing the well-being of the municipality, its inhabitants and the public therein.

**ARTICLE IV  
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

**SECTION 1:** The officers of the City of Inglewood shall consist of a mayor, four members of the council, a city clerk, a city treasurer, a city attorney, a city engineer, a chief of police and a fire chief.

**Amended election 6-3-80.**

**SECTION 2:** The council shall by ordinance fix the salaries and compensation of all officers of the city, excepting only the mayor and councilmen, and may change the same from time to time. In the case of elective officers, however, the restrictions of the



Constitution of the State of California relating to the compensation of elective officers shall be observed. Said council may also by ordinance provide for any and all such other and additional subordinate boards, commissions, officers, assistants, deputies, clerks and employees, as such council may from time to time hereafter deem necessary, and fix their respective powers, duties and compensations. The council may appoint any person to more than one office or appointment, provided said council does not deem the duties of such officers or appointments to be in conflict, or the holding thereof by one person to be contrary to good public policy. If an elective officer of the city under the authority herein given, other than the mayor or councilmen, be appointed to hold any appointive office created herein, or created by ordinance as herein provided, he shall be entitled to receive as such appointive officer the salary or compensation attached to such appointive office in addition and without regard to his salary or compensation as an elective official; provided the duties of such appointive office or not such as he would reasonably be required to perform as such elective official.

**SECTION 3:** The mayor shall be elected from the city at large, and shall hold office for four years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

**SECTION 4:** The four members of the Council shall be elected by districts as follows:

(1) A councilman from District No. 1, which in the first instance is hereby established as all that portion of the City of Inglewood, California, included within the following described exterior boundary line, to wit: Beginning at a point in the easterly boundary line of the City of Inglewood where said boundary line intersects the northwesterly line of the right of way of the Redondo Branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway; thence southwesterly along said right of way line to a point where it meets the center line of Centinela Avenue, as Centinela Avenue is shown on Map of Tract No. 5076, recorded in Book 53, page 42 of Maps, Records of Los Angeles County, California, on file in the office of the County Recorder of said County; thence North 32 degrees 55 feet 30 inches West along the center line of Centinela Avenue to its intersection with the center line of Stepney Street, as Stepney Street is shown on Map of Tract No. 1453, as per map recorded in Book 20, Pages 122 and 123 of Maps, Records of Los Angeles County, California, on file in the office of the County Recorder of said County;

thence North 45 degrees 27 feet 26 inches West along the center line of Centinela Avenue a distance of 1054.42 feet; thence North 82 degrees 57 feet 52 inches West along the center line of Centinela Avenue to its intersection with the center line of Market Street (formerly Forest Street), as said Market Street is shown on Map of Tract No. 3650, recorded in Book 47, page 56 of Maps, Records of Los Angeles County, California, on file in the office of the County Recorder of said County; thence Southerly along the center line of said Market Street to its intersection with the center line of Centinela Avenue West of Market Street, as Centinela Avenue is shown on map on said Tract No. 3650; thence North 84 degrees 12 feet 5 inches West along the center line of Centinela Avenue to a point in the westerly boundary line of the city of Inglewood; thence Northerly, Easterly and Southerly along the boundary line of the City of Inglewood in all its various courses to the point of beginning.

(2) A councilman from District No. 2, which in the first instance is hereby established as all that portion of the City of Inglewood, California, included within the following described exterior boundary line, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the northwesterly line of the right of way of the Redondo Branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, where it meets the centerline of Centinela Avenue, as Centinela Avenue is shown on Map of Tract No. 5076, recorded in Book 53, page 42 of Maps, Records of Los Angeles County, California, on file in the office of the County Recorder of said County; thence N 32 degrees 55 feet 30 inches West along the center line of Centinela Ave. to its intersection with the center line of Stepney Street, as Stepney Street is shown on Map of Tract No. 1453, as per map recorded in Book 20, pages 122 and 123 of Maps, Records of Los Angeles County, California, on file in the office of the County Recorder of said County; thence North 45 degrees 27 feet 26 inches West along the center line of Centinela Avenue a distance of 1054.42 feet; thence North 82 degrees 57 feet 52 inches West along the center line of Centinela Avenue to its

intersection with the center line of Market Street (formerly Forest Street), as said Market Street is shown on Map of Tract No. 3650, recorded in Book 47, page 56 of Maps, Records of Los Angeles County, California, on file in the office of the County Recorder of said County; thence southerly along the center line of said Market Street to its intersection with the center line of Centinela Avenue west of Market Street, as Centinela Avenue is shown on Map of said Tract No. 3650; thence North 84 degrees 12 feet 5 inches West along the center line of Centinela Avenue to a point in the westerly boundary line of the City of Inglewood; thence southerly along said westerly boundary line to its intersection with the northwesterly line of the hereinbefore mentioned Railway right of way; thence northerly and easterly along said right of way line in all of its various curves and courses to the point of beginning.

**(3)** A councilman from District No. 3, which in the first instance is hereby established as all that portion of the City of Inglewood, California, included within the following described exterior boundary line, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the westerly boundary line of the City of Inglewood where it intersects the northwesterly line of the right of way of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway; thence easterly along said right of way line in all of its curves and courses to its intersection with the northerly prolongation of the center line between the tracks of the Los Angeles Railway Company located on Market Street; thence southerly along said prolongation and the center line between said tracks to a point in the southerly boundary line of the City of Inglewood; thence westerly along the boundary line of the City of Inglewood and following all its various courses and curves to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom any territory included within the said above described exterior boundary line, which is not a part of said City of Inglewood as the same now exists.

**(4)** A councilman from District No. 4, which in the first instance is hereby established as all that portion of the City of Inglewood,

California, included within the following described exterior boundary line, to wit: Beginning at a point in Market Street where the center line between the tracks of the Los Angeles Railway Company intersects the southerly boundary line of the city of Inglewood; thence northerly along the center line between said tracks in Market Street and the northerly prolongation thereof to a point where said prolongation intersects the northwesterly line of the Redondo Branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway; thence northerly, and easterly along said right of way line in all of its curves and courses to its intersection with the easterly boundary line of the City of Inglewood; thence southerly along the boundary line of the City of Inglewood and following all its courses to the point of beginning.

Excepting therefrom any territory included within the said above described exterior boundary line, which is not a part of said City of Inglewood as the same now exists.

**Section 5:** The members of the council shall hold office for four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

**Section 6:** The city clerk shall be elected from the city at large, and shall hold office for four years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

**Section 7:** The city treasurer shall be elected from the City at large, and shall hold office for four years, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

**Section 8:** All other offices, assistants, deputies, clerks, employees and servants shall be appointed as provided in this charter or as the council may provide by ordinance, in case no provision for their appointment is otherwise herein made, and they shall hold their respective offices or position at the pleasure of the appointing power, except as in this charter otherwise provided.

Where the appointment of any officer, assistant, deputy, clerk, employee or servant is vested in the council, or in any board or other body, the appointment and removal must be made by at least a three-fifths vote of the members of such body.

**Section 9:**

**Repealed**

**Amended by election November 5, 1996**

**Section 10:** In the event a vacancy occurs in an elective municipal office, the City Council shall immediately call a special election to fill the unexpired term, such election to be held within and not to exceed 120 days from the date of said vacancy.

Said special election may be consolidated with another election, conducted either totally or partially within the City within 180 days from the date of said vacancy.

Any person elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term and until his successor is qualified.

If the Council first determines and finds by Resolution that a temporary appointment is essential to the proper conduct of city business, the Council may appoint a person to fill any vacancy to serve until the special, general municipal or statewide election and until the person elected has qualified.

**Amended by election April 1, 1975.**

**Amendment approved by State Legislature April 15, 1975.**

**Amended by election November 5, 1996.**

**ARTICLE V**

**Legislative Body**

**Section 1:** The legislative body of said city shall consist of the mayor and four councilmen elected as in this charter provided, which body shall be known as the "Council".

**Section 2:** The president of the Board of Trustees of said city, the four other trustees of said city, the city clerk and the treasurer in office on the effective date of this charter shall respectively be the first mayor, four councilmen, city clerk and city treasurer of said city, under this charter, regardless of their respective places of residence within said city, and shall hold their respective offices as such until the election and qualification of their respective successors at the first municipal election held in said city after such effective date. Said council so constituted shall provide for the holding of the first election of officers under this charter; shall cause said election to be held on the second Tuesday in April, 1927; shall canvass the votes, and declare the result thereof. If for any reason this charter should not become effective at a date sufficiently in advance of

said second Tuesday in April, 1927, to permit the calling and holding of such election of said date, then and in that event said election shall be held on the sixtieth day, or next business day succeeding such sixtieth day in the event the same should fall upon a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, after the effective date of this charter. In making computation of time hereunder the day of taking effect shall be excluded and the day of the election shall be included.

**Section 3:** The respective terms of the first councilmen who shall be elected under the provisions of this charter shall be determined as follows: The two councilmen elected by the highest number of-votes shall hold office for the regular term of four years, and the two councilmen elected by the lowest number of votes shall hold office for a short term of two years, until the next general municipal election held in said city under this charter, and the election and qualification of their successors as such. In the event that two or more persons shall be elected as councilmen by the same number of votes, their respective terms shall be fixed by lot.

**Section 4:** The initial compensation of the four members of the City Council shall be set by ordinance and shall not exceed the average household income in Los Angeles County as determined by the 1990 U.S. Census. The compensation of the Mayor shall be not less than the compensation of a member of the City Council and not more than twice the compensation of a member of the City Council.

Thereafter, the compensation established pursuant to this Section may be increased from time to time in the manner provided for and subject to the limitations contained in general law relating to increases in compensation.

Until such time as the City Council enacts an ordinance establishing the compensation provided herein, the City Council shall receive the same compensation to which each and every member was entitled at the time of the adoption of this provision of the Charter.

**Amended by election November 5, 1996.**

**ARTICLE VI  
Powers, Duties and Meetings of the Council**

**Section 1:** Three members of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting, but less number may adjourn from time to time and may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance, and in the absence of the mayor and of all the councilmen from any meeting, the city clerk may declare the

same postponed and adjourned to a stated day and hour, and must thereupon give the mayor and each of the councilmen written notice of the date and time to which the meeting has been adjourned, which notice may be delivered personally to such mayor or councilman, or may be left at his known residence or place of business at least six hours before the time to which the meeting has been postponed.

**Section 2:** The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council and in case of his absence the council may appoint a mayor pro tempore and in case of the absence of the city clerk, any deputy or assistant city clerk may act as clerk, and in the absence of the said clerk or any of his deputies or assistants, the mayor or mayor pro tempore shall appoint one of the members of the council clerk pro tempore.

**Section 3:** The council shall be judge of the election and qualification of its members and of all election returns, and of the election and qualification of all elective officers, and shall hear and determine all contested elections of elective officers.

**Section 4:** The council may establish rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings and punish any member or other person for disorderly behavior or offensive conduct at any meeting, and may exclude any such other person from the meeting.

**Section 5:** The council shall cause the clerk to keep a correct record or journal of all their proceedings and on request of the mayor or any councilman, the ayes and noes shall be taken on any question and entered on such record or journal.

**Section 6:** Said council shall hold regular meetings at least once in each week, at such times as shall be fixed by it by ordinance, and may adjourn any such regular meeting to a time certain, which shall be specified in the order of adjourned, and when so adjourned, such adjourned meeting shall be a regular meeting for all purposes.

**Section 7:** Special meetings of the council may be called at any time by the mayor or by three councilmen by written notice delivered to the mayor and each member of the council at least three hours before the time specified for the proposed meeting, which notice may be delivered personally to the mayor or councilman, or may be left at his known residence or place of business.

**Section 8:** All meetings of the council shall be public, and shall be held within the corporate limits of said city, at such place as may be designated by ordinance.

**Section 9:** Said council shall have power to compel the attendance before it witnesses and the production of papers, documents, books and records in any matter under investigation by it.

**Section 10:** The council, subject to the express limitations of this charter, shall be the governing body of said city, and all legislative powers of said city, and all powers in this charter granted to and vested in said city of Inglewood, shall be vested in and exercised by the council; provided, that there is hereby reserved to the people of said city the right of initiative, referendum and recall as hereinafter provided for this charter.

**Section 11:** The council may take official action only by the passage or adoption of ordinances, resolutions or motions, as may be prescribed by the constitution or laws of the state of California, and the provisions of this charter; provided that any action of said council fixing or prescribing a fine, punishment or penalty, or granting any franchise, shall be taken by ordinance. In the absence of any express provisions to the contrary in said constitution, laws or charter, said council may choose any of the foregoing three methods for taking such action.

**Section 12:** To enforce all ordinances, rules and regulations made by it in respect to the municipal affairs of the city of Inglewood, and to do and perform any and all other acts and things which may be necessary and proper or convenient and proper to carry out the powers and purposes of the city of Inglewood.

**Section 13:** To acquire, provide and maintain at the cost and expense of said city and all materials, supplies, apparatus, furnishings, furniture and equipment necessary, convenient, proper, or desirable in order to establish, equip, furnish, provide for and maintain any and all municipal offices and departments.

**Section 14:** In addition to any other duties which the Mayor and City Council are or may be required to perform they shall also be responsible for following: supervising contract employees, attending meetings, necessary travel, oversight on policy development, providing constituent services and serving as the City's Parking Authority, Housing Authority, Public Financing Authority and Redevelopment Agency.

**Added by election November 5, 1996**



**ARTICLE VII**  
**Elections**

**Section 1:** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, an election to be known as a general municipal election shall be held in said city of Inglewood on the first Tuesday in April of each odd numbered year for the filling of such elective offices the terms of the incumbents of which expire in such year.

(b) Beginning in 1982, the regular election for Mayor shall be conducted in every other even numbered year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; provided, however, that the first Mayor to be so elected shall not begin his term of office until the conclusion of the then incumbent's term. Thereafter, each Mayor duly elected pursuant to this Charter shall hold office for four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. (Election **4-7-81**)

(c) Beginning in 2020, and notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section, general municipal elections shall be held in said City of Inglewood on a statewide election date, as defined in the California Elections Code, for the filling of all elective offices the term of the incumbents of which expire in such year. In order to transition to the new election date starting in 2020, the terms of office of each elected official whose term would otherwise expire in an odd-numbered year shall be extended as follows:

- (1) Elected officials whose term of office would otherwise expire in 2019 shall have their term of office extended to 2020; and
- (2) Elected officials whose term of office would otherwise expire in 2021 shall have their term of office extended to 2022.

Thereafter, each person duly elected pursuant to this Charter shall hold office for four years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

**Section 1.5:** A majority of the votes cast for all candidates for each city elective office is required for election to such office. If a candidate is not elected to any city office to be filled at any municipal election, a runoff election shall be held no more than seventy days after such election. Beginning in 2020, runoff elections shall be held on the first available established election date, as defined in the California Elections Code, following a municipal election. The runoff election ballot shall list only those candidates who received the two highest vote counts for each city office unfilled at the municipal election. This section shall apply to the election of members of the Board of Education. (Elections **4-7-81** and **6-8-82**) **Amended by election June 5, 2018.**

**Section 2:** All elections held within said city shall be called and ordered held by either ordinance or resolution.

**Amended by election April 5, 1977.  
Approved by State Legislature April 21, 1977.**

**Section 3:** Deleted by election April 6, 1971.  
**Approved by State Legislature July 19, 1971.**

**Section 4:** Immediately after the result of an election is officially declared by council, the clerk shall under his hand and the official seal of said city, issue a certificate of election for each and every person elected there at and serve the same personally or by mail upon each such person.

**Section 5:** The provisions of the general laws of the state of California relating to municipal elections shall govern elections held in Inglewood unless otherwise provided for by charter or ordinance adopted by at least four (4) affirmative votes.

**Amended by election November 5, 1996.**

**Section 6:** The terms of all elective officers shall begin at twelve o'clock midnight on the Sunday next succeeding the declaration of the result of such election; provided, however that the four year term of office provided elsewhere in this charter may be lengthened or shortened as necessary to accommodate a runoff election.

**Amended by election November 5, 1996.**

#### **ARTICLE VIII Initiative, Referendum and Recall**

**Section 1:** The laws of the state of California providing for the initiative, referendum and recall in cities, as they now exist, or hereafter may be amended, are hereby made a part of this charter, and all action under the initiative, referendum and recall in said city of Inglewood shall be taken in accordance with said laws provided, however, that in addition to any other requirements contained in said laws, no recall election shall be called or held in said city unless and until a petition demanding the same, signed by not less than thirty percent of all of the qualified electors of said city as to any officer elected from the city at large, or signed by not less than thirty percent of the qualified electors of any district from or for which such officer shall have been elected or appointed, as shown by the registration of voters of Los Angeles County, California, then current, and up to and including the day of filing of such petition, shall have been filed with the city clerk or city council of said city.

**Section 2:** **Repealed.**  
**Amended by election November 5, 1996.**

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Fiscal Year and Finance**

**Section 1:** The fiscal year of the city of Inglewood shall begin on the 1st day of October of each year, and shall end at midnight on the 30th day of September of the following year.

**Amended by election June 3, 1997.**

**Section 2:** The system of municipal taxation now in effect in the city of Inglewood, California, shall continue under this charter until otherwise expressly and definitely provided for by ordinance, and the officials of the county of Los Angeles, California, shall continue to assess and collect such municipal taxes, levies and assessments in and for said city in the same manner in all particulars in every way whatsoever as at present.

Should the city, however, at any time resume the work of assessment and tax collection in that case the system, mode and manner of assessing property for purposes of municipal taxation, and the levying and collecting of taxes for municipal purposes, the nature of the lien therefor and the manner and method of enforcing the same, and of the redemption of property sold for non-payment of taxes, and all proceedings relating to said matters shall be fixed by ordinance, and so far as applicable, shall be substantially the same as may be provided at the time by law for such matters in relation to county taxes in the county of Los Angeles, except that in relation to the city taxes the proper officers of the city shall discharge the duties imposed by law upon the corresponding officers of said county. The council may enact such ordinances as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and may by ordinance fix the time or times of the collection of said taxes within each fiscal year.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Legislative Procedure**

**Section 1: ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES.** With the sole exception of ordinances which take effect upon adoption, hereinafter referred to, no ordinance shall be adopted by the City Council on the day of its introduction, nor within five days thereafter, nor at any time other than at a regular or adjourned regular meeting. At time of adoption of an ordinance, it shall be read in full, unless, after the reading of the title thereof, the further reading thereof is waived by majority consent of the Councilmen present. In the event that any ordinance is altered after its introduction, the same shall not be finally adopted except at a regular or adjourned regular meeting, held not less than five days after the date upon which such ordinance was so altered. The correction of typographical or clerical errors shall not constitute the making of an alteration within the meaning of the foregoing sentence. Every ordinance shall be read a second time prior to adoption provided that the second reading thereof may be by title only unless a majority of the Councilmembers present demand that the same be read in full.

**Section 2:** The affirmative votes of at least three members of the City Council shall be required for the enactment of any ordinance.

**Section 3:** The enacting clause of each ordinance passed or adopted by the Council shall be, "The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California, does ordain as follows:" The enacting clause of every ordinance adopted by the people shall be, "The people of the City of Inglewood, California, do ordain as follows:"

**Section 4:** EMERGENCY ORDINANCES. Any ordinance declared by the City Council to be necessary as an emergency measure for preserving the public peace, health or safety and containing a statement of the reasons for its urgency, may be introduced and adopted at one and the same meeting if passed by at least four affirmative votes.

**Section 5: ORDINANCE. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** No ordinance shall become effective until thirty days from and after the date of its adoption, except the following, which shall take effect upon adoption:

- (a) An ordinance calling or otherwise relating to an election;
- (b) An improvement proceeding ordinance adopted under some law, or procedural ordinance;
- (c) An ordinance declaring the amount of money necessary to be raised by taxation, or fixing the rate of taxation;  
or
- (d) An emergency ordinance adopted in the manner herein provided.

**Section 6:** Within fifteen days after its passage, the City Clerk shall cause each ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in said city, or if there is no newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the city, he shall cause the ordinance to be posted in at least three public places in the city.

(b)The publication or posting of ordinances, as required by subdivision (a) may be satisfied by:

(1) The City Council may publish a summary of a proposed ordinance or proposed amendment to an existing ordinance. The summary shall be prepared by an official designated by the City Council. A summary shall be published and a certified copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance or proposed amendment shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least five days prior to the City Council meeting at which the proposed ordinance or amendment or alteration thereto is to be adopted. Within fifteen (15) days after adoption of the ordinance or amendment, the City Council shall publish a summary of the ordinance or amendment with the names of those City Council Members voting for and against the ordinance or amendment and the City Clerk shall post in the Office of the City Clerk a certified copy of the full text of the adopted ordinance or amendment along with the names of those City Council Members voting for and against the ordinance or amendment.

**Section 7:** Every ordinance shall be filed and topically indexed in a book kept for that purpose, shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk, or his authorized deputy.

**Amended by Election Apr. 14, 1959.**

**Approved by State Legislature May 4, 1959.**

#### **ARTICLE XI Bonds of Officers**

**Section 1:** Officers and employees of the city charged with the collection or custody of public money before entering upon the discharge of their official duties, shall give and execute to the city their official bonds and other officers or employees shall give such official bonds as may be required by general law, this charter or ordinance of said city.

**Section 2:** The city council shall, where not otherwise prescribed by law, fix by ordinance the penal sum of all official bonds, and may at any time by ordinance increase or decrease the penal sum of any and all such bonds.

**Section 3:** Every bond given the city shall be subject to approval by the mayor as to sufficiency, and by the city attorney as to form. All such bonds shall be filed in the office of the city clerk, excepting the bond of the city clerk, which shall be filed in the office of the city treasurer.

**Section 4:** Every such bond shall contain a condition that the principal will perform all official duties imposed upon or required of him by law, or by ordinance of said city, or by this charter, and that at the expiration of his term of office, he will surrender to his successor all property, books, papers and documents that may come into his possession as such.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Consolidation**

The city of Inglewood may consolidate with any other contiguous municipal corporation of the state of California, under and pursuant to the provisions of any laws of said state which may be applicable to the consolidation of such municipal corporations at the time thereof; provided, however, that no such consolidation, in or by which the said city of Inglewood assumes any part or portion of any outstanding or authorized bonded indebtedness of such other municipal corporation, shall ever become effective or be consummated for any purpose whatsoever, unless and until at least two-thirds of the qualified electors of said city of Inglewood, voting at such consolidation election, shall have voted in favor of such consolidation, and in favor of making the property within said city of Inglewood, after such consolidation, liable or subject to taxation with the property in said other municipal corporation for the payment of such bonded indebtedness or any portion thereof of such other municipal corporation.

The requirements of this charter in this regard shall be in addition to any other requirements of the laws of the state of California with reference to such matters.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**(Judicial Department)**

**Repealed - Election Nov. 6, 1956.**  
**Approved Jan. 10, 1957 by State Legislature.**

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Administrative Officer**

**Section 1:** There is hereby created in the service of the City the position of Administrative Officer, who shall be appointed by the City Council and serve directly under the supervision and control of the City Council in an administrative capacity.

**Section 2:** The powers and duties of the Administrative officer shall be as follows:

- (a) He shall supervise the Personnel System of the City.
- (b) He shall prepare the budget annually and submit it to the Council and be responsible for its administration after adoption.
- (c) He shall prepare and submit to the Council as of the end of each fiscal year a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the City for the proceeding year and shall keep the Council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the City and make such recommendations as may seem to him desirable.

- (d) He shall supervise the purchase of all supplies, goods, wares, merchandise, equipment and material which may be required for any of the departments of the City.
- (e) He shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Charter or required of him by the Council, not inconsistent with this Charter.

**Section 3:** The Administrative Officer shall be chosen solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to his actual experience in, or his knowledge of, accepted practice in respect to the duties of his office as herein set forth. The Administrative officer shall not be in the classified service of the City but may be removed at any time by three affirmative votes of the City Council.

**Amended by election June 3, 1997.**

**Section 4:** No person shall be eligible to receive appointment as Administrative officer while serving as member of the City Council nor within one year after he has ceased to be a City Councilman.

**Added by election Apr. 9, 1963.**

**Approved by State Legislature Apr. 21, 1963.**

#### **ARTICLE XIV City Attorney**

**Section 1:** The City Attorney shall be an attorney- at -law, duly admitted to practice in the State of California. He shall have been actually engaged in the practice of the profession in this State for a period of at least three years next before his appointment.

**Amended by election Apr. 12, 1955.**

**Amendment approved May 13, 1955 by Legislature.**

**Section 2:** It shall be his duty, when directed by the Council, to prosecute on behalf of the people all criminal cases for violation of this charter and of City Ordinances, and to attend to all suits and other matters to which the City is a party, or in which the City may be legally interested. He or his deputy or assistant shall be in attendance at every meeting of the Council, unless excused therefrom by the Mayor or the Council. He shall give his advice or opinion in writing whenever required by the Council or other officers. He shall be the legal adviser of all City officers; he shall approve the forms of all bonds given to and all contracts made with the City; he shall, when required by the Council or any member thereof, draft all proposed ordinances for the City and amendments thereto; and shall do and perform all such things touching his office as the Council may require of him, and at the expiration of his term shall surrender to his successor, all books, papers and documents pertaining to the City's business.

**Section 3:** He shall receive as compensation a salary to be fixed by ordinance and he shall receive, in addition thereto, such reasonable additional fees or compensation as the Council may allow for suits or proceedings before any court, board, tribunal, officer or commission in which he has been directed by the Council to act or appear and also when allowed by the Council extra compensation for bond issues of all kinds and for any service which the Council may deem extraordinary.

**Section 4:** The Council shall have power to direct and control the prosecution and defense of all suits and proceedings to which the City is a party or in which it is interested, and may employ special counsel to assist the City Attorney therein and provide for the compensation of and pay such special counsel.

**Section 5:** The City Attorney may appoint such assistants, deputies, clerks, stenographers and other persons at such salaries or compensation as the Council, by ordinance, shall prescribe; provided, however, that each assistant City Attorney must at the time of his appointment, be qualified to practice in all of the courts of the state, and must have been so qualified at least two years next preceding his appointment.

#### **ARTICLE XV City Engineer**

**Section 1:** The City Engineer shall also, by virtue of his office and for purposes of State Law, be Street Superintendent and shall be a civil engineer of not less than five years, professional experience. He shall receive such salary or compensation, as the City Council shall by ordinance prescribe.

**Section 2:** He shall have all the powers and perform all the duties imposed upon him by this charter, the ordinances of the city, the general laws of the state and orders of the Council and shall be the custodian of and responsible for all maps, plans, profiles, field notes and other records and memoranda belonging to the City pertaining to his office and the work thereof - all of which he shall keep in proper order and condition, with full index thereof, and shall turn over the same to his successor. **(election 7-3-80)**



**Section 3:** As Street Superintendent, subject to the provisions of this charter and all ordinances of the City and laws of the State of California applicable thereto, he shall manage and have charge of the construction, improvement, repair and maintenance, and the keeping open and unobstructed, of streets, sidewalks, alleys, lanes, courts, bridges, viaducts and other public highways; of all sewers, drains, ditches, culverts, canals, streams and water courses; of boulevards, squares and other public places and grounds belonging to the city or dedicated to public use, except water-works, parks, playgrounds and school grounds and property. He shall manage market houses, free markets, sewage disposal plants and farms, garbage disposal systems, plants and works; and all other public works not otherwise provided for in this charter. He shall have charge of the enforcement of all the obligations of privately owned or operated public utilities enforceable by the city, except as otherwise provided in this charter. He shall have charge of the cleaning, sprinkling and lighting of streets and other public places; the collection and disposal of garbage and waste; the preservation of all contracts, papers, plants, tools, machinery and appliances belonging to the City and appertaining to said department.

He shall do and perform such other duties and assume charge and control of such other works, plants or departments not otherwise provided for in this charter which hereafter may be assigned to his department by ordinance or resolution of the Council.

As the Street Superintendent, he shall possess the same powers as are given by law to Street Superintendents.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **City Clerk**

**Section 1:** The City Clerk shall, subject to the approval of the City Council, appoint such deputies and employees to assist him, at such salaries or compensation, as the council may by ordinance prescribe.

**Section 2:** The City Clerk shall have the custody of and be responsible for the corporate seal, and all books, papers, records, contracts, and archives belonging to the city, or to any department thereof, not in actual use by other officers or elsewhere by special provision of this charter, or by ordinance of aid city committed to their custody.

**Section 3:** He, or his deputy or assistant, shall be present at each meeting of the council, unless excused therefrom by the mayor, or council, and keep full and accurate minutes of its proceedings and also separate books in which, respectively, he shall record all ordinances and official bonds; he shall keep all of the books properly indexed and open to public inspection when not in use. He shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office.

**Section 4:** Until such time as the Council of said city shall otherwise by ordinance provide, the City Clerk shall act as General Auditor of all municipal finances and shall make a monthly report to the Council as such auditor regarding the financial affairs of said city and the various departments thereof. Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed in any manner dispensing with the annual or special audits elsewhere provided for in this charter.

**Section 5:** He shall have power to take affidavits and administer oaths in all matters relating to the business of the city, and shall make no charge therefor.

**Section 6:** The City Clerk shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter, by general law, or by resolution, or ordinance of the City Council.

#### **ARTICLE XVII Chief of Police**

**Section 1:** The Chief of Police of said city shall be the head of the Police Department of said city, and subject to the control of the council, shall have general supervision, command, control and management of the Police Department thereof.

**Section 2:** He shall have power to appoint such assistants, deputies, policemen and subordinates as the Council may by ordinance prescribe. He and each assistant, deputy and/or policeman appointed by him shall have all the powers and protection that are now, or may hereafter be conferred on Sheriffs and/or other peace officers, by the laws of the State of California, and to execute and return all process issued and directed to him, or any peace officer, by any legal authority. He is hereby charged with the execution of all laws and ordinances.

**Section 3:** He shall perform such other duties as the council may from time to time impose.

**ARTICLE XVIII  
ASSESSOR**

**Section 1:** Should the council at any time hereafter determine to change the present method of assessment and/or collection of municipal taxes, levies and/or assessments, in whole or in part, it may by ordinance require the Assessor to make annually, between the 1st Monday of March and the 1st Monday of July next succeeding, a complete assessment of all property liable for taxation within said city, and on such 1st day of July he shall turn over to the city council for the purpose of equalization, and transmittal after such equalization to the city tax collector, the assessment roll prepared by him. In such case he shall when so required by said council, act as tax collector for the purpose of collecting taxes upon personal property when the same are unsecured by lien upon real property, within said city.

**Section 2:** The Assessor shall further perform any and all such other duties as the council may from time to time by ordinance prescribe and may appoint such assistants and deputies at such salaries or compensation as the Council may by ordinance prescribe.

**ARTICLE XIX  
Tax Collector**

**Section 1:** Should the Council at any time hereafter determine to change the present method of assessment and/or collection of municipal taxes, levies and/or assessments, in whole or in part, it may by ordinance require the Tax Collector to receive and collect all moneys due and payable to the city for taxes, assessments and licenses and from any other source or sources.

**Section 2:** The Tax Collector shall further perform any and all such other duties as the council may time to time by ordinance prescribe.

**ARTICLE XX  
Mayor**

**Section 1:** The Mayor of the city shall be the chief executive of said city, and as such shall sign all contracts on behalf of the city, countersign all warrants, and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the council. In all other respects he shall perform the same duties and have the same rights as any other member of the council.

**ARTICLE XXI  
Water Works Superintendent**

Repealed  
Election 6-3-80

**ARTICLE XXII  
Fire Fighting, EMS Services, and Hazardous Materials**

**Section 1:** Responsibility for providing fire protection, EMS services, and protection from hazardous materials in the City of Inglewood is hereby transferred from the Inglewood Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department subject to the provisions of this section.

**Section 2:** The Inglewood City Council shall take all necessary steps to carry out the provisions of subsection 1. All actions taken by the Inglewood City Council shall be in the manner authorized by California Government Code Section 56848.3.

**Section 3:** The transfer of fire fighting and EMS services from the Inglewood Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department shall take place on the effective date of annexation as determined by the Board of Supervisors in coordination with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the City of Inglewood.

**Section 4:** At the conclusion of a twelve-month period following the transfer of fire fighting and EMS services from the Inglewood Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department the Inglewood City Council shall undertake a review with respect to the performance of fire fighting and EMS services. In addition, the review shall examine the cost savings to the City of Inglewood which have occurred.

**Section 5:** The savings realized as a result of the transfer of fire fighter and EMS service from the Inglewood Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department shall be allocated for the hiring of additional police officers.

**Amended by election November 3, 1998**

**ARTICLE XXIII  
Superintendent of Buildings  
Repealed**

Election 6-3-80

**ARTICLE XXIV  
Parks Superintendent**

Repealed  
Election 6-3-80

**ARTICLE XXV  
Treasurer**

**Section 1:** The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all moneys and securities belonging to the city, and coming into his hands, and pay out such moneys only on warrants signed by the proper officers and not otherwise, for claims or demands which have been previously allowed or approved by the council. The Treasurer may deposit all or such portion of the public moneys as may be determined by the council in any bank authorized by law to receive deposits of public money, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and the laws of the state of California.

**Section 2:** He may appoint such deputies and employees to assist him at such salaries or compensation as the council may by ordinance prescribe.

**Section 3:** The City Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter, by general law or by resolution or ordinance of the City Council.

**ARTICLE XXVI**  
**Department of Education**

**Section 1:** Board of Education. The control of the public schools of the said City of Inglewood, including the whole of the Inglewood Unified School District, as the same now exists, or may hereafter be changed and exist, as provided by law, shall be vested in a Board of Education, which shall consist of five members. The members of said Board shall serve without compensation.

**Section 2:** Under said Board of Education the public school system of said city shall continue as the present under the constitution and laws of the State of California relating thereto, as said constitution and laws now exist, or may hereafter be amended, and said public school system shall be supported, maintained, improved, extended, conducted, operated and carried on under said constitution and laws, as they now exist or may hereafter be amended, in all particulars in all respects, and in the same manner as heretofore.

**Section 3:** The powers and duties of the Board of Education shall be such as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by the constitution and laws of the State of California for boards of education and/or boards of school trustees.

**Section 4:** The Board of Education shall consist of five members. By resolution, the Board of Education shall select a method of election from the following options: (a) That each member of the governing board be elected by the registered voters of the entire district; (b) That one or more members residing in each trustee area be elected by the registered voters of that particular trustee area; or (c) That each governing board member be elected by the registered voters of the entire school district or community college district, but reside in the trustee area which he or she represents. If the Board of Education establishes trustee areas in selecting the method of election, the arrangement of the boundaries of such trustee areas shall be approved and amended as provided in state law including Education Code section 5019 or any succeeding statutes. Any change in method of election or trustee area boundaries shall not affect the ability of any incumbent board member to serve out his or her term of office. All qualified electors of the Inglewood Unified School District shall have the right to vote for members of the Board of Education. Elections shall be held at the times and in the manner in this charter provided for the holding of general municipal elections and said Members shall hold office for a term of four years and shall continue in office until their successors shall be elected and qualified. School Board members shall not serve for more than three consecutive terms.

**Section 5:** In the event any vacancy or vacancies shall exist in the membership of said Board of Education, the same shall be filled in accordance with the general law of the State of California as it now provides or hereafter shall be amended.

**Amended election 11-7-78. Amended by election June 6, 1972.  
Amended by election April 4, 2017.  
Approved by State Legislature August 15, 1972.**

**ARTICLE XXVII  
Public Library**

**Section 1:** The City Council shall appoint a Library Board consisting of five members to be appointed by the City Council from the qualified electors of the City; no member of said Board shall hold any paid office or employment in the City government. The Library Board shall serve without compensation, for such terms and have such powers and duties as the City Council may by ordinance prescribe.

**Amended by election November 6, 1962.  
Approved by State Legislature January 23, 1963.**

**ARTICLE XXVIII**  
**Water Department**  
Repealed  
Election 6-3-80

**ARTICLE XXIX**  
**Health Department**  
Repealed  
Election 6-3-80

**ARTICLE XXX**  
**Franchises**

**Section 1:** In granting franchises the city council shall be governed by the general laws of the state in force at the time, and franchises shall be granted only upon the further conditions hereinafter provided.

**Section 2:** Every application for a franchise shall be accompanied by a cash deposit or certified check sufficient in amount to pay in full all costs of advertising and other preliminary expenses connected with the offering for sale of such franchises and the granting of the same, which deposit shall not be less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Said deposit shall be returned in case the city council shall determine that neither the public necessity nor the public interest requires the granting of the franchise, or in case the franchise be granted to a person other than said applicant. The cost of advertising and other costs hereinabove referred to connected with the offering for sale and granting of said franchise shall be paid by the successful bidder for said franchise, and such payment shall be a condition precedent to the vesting of the franchise.

**Section 3:** In the event that any public utility shall be taken over by the city, by purchase or condemnation, the franchise shall have no value. No exclusive franchise shall ever be granted.

**ARTICLE XXXI**  
**Social Service**

**Section 1:** The council may by ordinance provide for a Board of Social Service, of as many members as said council may therein prescribe. Members of said Board shall be appointed by the council for such term or terms of said council may determine, and shall serve without compensation.

**Section 2:** The council may in such ordinances fix the powers and duties of such Social Service Board, and in addition to any other powers or duties therein enumerated, subject to the control of said council, may authorize such Board to have charge of all matters relating to the care and relief of the needy, and subject to the control of said council, may authorize said Board to establish a public health center for maintaining clinics and furnishing medical treatment and advice for persons unable to pay for same, and also for educating the public in preventive medicine, and to establish and maintain a day nursery and similar institutions.

**Section 3:** The council may appropriate annually to the use of said board such amount of money for such social service work, out of the funds of said municipality, as said council deems advisable, but contributions of money or property for such work may be solicited and accepted from other sources.

**Section 4:** The Board of Social Service, if appointed, shall render an annual report of its activities to the council.

**ARTICLE XXXII**  
**Printing and Advertising**

**Section 1:** In the event that there is more than one newspaper of general circulation published in the City, the City Council, annually, prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, shall publish a notice inviting bids and contract for the publication of all legal notices or other matters required to be published, in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in said City, during the ensuing fiscal year. In the event there is only one newspaper of general circulation published in the City, then the City Council shall have the power to contract with such newspaper for the printing and publishing of such legal notices without being required to advertise for bids therefor. In the event the City Council contracts with a newspaper for the printing and publishing of legal notices without advertising for bids, or after calling for bids, only one bid is received, the City Council shall have the power to contract with such newspaper for the printing and publishing of such legal notices without being required to advertise for bids for the next succeeding year unless on or before the May 1 immediately preceding the beginning of the fiscal year another newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in said City shall file with the City Clerk a request that competitive bids be called for, for publication of legal notices during the next fiscal year. The newspaper with which



any such contract is made shall be designated the official newspaper for the publication of such notices or other matters for the period of such contract.

In no case shall the contract prices for such publication exceed the customary rates charged by such newspaper for the publication of legal notices of a private character.

In the event there is no official newspaper designated by City Council, then all legal notices or other matter may be published by posting copies thereof in at least three public places in the City.

No defect or irregularity in proceedings taken under this section, or failure to designate an official newspaper, shall invalidate any publication where the same is otherwise in conformity with this Charter or law or ordinance.

**Amended by Election April 14, 1959.  
Approved by State Legislature May 4, 1959.**

**ARTICLE XXXIII  
Purchase of Supplies and Contracts  
for Public Projects**

**Section 1:** The City Council shall, by ordinance, prescribe the procedures and requirements for the purchase of supplies and equipment and for award of bids for public projects in a manner which preserves the integrity of the competitive bidding process, insures the protection of public funds, but at the same time provides the opportunity to effect economies in the operation of the City which are in the best interests of the public.

**Section 2:** The purchasing ordinance contemplated in Section 1 above shall contain a formal contract and bid procedure which shall provide, at a minimum, the following:

- a) A dollar limitation to which the formal procedures shall attach.
- b) A notice requirement providing for publication of a notice inviting bids, posting said notice on the public bulletin board in City Hall and mailing the notice to those prospective bidders on the City's bidders list.
- c) A requirement for bidders, security and other bond requirements as necessary to protect the interests of the public.
- d) A public bid opening procedure under the supervision of the City Clerk.
- e) An award procedure and an alternative thereto in the event the City Council chooses to reject the bids.
- f) A procedure for resolving tie bids.
- g) A local preference, as provided herein, for businesses that hold a business license from the City and maintain a place of business in the City.

**Amended by Election June 6, 2006.**

**Section 3:** The purchasing ordinance shall also contain an informal bidding procedure which shall provide, at a minimum, the following:

- a) A dollar amount to which the informal procedures shall attach.
- b) A notice requirement providing that written bid notices be submitted no less than 10 days in advance of bid opening and establishing subcategories consisting of bids which must be sealed and bids which need not be sealed.
- c) A bid opening procedure.
- d) A local preference, as provided herein, for businesses that hold a business license from the City and maintain a place of business in the City.

**Amended by Election June 6, 2006.**

**Section 4:** Except as provided herein all purchases made and contracts awarded pursuant to the purchasing ordinance shall be to the lowest responsible bidder as that term is defined herein below. Contracts for professional services and other limited exceptions may be specifically identified in the ordinance and declared exempt from competitive bidding requirements provided such exemptions are consistent with the intent expressed in Section I of this Article.

In determining the lowest responsible bidder for furnishing materials, equipment, supplies, or non-professional services, the City may apply a local preference for business that

Hold a business license from the City and maintain a place of business within the City limits. The nature and amount of the local preference shall be established by the City Council by ordinance, following a duly-noticed public hearing on the subject, not less than sixty (60) calendar days following the effective date of this charter Amendment, and as necessary thereafter. Any such local preference shall not be applicable unless payment is made solely from funds and revenues of the City, exclusive of funds and revenues from other governmental sources.

**Amended by Election June 6, 2006.**

**Section 5:** Notwithstanding any provision in this charter to the contrary, the City Council may by a vote of 3/4ths of those members present authorize the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment and services or order work performed by City or non-city forces upon a finding supported by competent information or data that such purchase or work is urgently or imminently necessary for the preservation of life, health, property or the protection of the public welfare.

**Section 6:** The ordinance to be enacted by the City Council shall further provide a procedure for the disposition of surplus, obsolete or unclaimed property.

**Section 7:** The expression "lowest responsible bidder" shall be deemed to mean the lowest bidder whose offer best responds in quality, fitness and capacity to the requirements of the proposed work or usage.

**Section 8:** No amendment to the purchasing ordinance pursuant to Section I above shall be considered for adoption by the City Council until such time as a noticed public hearing regarding the proposed amendment has been held and concluded. The public must be given notice of said hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Inglewood at a minimum of one time, thirty (30) days prior to the date on which the City Council is scheduled to consider adoption. Notwithstanding any provision in this charter to the contrary, four (4) affirmative votes shall be required for adoption.

**Amended by Election June 6, 2006.**

#### **ARTICLE XXXIV**

#### **Annual and Special Audits**

**Section 1:** The council shall employ a public accountant or firm of public accountants annually to investigate the transactions and accounts of all officers and employees having the collection, custody, or disbursement of public money or property, or the power to approve, allow or audit demands on the treasury, and said council may authorize such accountant or firm of accountants to make an investigation at any time with reference to any condition relating to the affairs of said city or any officer or employee connected therewith, as to any matter or condition upon which said council may require a report concerning the affairs of said city.

**Amended by Election April 12, 1955.  
Amendment approved May 13, 1955 by Legislature.**

#### **ARTICLE XXXV**

#### **Monthly Reports**

**Section 1:** All officers having the collection of public moneys or the custody thereof, and all officers and employees required by ordinance so to do, shall submit monthly financial reports to the city council in writing, which said reports shall be permanently filed with the city clerk after the council shall have inspected and acted upon the same.

**ARTICLE XXXVI**  
**Miscellaneous Provisions**

**Section 1:** Whenever in this charter the word "city" occurs, it means the city of Inglewood, California, and every department, board, commission, officer or employee whenever either is mentioned herein, means a department, board, commission, officer or employee as the case may be, of said city of Inglewood.

**Section 2: Repealed**

**Amended by Election April 14, 1959.**  
**Approved by State Legislature May 4, 1959.**

**Section 3:** All ordinances and resolutions in force at the time this charter takes effect, and not inconsistent therewith, shall continue in full force until amended or repealed.

**Section 4:** All general laws of the state of California applicable to municipal corporations, now or hereafter enacted, and which are not in conflict with the provisions of this charter, shall be applicable to said city of Inglewood.

**Section 5:**

**Repealed.**  
**Amended by Election November 5, 1996.**

**Section 6:** All officers and employees in office or employed when this charter takes effect shall continue to hold office and exercise their respective offices or employments under the terms of this charter until they may be removed as in this charter provided, or the election or appointment and qualification of their successors.

**Section 7:** If any officer of the city shall remove from the city, or absent himself therefrom for more than sixty days consecutively without the permission of the council, or if he shall fail to qualify by taking the oath of office and filing his official bond whenever such oath or bond is required, within fifteen days from the time his certificate of election or appointment is mailed or delivered to him, or if he shall resign, or if he shall be convicted of a felony, or if he shall be adjudged insane, his office shall be vacant.

**Section 8:** The improvement, widening, extending, lighting and opening of streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, ways and places, and all matters not specified in this charter shall be done, and assessments therefor levied, and improvement bonds issued in conformity with and under the authority conferred by the general laws of the state of California.

**Section 9:** All officers, boards and employees shall deliver to their successors, all papers, books, documents, records, archives and other properties pertaining to their respective offices, departments or employments in their possession or under their control immediately upon retirement.

**Section 10:** No member of the City Council shall be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract, sale or transaction to which the City is a party. No Officer or employee of the City shall be financially interested, directly or indirectly in any contract, sale or transaction to which the City is a party and which comes before said officer or employee, or the department of the government with which he is connected, for official action. No member of any Board or Commission shall be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract, sale or transaction to which the City is a party and which comes before the Board or Commission of which he is a member, for official action.

Any contract or transaction in which any officer of the City shall be or become financially interested shall become void at the election of the City.

No member of the City Council, city official or officer, or employee of the City, or any member of any board or commission shall be deemed to be financially interested, within the meaning of the foregoing provisions, in any contract in which his interest is only a remote interest as hereinafter defined.

No councilman or member of any board or commission shall vote on or participate in any contract or transaction in which he is directly or indirectly financially interested which such direct or indirect financial interest is a remote interest. A remote interest as used in this section means:

- (1) That of a non-salaried officer of a nonprofit corporation;
- (2) That of an employee of the contracting party, if such contracting party has 10 or more other employees, and if the officer was an employee of said contracting party for at least three years prior to his initially accepting his office;
- (3) That of a parent in the earnings of his minor child for personal services;
- (4) That of landlord or tenant of the contracting party;
- (5) That of an attorney of the contracting party;
- (6) That of a member of a nonprofit corporation formed under the Agricultural Code or a nonprofit corporation formed under the corporations code for the sole purpose of engaging in the merchandising of agricultural products;

- (7) The ownership of less than 3 per cent of the shares of a corporation for profit;
- (8) That of an officer in being reimbursed for his actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duty;
- (9) That of a recipient of public services generally provided by the public body or board of which he is a member, on the same terms and conditions as if he were not a member of the board.

**Amended by Election April 9, 1963.  
Approved by State Legislature April 21, 1963.**

**Section 11:** All officers, clerks and assistants of the city and the various departments thereof, and all employees except such as may be employed for temporary and special purposes, must be citizens of the United States of America, and residents of the city of Inglewood, California, during their respective periods of employment.

**Section 12:** No officer or employee of the city shall give or promise to give to any person any portion of his compensation, or any money or thing of value in consideration of having been or being nominated, appointed, voted for or elected to any office, or employment in or for said city.

**Section 13:** No officer or employee shall accept any donation or gratuity in money or other thing of value either directly or indirectly from any subordinate or employee, or from anyone under his charge, or from any candidate or applicant for any position as employee or subordinate in any department of the city.

**Section 14:** No officer or employee of the city shall aid or assist a bidder in securing a contract to furnish labor or material or supplies at a higher price or rate than that proposed by any other bidder, or favor one bidder over another, by the giving or withholding of information, or willfully mislead any bidder in regard to the character of the materials or supplies called for, or knowingly accept materials or supplies of a quality inferior to that called for by the contract, or knowingly certify to a greater amount of labor performed than has actually been performed or to the receipt of a greater amount of materials or supplies than has actually been received.

**Section 15:** No pavement protected by any patent, trade mark, trade name, copyrighted name, or any device which tends to prevent competitive bidding shall be ordered by the city until the owner thereof has entered into a written agreement with the city transferring to the city all rights to the use of and manufacture of the same within the city upon the terms and conditions set forth therein. The city shall not be bound by any such agreement unless the same shall have been approved by a majority vote of the council and executed by the mayor on behalf of the city. No such agreement shall be made for a longer period than five years. Whenever the city shall

let a contract for the construction of any such pavement the contractor therefor shall pay to the city the exact sum or royalty which the city is required to pay under its said agreement.

Whenever the city shall construct any such pavement by the direct employment of labor and purchase of materials, the costs of which are chargeable upon the property in a special assessment district, the exact sum or royalty which the city is required to pay under said agreement shall be added to and included in the costs chargeable to the property in said special assessment district.

**Section 16:** Every officer who shall knowingly and willfully approve, allow or pay any demand on the treasury of said city in order to fraudulently obtain, either for himself or for another, the amount of the said demand, or any portion thereof,

shall be liable to the city individually, and on his official bond, for the amount of the demand so approved, allowed or paid; shall forfeit such office, and be forever disqualified from holding any position or office in the service of said city.

**Section 17:** All fees and charges accruing to the city, and paid into the treasury thereof, for fees, permits, licenses, inspection, services, or other municipal charges, and moneys derived from fines or pecuniary penalties or forfeitures, and all funds which may remain in the possession of the city unclaimed after a period of one year from the date when the same were due and payable, shall be credited to the general fund of the city, and shall be applicable to any municipal purpose to which the council may appropriate them, and the council shall appropriate from this fund whatever sum may be necessary to pay valid claims of more than one year's standing.

**Section 18:** All books and records of every office and department of the city shall be open to the inspection of any citizen, subject to proper rules and regulations for the efficient conduct of the business of such department or office, excepting only the books, records and papers of the police department, the health department and the office or department of the city attorney, none of which shall be subject to such inspection except by permission of the officer or head of such department or by special permission of the council.

**Section 19:** Copies or extracts duly certified from any books or records open to inspection shall be given by the officer having the same in custody to any person demanding the same, and paying or tendering twenty cents per folio of one hundred words of such copies or extracts, and the additional sum of fifty cents for certifying. The officer having charge of such records, however, shall be entitled to a reasonable time within which to prepare same and provided with necessary clerical or stenographic assistance so to do.

**Section 20:** Unless otherwise provided for by law, or ordinance of the council, all city officers shall keep their respective offices open for the transaction of business continuously from eight o'clock a.m. to five o'clock p.m. each day, except Sundays and Holidays.

**Section 21:** All vested rights of the city shall continue and shall not in any manner be affected by the adoption of this charter, nor shall any rights, liability, pending suit or prosecution either in behalf of or against said city be affected by the adoption of this charter unless otherwise herein expressly provided. All contracts entered into by the city or for its benefit prior to the taking effect of this charter, shall continue in full

force and effect. All public work begun prior to the taking effect of this charter shall be continued and perfected hereunder. Public improvements, for which legislative steps shall have been taken under laws in force at the time this charter takes effect, may be carried to completion in accordance with the provisions of such laws.

**Section 22:** The city of Inglewood may establish a municipal court, when and in such manner as may be authorized by the constitution and/or laws of the state of California.

**Section 23:**

**Repealed.**  
**Amended by election November 5, 1996.**

**Section 24:** In the purchase of any and all supplies materials for said city, local merchants so far as reasonably possible shall be given the preference, quality, availability, service and price being equal.

**Section 25:** No person in the employ of the city shall take any active part in securing or shall contribute money toward the nomination or election of any candidate for any municipal office in said city.

**Section 26:** Nothing in this charter shall be construed as prohibiting the election or appointment of women to any office or a member of any board or commission, and the words used in this charter in the masculine gender shall include the feminine.

**Section 27:** All claims for damages of any kind whatsoever against the city of Inglewood must be presented to the council, and filed with the city clerk within six months after the occurrence for, on account of or out of which such damages arose and unless any such claim is so filed, the same shall not be allowed or approved, nor shall any judgment therefor ever be made or entered against said city or any officer thereof in any court whatsoever.



**Section 28:** The council shall cause to be published annually a financial report of the city, and shall furnish a copy thereof to each taxpayer requesting the same.

**Section 29:** In all prosecutions for violations of city ordinances, rules or other regulations, whether in a court of original jurisdiction or in any appellate court, it shall not be necessary to plead the contents of any such ordinance, rule or regulation, but the court before which the prosecution is pending shall take judicial notice of such ordinance, rule or regulation, and of the contents thereof; and in any civil action in which the city is a party, either as plaintiff or defendant, the adoption and

Contents of any ordinance, rule or regulation of said city may be prima facie proven by the introduction of the original entry thereof on the journal or record of the proceedings of the council or by a copy of such entry certified to by the city clerk under the seal of said city to be a full, true and correct copy of such original entry.

**Section 30:** Every officer authorized by law or ordinance to allow, audit or certify demands upon the treasury of said city, or to make an official investigation, shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations, and take and hear testimony concerning any matter or thing relating thereto. The mayor and city clerk shall each have power to administer oaths and affirmations, both orally and in writing, in any matter or thing of hearing relating directly or indirectly to said city, or any of its affairs.

**Section 31:** The bonded indebtedness of said City of Inglewood shall not at any time exceed an amount equal to fifteen per cent of its assessed non-operative value.

**Section 32:** The premium or charge for all official bonds of all officers and employees of said city required to give bonds, either by this charter or by general law, or by ordinance of said city, shall be paid by the city.

**Section 33:** If in consequence of any public street, alley, avenue, highway, road, lane or public place, being out of repair within said city, and in condition to endanger persons or property passing thereon or using the same, any person while lawfully and/or carefully using said street, alley, avenue, highway, road, lane or public place, and exercising ordinary care to avoid the danger, suffers damage to his person or property, through, on account, or by reason of any such defect therein, no recourse for damages thus suffered shall be had against such city; but if such defect in such street, alley, avenue, highway, road, lane or public place, shall so have existed for the period of twenty-four hours or more after notice thereof, to the Superintendent of Streets or other person on whom the law may have imposed the obligation to repair such defect or remedy the same, then such Street Superintendent or person or persons on whom the law may have imposed such obligation to repair or remedy such defect, and also the officer or officers through whose official negligence such defect remains unrepaired, or unremedied, shall be jointly and severally liable to the party injured for the damage sustained; provided that said Street Superintendent or other person or persons on whom the law may have imposed the obligations to repair or remedy any such defect or condition has the authority to make such repairs at the expense of said city, out of funds immediately available for the-purpose.

**Section 34:** The Council shall prior to the first day of each fiscal year hereafter make a tentative budget of the financial requirements of said city for such ensuing fiscal year. Such budget so prepared shall be merely for the guidance and information of said Council, and nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring a definite adherence to such budget.

**Section 35:** This charter may be amended at such times and in such manner as is provided in the constitution of the state of California.

**Section 36:** If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this charter is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or void, such decision or holding shall not affect the validity or force of the remaining portions of this charter. The people of the City of Inglewood do hereby declare that they would have approved, ratified and adopted, and the legislature of said state of California does hereby declare, that it would have approved, this chapter, and each article, section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other articles, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

**Section 37:** This charter shall take immediate effect, and be in full force, from and after the time of its approval by the legislature of the state of California.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Inglewood, California, is a city containing a population of more than three thousand five hundred inhabitants as ascertained by the last preceding census taken under the authority of the Legislature of the State of California, and which said census is now on file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of California, at Sacramento, California; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 12th day of April, 1926, at an election duly held on that day under and in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of California, the electors of said city did choose and elect Dr. E.C. Campbell, George C. England, George M. Green, Samuel M. Greene, O.P. Allen, Sanford M. Anderson, John G. Baum, C.C. Griffin, Clarissa P. Mosher, Arthur W. Cory, Frank D. Parent, Frank A. Zillgitt, Thomas G. Stevens, Harry Spaulding and Minnie M. Baum, each of whom was, and is, an elector of said City and eligible as a candidate at and under said election, as a Board of fifteen freeholders to prepare and propose a charter for the government of said city, and

**WHEREAS**, the result of said election was duly declared by the Legislative Body of said city, to wit: the Board of Trustees of said city, on the 19th day of April, 1926, and the said electors thereafter duly qualified as such freeholders in accordance with law and the provisions of said Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Board of Freeholders did on the 20th day of July, 1926, determine and declare that the period of one hundred and twenty days was insufficient time for the preparation and proposal by said Board of Freeholders, of a charter for the government of said city, and did thereupon, on said 20th day of July, 1926, with the consent of the Legislative Body of said city, to wit: the Board of Trustees of said City, extend the said period of one hundred and twenty days for an additional period of sixty days; and

**WHEREAS**, the period as so extended since the result of said election has not expired:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in pursuance of the said provisions of the Constitution of the State of California, and of the proceedings heretofore had, and within the period as so extended after the result of said election was so declared, the said Board of freeholders has prepared and does now propose the accompanying Charter as and for the Charter of the City of Inglewood, California, for the government of said city:

**AND THE SAID BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS** does hereby fix and designate Tuesday, the 14th day of December, 1926, as the date for holding a special municipal election in said city, at which the said proposed Charter shall be submitted to the electors of said city for their ratification and adoption.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned members of the Board of Freeholders elected to prepare and propose a Charter for the government of the said City of Inglewood, California, have hereunto set our hands at the City of Inglewood, in the county of Los Angeles in the State of California, this 11th day of October, A.D. 1926.

**Members of the Board of Freeholders**

DR. E.O. CAMPBELL  
Chairman  
CLARISSA P. MOSHER  
Secretary  
ARTHUR W. CORY  
SANFORD M. ANDERSON  
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GEORGE M. GREEN  
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THOMAS G. STEVENS  
FRANK D. PARENT

**ADDENDUM TO CHARTER OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD**

At a General Municipal Election held April 13, 1937, a ballot proposition was submitted to the voters as follows, with results as indicated below:

"Do the electors of the City of Inglewood at this time favor the establishing by ordinance of a Civil Service or merit system covering the non-elective officers and employees of the various departments of said City, and if so shall the City Council cause such an ordinance to be prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk of said City for study and consideration thereof by the electors at least thirty days before the same is offered by the Council for adoption?"

YES 1,695      NO 1,121

On March 15, 1938, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 657, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM FOR THE SELECTION, EMPLOYMENT, CLASSIFICATION, ADVANCEMENT, SUSPENSION, DISCHARGE AND RETIREMENT OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF SAID CITY.

ORDINANCE NO. 1690

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF A CEMETERY FOR THE BURYING OF DEAD BODIES OF HUMAN BEINGS OR THE BURYING OF HUMAN REMAINS IN THE CITY EXCEPT ON PROPERTY WHICH WAS LAWFULLY DEDICATED, HELD OR USED FOR CEMETERY, MAUSOLEUM OR INTERMENT PURPOSES ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15, 1912, AND PROPERTY WHICH WAS LAWFULLY HELD, DEDICATED OR USED FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES WHEN THE PROPERTY WAS ANNEXED TO THE CITY.

"THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

"The establishment of any cemetery or maintenance of any cemetery within the city hereby is prohibited and no person shall bury, or inter the dead body of any human being or any human remains in any place within the City except that any property which was lawfully dedicated or lawfully in use or lawfully held for cemetery, mausoleum or interment purposes on or before January 15, 1912, or any property hereafter annexed to the City, which was lawfully dedicated or lawfully in use or lawfully held for such purposes at the time such annexation became effective, but as to such properties only, such use for such purposes may be continued.

"Passed, approved and adopted by the voters of the City of Inglewood, California, at the Special Municipal Election consolidated with the Statewide General Election held on November 6, 1962.

ATTEST:

/s/ Helen Rieck  
Helen Rieck, City Clerk

(SEAL)"

ORDINANCE NO. 88-36

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA AMENDING INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO ALLOW CEMETERY USE WITHIN CITY TO BE EXPANDED ON TO A PORTION OF A 10 ACRE SITE ADJOINING THE EXISTING CEMETERY AND REZONING THE 10 ACRE SITE FROM R-2 USE TO S-2 AND R-1 USES.

"THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**"SECTION 1.** Initiative Ordinance No. 1690 is hereby amended to read as follows: 'The establishment of any cemetery or maintenance of any cemetery within the City hereby is prohibited and no person shall bury, or inter the dead body of any human being or any human remains in any place within the City except that any property which was lawfully dedicated or lawfully in use or lawfully held for cemetery, mausoleum or interment purposes on or before January 15, 1912, and, in addition, on that specific property described as the West 510 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 14 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian, in the City of Inglewood, County of Los Angeles, State of California, and on any property hereafter annexed to the City, which was lawfully dedicated or lawfully in use of lawfully held for such purposes at the time such annexation became effective, but as to such properties only, such use for such purposes may be continued.

**"SECTION 2.** That the following land within the City of Inglewood shall be rezoned R-1 Single Family Residential District and use thereof restricted to Single-Family Dwelling Units; all that land located within the area specifically described as the West 120 feet of the East 150 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 14 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

**"SECTION 3.** That the following land within the City of Inglewood shall be rezoned S-2 Special Cemetery Restricted Zone and use thereof restricted to Cemetery uses as may be established by ordinances of the City. All that land located within the area specifically described as the West 510 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 14 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

Passed, approved, and adopted by the voters of the City of Inglewood, California, at a Special Election consolidated with the Statewide General Election held on November 8, 1988.

ATTEST:

/s/ HERMANITA V. HARRIS  
HERMANITA V. HARRIS  
City Clerk

(Seal)"



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