

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 53.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to add a definition for a "rodeo" and adding LAMC Section 53.39.2 to prohibit the use of harmful practices, techniques, and devices at rodeos or rodeo-related events.

WHEREAS, rodeos often use a number of inhumane implements, including electric prods, flank straps, and spurs to encourage aggressive behavior in animals to produce an entertainment product and which inflict injury, pain, and suffering;

WHEREAS, the City has a compelling interest in ensuring the safety and welfare of animals by restricting the use of harmful practices, techniques, and devices at rodeos; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Municipal Code does not currently define a rodeo or rodeo-related event.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The following definition is added to Section 53.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code in proper alphabetical order to read as follows:

"Rodeo" shall mean an exhibition, performance, or competition that includes any of the following: bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping, barrel racing, chuck wagon races, or other similar event or activity.

Sec. 2. Section 53.39.2 is added to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 53.39.2. RODEOS. PROHIBITED PRACTICES, TECHNIQUES, AND DEVICES.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct, operate, or participate in a Rodeo at which any animal is induced or encouraged to perform through the use of any practice or technique, or any chemical, mechanical, electrical, manual device, or other similar device or implement, that will cause, or is likely to cause, physical injury, torment, or suffering. Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to, electric prods or shocking devices, flank or bucking straps, wire tie-downs, sharpened or fixed spurs or rowels, and lariats or lassos. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 596.7(e), however, in the limited circumstance when necessary to protect a participant or spectator, an electric prod or similar device may be employed, but only from the time the animal enters the performance holding chute until the conclusion of the performance, competition, or

exhibition of the animal, which is the time period when the animal's potential for dangerous human interaction is most likely.

(b) Any person conducting or operating a Rodeo shall comply with the requirements of California Penal Code Section 596.7(b) through (e) relating to the presence of a licensed veterinarian, availability of a conveyance for injured animals, and use of an electric prod or similar device to protect the participants or spectators of a Rodeo.

(c) No person shall conduct or operate a Rodeo without first obtaining a permit from the Department as required by Section 53.50.

(d) If any subsection, subdivision, clause, sentence, phrase, or portion of this section is held unconstitutional or invalid or unenforceable by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the remaining subsections, subdivisions, clauses, sentences, phrases, or portions of this section shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Section are severable.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____