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**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 9.02.005-9.02.070 (“FIRE CODE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS”) OF CHAPTER 9.02 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS**

The City Council of the City of Culver City, California, **DOES HEREBY ORDAIN** as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That Sections 9.02.005-9.02.070 (“Fire Code Adoption and Amendments”) of Title 9 of the Culver City Municipal Code, are hereby being amended; and that certain document, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk, being marked and designated as the 2021 International Fire Code, with errata, incorporating Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations known as the 2022 California Fire Code, with errata, including the 2022 Fire Code Chapter 1 as amended, Chapter 4 as amended, Chapter 5 as amended, Chapter 11 as amended, Chapter 22 as amended, Chapter 33 as amended, Chapter 34 as amended, Chapter 48 as amended, Appendix Chapter 4, Appendix B, Appendix BB, Appendix C as amended, Appendix CC, Appendix D as amended, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G, Appendix H, Appendix I, and Appendix J, as amended by the State Fire Marshal and adopted by the California Building Standards Commission, adopted as the Fire Code of the City of Culver City, in the State of California, and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the City Clerk of Culver City are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as though fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, amendments, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

1           **SECTION 2:** Sections 9.02.005-9.02.070 (“Fire Code Adoption and  
2 Amendments”) of Title 9 of the Culver City Municipal Code, shall read as follows  
3 (underline denotes addition, ~~strikethrough~~ denotes deletion):

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5                           ***California Fire Code Adoption and Amendments***

- 6           9.02.005       The ~~2018~~ 2021 International Fire Code with the ~~2019~~ 2022  
7                           California Fire Code adopted by reference
- 8           9.02.010       Violations and penalties
- 9           9.02.015       Amendments, additions, deletions, and substitutions
- 10          9.02.020       Amendment; Chapter 1 of the California Fire Code
- 11          9.02.025       Amendment; Chapter 2 of the California Fire Code
- 12          9.02.030       Amendment; Chapter 4 of the California Fire Code
- 13          9.02.035       Amendment; Chapter 5 of the California Fire Code
- 14          9.02.040       Amendment; Chapter 9 of the California Fire Code
- 15          9.02.045       Amendment; Chapter 20 of the California Fire Code
- 16          ~~9.02.050 — Amendment; Chapter 23 of the California Fire Code~~
- 17          9.02.0505       Amendment; Chapter 48 of the California Fire Code
- 18          ~~9.02.060 — Amendment; Chapter 57 of the California Fire Code~~
- 19          9.02.0655       Amendment; Appendix C of the California Fire Code
- 20          9.02.0760       Amendment; Appendix D of the California Fire Code

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22                           **CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS**

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24           **§ 9.02.005 THE ~~2018~~ 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH THE ~~2019~~**  
25           **2022 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.**

26           A.       The City Council hereby adopts all chapters, certain amendments,  
27 additions, deletions and exceptions to the ~~2018~~ 2021 International Fire Code, with  
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1 errata, incorporating Part 9 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations known  
2 as the ~~2019~~ 2022 California Fire Code, with errata, including the ~~2019~~ 2022 Fire  
3 Code Chapter 1 as amended, Chapter 2 as amended, Chapter 4 as amended,  
4 Chapter 5 as amended, Chapter 9 as amended, Chapter 20 as amended, ~~Chapter~~  
5 ~~23 as amended~~, Chapter 48 as amended, ~~Chapter 57 as amended~~, Appendix  
6 Chapter 4, Appendix B, Appendix BB, Appendix C as amended, Appendix CC,  
7 Appendix D as amended, Appendix E, Appendix F, Appendix G, Appendix H,  
8 Appendix I, and Appendix N as adopted by the California Building Standards  
9 Commission, Chapter 9.02, the Zoning Code, as set forth in Title 17 of this Code,  
10 and any other City regulations relating to existing zoning, fireworks, building trades,  
11 is hereby adopted. The provisions of the International Fire Code, with errata,  
12 California Fire Code, and Fire Code Appendices, as indicated above, shall be  
13 applicable in the City and referred to as the "Fire Code of the City of Culver City."

14           B. One copy of the Fire Code of the City of Culver City shall be available  
15 in the Fire Prevention office for public inspection.

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17           **§ 9.02.010 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

18           A. No person shall violate any provision or fail to comply with the  
19 requirements of the Fire Code of the City of Culver City, hereinafter referred to as  
20 the "Fire Code." Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with  
21 any of the requirements of the Fire Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall  
22 be punished in accordance with §1.01.035 and §1.01.040 of this Code.

23           B. In addition to the penalties herein provided above, any condition  
24 caused or permitted to exist in violation of any provision of the Fire Code, shall be  
25 deemed a public nuisance and may be summarily abated as such, and each day  
26 such condition continues, shall be regarded as a new and separate offense.

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**§ 9.02.015 AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND  
SUBSTITUTIONS.**

The Fire Code is amended as provided in this Subchapter.

**§ 9.02.020 AMENDMENTS; CHAPTER 1 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE  
CODE.**

Section 104.1.1 Fire Prevention Standard Operating Policy Manual. A Fire Code Departmental Policy Manual, known as the Culver City Fire Prevention Standard Operating Guidelines has been created and adopted to serve as instructions and interpretations of the adopted Fire Code. The Policy Manual shall be a published document, maintained in the Fire Prevention office, and amended from time to time to provide current instruction and interpretation.

Section 105.1.1.1 Permit Fees. Permit Fees shall be adopted by resolution of the City Council.

Section 105.6.3.1 Aviation. An operational permit is required for all types of aircraft that are flying, hovering, landing, lifting, filming, parking, or conducting similar activities.

Section 105.6.14.1 Permits to Conduct Displays of Fireworks Granted by City Council. The City Council, by resolution, upon written application as provided in this Subchapter and subject to the provisions of this Subchapter, may grant two (2) permits to conduct a public display of fireworks in a calendar year, each display to occur on a separate date. The City Council may by resolution, grant an additional special permit for a public fireworks display sponsored by the City.

1 Section 105.6.14.2 Application for Permit; Conditions for Filing. An application  
2 for a permit to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be filed in compliance with  
3 all of the following:

4 A. Application for a permit to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be  
5 filed in the Office of the City Manager, on forms provided by the City, at least 180  
6 days prior to the date requested for conducting the public display of fireworks.  
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8 B. The following information shall be included on the application:

9 1. The location of the public display of fireworks as approved by  
10 the Culver City Fire Department;

11 2. The location for storage of the fireworks to be displayed as  
12 approved by the Culver City Fire Department, if within the City;

13 3. Who, if anyone, will provide management services to the  
14 applicant for the public display of fireworks and evidence that such manager has  
15 complied with all business tax certificate requirements; and  
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17 4. Transportation routes and any other information deemed  
18 necessary by the City Council for the consideration of the application.  
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20 C. Evidence of the following types of insurance in a form with  
21 endorsements as approved by the City Attorney and in an amount as established by  
22 the City Attorney and the Fire Chief, but not less than Five Million Dollars  
23 (\$5,000,000.00) shall be filed with the application:

24 1. Commercial general liability insurance; combined single limit,  
25 bodily injury and property damage, each occurrence;

26 2. Premises/operation liability;  
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1           3.       Contractual liability, specifically referencing indemnification  
2 agreements with the City; and

3           4.       Products liability, including completed operations liability.  
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5           D. All fees required pursuant to this Code and City Council resolution  
6 shall be paid at the time of filing the application; and

7           E. Evidence of compliance with any special conditions required by the  
8 Culver City Fire Department because of the location of the public display of  
9 fireworks.  
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11                   Section 105.6.14.3 Conditions Governing Permit. Any permit granted  
12 to conduct a public display of fireworks shall be governed by all of the following:

13           A. The public display of fireworks shall be conducted by a duly licensed  
14 pyrotechnician who shall have obtained Culver City Fire Department approval no  
15 later than the last day of June of the year in which the permit is granted;  
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17           B. One public display of fireworks may be conducted on July 4th, and one  
18 may be conducted on another day. Any fireworks display shall be conducted strictly  
19 in accordance with all regulations and conditions specified in this Subchapter and in  
20 the City Council resolution granting the permit;

21           C. Any attempt to transfer a permit to any person shall void the permit;  
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23           D. The permittee shall agree, in writing, to indemnify and hold harmless  
24 the City, its officers, representatives, and employees from any loss or liability or  
25 damages, including expenses and costs, for bodily injury or property damage  
26 sustained by any person as a result of any operation related to the permit; and  
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1 E. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Subchapter shall  
2 preclude consideration of any application filed if permits have not been granted  
3 thereunder; and shall be sufficient cause of the revocation of any permit previously  
4 issued.

5 Section 105.6.14.4 Time Limits. The City Council, by resolution, may extend  
6 or shorten the time requirements established by this Subchapter.  
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8 Section 105.6.14.5 Rescission of Prohibition. The prohibition set forth in  
9 Chapter 56 of the California Fire Code shall not be rescinded by the City Council  
10 without the approval of a majority of the voters voting at a regular or special election.

11 Section 105.6.37.1 Special Events and Assemblage. A permit is required for  
12 special events and assemblages.  
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14 Section 105.6.51.1 Non-Defined Operations. An operational permit may be  
15 required after a Fire Department Review for hazards to people or property from the  
16 proposed operation, system or event.

17 Section 105.6.51.2 Permits. A permit shall be required as set forth in the  
18 Culver City, City Council approved fee schedule for all special event and  
19 assemblages.  
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21 Section 105.6.51.3 Special Event Application and Submittals. All special  
22 events and assemblages shall be submitted to the Fire Department for review. All  
23 applications shall have a contact name, phone number, business name, address, a  
24 plot plan, floor plan and sufficient detail and information to allow for a comprehensive  
25 evaluation. Permits, Fire Safety Officers, security, and other issues determined by  
26 the review shall be provided by the event organizer prior to allowing the event or  
27 assemblage to operate. Tents in excess of 400 square feet needed for a special  
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1 event or assemblage shall meet the requirements of Chapter 31 and require a  
2 separate fire permit.

3 Section 109.4 Appeals. Protests and appeals from the enforcement of this  
4 Code shall be made to the Municipal Code Appeals Committee in accordance with  
5 Section 1.01.065 of the Culver City Municipal Code.  
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7 **§ 9.02.025 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 2 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**

8 Chapter 2 Definitions is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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10 Section 202, Existing Building/sStructure sSquare footage. The existing  
11 square footage of a building/structure is defined as the remaining square footage  
12 after all demolition of the building has been completed.

13 Section 202, Existing Roof Structure sSquare footage. The existing square  
14 footage of a roof structure is defined as the remaining square footage of the roof  
15 structure after all demolition of the roof structure has been completed.  
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17 **§ 9.02.030 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 4 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE**

18 Chapter 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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20 Section 403.11.1.5.1 Identification. Identification numbers shall be provided  
21 for all individual units in covered mall buildings, multi-unit buildings and other  
22 commercial complexes, and shall be placed in such a position as to be plainly visible  
23 and legible. The position and size of such identification numbers shall be determined  
24 by the Fire Code Official. Numbers and names shall be provided for all enclosed  
25 rooms and spaces, including service rooms, mechanical rooms, closets, and similar  
26 spaces to identify use.

27 **§ 9.02.035 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 5 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE.**  
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1 Chapter 5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 Section 503.1.2.1 Difficult aApparatus aAccess. If the Fire Code Official or  
3 his/her designee determines that access for fire apparatus and equipment to any  
4 building or structure is unduly difficult, installation of an automatic fire-extinguishing  
5 system shall be required.

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7 504.1.1 Keypsets, hHandles, locks and kKeys. As determined by a Fire  
8 Department review, all noted exterior doors shall be provided with locksets and  
9 handles for Fire Department Access. Keys for required access shall be provided by  
10 the owner and made readily available in the KNOX Box.

11 Section 504.5 Catwalks and Ladders. Upon review, buildings with parapets  
12 and other construction that exceeds five (5) feet from the roof may be required to  
13 provide non-combustible catwalks and ladders.

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15 Section 504.6 Exterior Structure Requirements. All buildings with wall tops  
16 and/or parapets with soft materials, rails or other construction that creates a hazard  
17 to safe access for firefighting purposes shall have solid surfaces to support the use  
18 of ladders, firefighters with gear and other suppression equipment. Review and  
19 approval of surfaces shall be by the Fire Code Official.

20 **§ 9.02.040 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 9 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE**

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22 Chapter 9 of the Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 Section 901.4.1.1 Automatic Fire-Extinguishing System. An automatic fire-  
24 extinguishing (sprinkler) system shall be installed in every new building in the City,  
25 including any new residential building, hereinafter constructed or moved into the  
26 City, regardless of area separation or type of construction.

1           *EXCEPTION: New buildings/additions less than 500 square feet may be*  
2 *exempted upon approval of the Fire Code Official.*

3           Section 901.4.1.2 Commercial, Industrial and Multi-family. In existing  
4 commercial, industrial and multi-family residential occupancies, fire sprinklers shall  
5 be required in existing and new portions of the building for height increases, area  
6 increases of 50% or more, and for any occupancy change that increases fire risk or  
7 hazard.

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9           Section 901.4.1.3 Residential. Existing one and two family dwellings shall be  
10 required to install a fully automatic fire sprinkler system in existing and new portions  
11 of the building when a story is added, more than 75% of the existing roof structure is  
12 replaced, or when the enclosed floor area is increased by more than 75%. NOTE:  
13 See Culver City Amended Chapter 2 for the definition of "EXISTING  
14 BUILDING/STRUCTURE AND ROOF STRUCTURE."

15           Section 903.3.5.1 Domestic Service. Where the domestic service provides  
16 the water supply for the automatic sprinkler system, the supply shall be a minimum 1  
17 inch water meter.

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19           Section 903.3.8 ~~LIMITED AREA SPRINKLER SYSTEMS DELETED,~~  
20 ~~REPLACED BY~~ new Section 901.4.7. Partial Fire Sprinkler Systems. Where in the  
21 Fire Code or the Building Code a partial fire sprinkler system is allowed or required,  
22 the fire sprinkler system shall be installed, modified or extended to protect the entire  
23 building or structure.

24           Section 903.3.8.5.1 Hydraulically Calculated Systems. The design of  
25 hydraulically calculated fire sprinkler systems shall not exceed 90% of the water  
26 supply capacity.

1           Section 903.4.2.1 Interior Audible Device. An interior audible device shall be  
2 required in an approved location and shall be connected to the automatic sprinkler  
3 system.

4           Section. 907.1.6 Projection Room Controls. All projection equipment and  
5 audio equipment shall be interconnected to the fire alarm system for shut down,  
6 upon an interrupt signal from the fire alarm panel, to prevent interference of all visual  
7 and audible evacuation devices and directions from the theatre staff for evacuation  
8 directions.

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10           **§ 9.02.045 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 20 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE**  
11 **CODE.**

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13 Chapter 20 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14           Section 2001.3.1 Permits. All flight operations within the City of Culver City  
15 are required to have an approved Culver City Fire Department permit. Permits shall  
16 cover but not be limited to: flight to perform lifts, hovering, fly over, landings, filming  
17 and other operations while flying, hovering or landing.

18           Section 2001.3.2 Operation and ~~r~~Review ~~s~~Standards. Compliance with CA  
19 Fire Code Chapter 20 and CCMC 9.09 shall be used to obtain a flight permit and the  
20 requirements for flight operations and approvals. All operations shall be reviewed  
21 and approved by the Fire Department. Landing, fueling, repairs, and storage are  
22 limited. The need for providing standby personnel, Fire Safety Officers and permits  
23 for any or all activities shall be determined by the Fire Department.

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25           ~~**§ 9.02.050 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 23 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE**~~  
26 ~~**CODE.**~~

27 ~~Chapter 23 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~  
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1           ~~Section 2301.7 Class III-B Liquids. Where in this chapter there is a~~  
2 ~~requirement for Class III-A Liquids, this same requirement shall apply to Class III-B~~  
3 ~~Liquids.~~

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5           **§ 9.02.0550 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 48 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE**  
6           **CODE.**

7 Chapter 48 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8           Section 4804.6.1 Illumination. The approved perimeter aisles shall be  
9 illuminated at floor level with light fixtures spaced at intervals of not more than fifty  
10 (50) feet apart and providing a minimum light intensity of not less than (1) foot-  
11 candle. Power for the emergency light fixtures shall be supplied as required by  
12 Culver City Fire Department Regulations. All Exit and Emergency lights shall comply  
13 with the Building Code requirements for two sources of power with one of the two  
14 sources of power provided by approved batteries.

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16           Section. 4804.10 Flammable Liquids and Compressed Gases on Sound  
17 Stages. Unless approved, in writing, by the Fire Code Official, flammable liquids and  
18 compressed flammable gases shall be prohibited on television and motion picture  
19 sound stages.

20           Section 4804.11 Fire Department Filming and Performance Regulations. All  
21 Motion Picture and Television Production Studio Sound Stages, Approved  
22 Production Facilities and Productions Locations shall comply with Culver City Fire  
23 Department Filming and Performance Regulations. Fire Department Filming  
24 Regulations are available for review at the Fire Prevention counter.

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26           ~~**§ 9.02.060 AMENDMENT; CHAPTER 57 OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE**~~  
27           ~~**CODE.**~~

1 Chapter 57 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2           Section 5701.6 Class III-B Liquids. Where in this chapter there is a  
3 requirement for Class III-A Liquids, this same requirement shall apply to Class III-B  
4 liquids.

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6           **§ 9.02.0655 AMENDMENT; APPENDIX C OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE**  
7           **CODE.**

8 Appendix C is hereby amended to read as follows:

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10           Section C101.1.2. Use Table as Indicated. Whenever the reference is made  
11 to Table C102.1, use Culver City Fire Department requirements of 300-foot fire  
12 hydrant spacing in commercial/industrial/residential areas and 600-foot spacing in  
13 residential areas for Hydrant Placement, Spacing and Specifications. Maximum  
14 distance of a fire hydrant to an FDC shall not exceed 100 feet.

15           **§ 9.02.0760 AMENDMENT; APPENDIX D, OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE**  
16           **CODE.**

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18 Appendix D is hereby amended to read as follows:

19           Section D101.1.2. Use ~~†~~Table as indicated. Upon review of a project and  
20 based on Fire Department access and water supplies, the Fire Department may  
21 change the tables to mitigate special hazards.

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23           **SECTION 3:** Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit  
24 or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or  
25 any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or Ordinance  
26 hereby repealed as cited in Section 1 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal  
27 right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.  
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**SECTION 4:** Pursuant to Section 619 of the City Charter, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. Pursuant to Section 616 and 621 of the City Charter, prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days after the adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary thereof, to be published in the Culver City News and shall post this Ordinance or a summary thereof in at least three (3) places within the City.

**SECTION 5:** City Council hereby declares that, if any provision, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this Ordinance is rendered or declared invalid or unconstitutional by any final action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, then the City Council would have independently adopted the remaining provisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, phrases, or words of this Ordinance, and as such they shall remain in full force and effect.


APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

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DR. DANIEL LEE, MAYOR  
City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
JEREMY BOCCHINO  
City Clerk

  
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HEATHER BAKER for  
City Attorney