



Legislation Text

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TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:

Bruce Moe, City Manager

FROM:

Mark Leyman, Parks and Recreation Director
Linda Robb, Management Analyst

SUBJECT:

Introduction of Ordinance No. 18-0013 Authorizing the City Council to Conditionally Issue Special Permits for the Service of Alcohol on the Beach Under Limited Circumstances; Adoption of Resolution No. 18-0053 Allowing "Outstanding in the Field" in Conjunction with the L.A. Times Food Bowl to Serve Alcohol at its Longtable Dinner Event on May 24, 2018 (Parks and Recreation Director Leyman).

- a) **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 18-0013**
- b) **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 18-0053**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council introduce Ordinance No. 18-0013 amending the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code to authorize the City Council to conditionally issue special permits for the service of alcohol on the beach under limited circumstances; and adopt Resolution No. 18-0053 Allowing "Outstanding in the Field" in conjunction with the L.A. Times Food Bowl to serve alcohol at its Longtable Dinner Event on May 24, 2018.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

BACKGROUND:

In 1976, the City adopted Municipal Code Chapter 4.48.090 to regulate the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property. The chapter was amended several times with the last modification occurring in 2015. The chapter states that after considering the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the City Council may grant special permits for the sale or consumption of wine or beer at special functions or activities in a park or other location if there is a public benefit to the community. Prior to Ordinance No. 18-0013, the ordinance stated that "public place" includes the Manhattan Beach Pier. However, special permits could not be issued for alcohol on the public beach.

At the March 20, 2018 City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff to update the Municipal Code regarding City Council's ability to approve alcohol for special events on the beach. In addition, the Council directed staff to draft a resolution granting a special permit to "Outstanding in the Field" in conjunction with the L.A. Times Food Bowl to serve alcohol at its Longtable Dinner event on May 24,

2018.

DISCUSSION:

Special events are an important part of the City's dynamic and identity. The Municipal Code update will provide appropriate language for special events.

The ordinance has been drafted to allow the City Council to decide whether or not alcohol may be allowed for events occurring on the beach on a case-by-case basis. The current ordinance does not provide this option.

With respect to the application by "Outstanding in the Field," the public benefit includes donations to local charities, including the Roundhouse Aquarium and Heal the Bay. Further, the dinner is an educational event with the purpose to bring awareness to the importance of sustainable fishing practices for seafood.

The City Council may grant special permits for the sale or consumption of wine or beer at special functions or activities in a park or other public place subject to the approval of the Chief of Police.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST:

This item was discussed at the March 20, 2018 City Council meeting.

LEGAL REVIEW

The City Attorney has approved as to form draft Ordinance No. 18-0013.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance No. 18-0013
2. Municipal Code Chapter 4.48.090
3. Resolution No. 18-0053