

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-051

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

November 24, 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 12.44.070 AND 12.44.090 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO BICYCLE RIDING ON PEDESTRIAN MALLS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

BACKGROUND

Section 1

Section 12.44.070 of the Sacramento City Code is amended to read as follows:

12.44.070 Bicycle riding and parking.

- A. Except as authorized under subsection B of this section, or Chapter 5.94 of this code regarding the regulation of pedicabs, no person shall ride a bicycle upon that portion of K Street Mall between 7th Street and 4th Street.
- B. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall not apply to the following persons:
 - 1. Peace officers, as defined in Penal Code Section 830, who are on scheduled duty and who are acting within the course and scope of their employment.
 - 2. Employees of the Sacramento downtown district (hereafter "district") who meet all of the following standards: (i) perform guide or related services as employees of the district; (ii) are on scheduled duty and are acting within the course and scope of their employment with the district; (iii) have been designated in writing by the district as required to ride a bicycle; and (iv) have received a permit from the city manager after making written application therefore.
 - 3. On-duty emergency medical personnel as designated by the fire chief of the city.
- C. The city manager shall, prior to issuance of any permit pursuant to subsection (B)(2) of this section, develop and implement an appropriate application form, criteria to implement the standards set forth in subsection (B)(2) of this section, and a form of permit. No permit shall be issued without a written request from the district, which designates individual employees as being required to ride bicycles in the course and scope of their duties as employees of the district.

The city manager may limit the number of permits issued pursuant to this section.

Section 2

Section 12.44:090 of the Sacramento City Code is amended to read as follows:

12.44.090 Speed.

No person shall operate any vehicle on any mall at a speed of more than five miles per hour; provided, however, that this speed limit shall not apply to the light rail transit vehicles and shuttle buses (thirty (30) passengers or less) operated by the Sacramento regional transit district. It is understood that light rail transit vehicles are governed by and shall operate in compliance with the regulations of the California Public Utilities Commission relating to the speed of light rail vehicles on pedestrian malls such as the K Street mall. Shuttle buses and bicycles shall not be operated on any mall at a speed faster than is reasonable under the circumstances but in no event more than ten (10) miles per hour.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on November 24, 2009 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters, and Mayor Johnson.

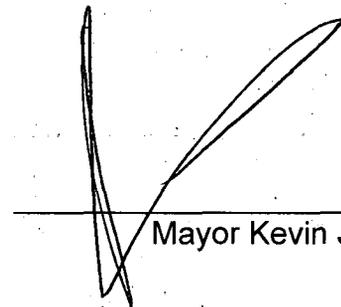
Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Attest:


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk


Mayor Kevin Johnson

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