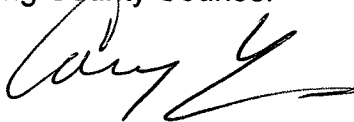


ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 17 - Parks, Beaches, and Other Public Areas of the Los Angeles County Code to clarify that the use of balls, flying discs, including frisbees, tubes, and any light-weight objects are permitted at all times on any beach that is owned, controlled, or managed by the County, provided that the involved activity does not endanger any person or property on or near the beach, or in or over the Pacific Ocean opposite any beach, or unless the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors or an ocean lifeguard directs otherwise to protect the public safety and enjoyment of the beach or the Pacific Ocean opposite any beach.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 17 – Parks, Beaches, and Other Public Areas of the Los Angeles County Code relating to beach activities involving the use of balls, flying discs, including frisbees, tubes, and other light-weight objects on beaches that are owned, controlled, or managed by the County.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17.12.430 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.12.430 ~~Ball-playing restrictions~~ Beach activities involving the use of balls, flying discs, including frisbees, tubes, and other light-weight objects.

A. ~~General Prohibition. It is unlawful for any person to cast, toss, throw, kick, or roll any ball, tube, or any light object other than a beach ball or beach volleyball upon or over any beach, except any of the following:~~

1. ~~In an area that may be established and/or designated for such use by the Director.~~

2. ~~When the person first obtains a permit by the Director to conduct such activity.~~

3. ~~When using a water polo ball in or over the Pacific Ocean opposite such beach.~~

4. ~~When using any other object over or in the Pacific Ocean opposite such beach, the person first obtains previous authorization from the Fire Chief or ocean lifeguard to conduct such activity.~~

~~B. Exception for off season. The ball playing restrictions set forth in subsection A shall not be applicable during the period between Labor Day and Memorial Day, provided the involved ball playing activity is carried out in such a manner so as not to endanger any person or property on or near the beach. In no event shall any structure or improvement used for ball playing purposes be placed on the beach without the previous authorization of the Director.~~

Individuals and small groups shall be allowed at all times to cast, toss, throw, kick, roll, hit, propel, or catch any ball, flying disc, including a frisbee, tube, or any light-weight object upon or over any beach, or in or over the Pacific Ocean, provided that the involved activity is carried out in such a manner so as not to endanger any person or property on or near the beach, or in or over the Pacific Ocean opposite any beach, or unless any such individuals or small groups are directed otherwise by the Director, Fire Chief, ocean lifeguard, or any of their designees in order to protect the public safety and enjoyment of the beach or the Pacific Ocean opposite any beach.

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