

ORDINANCE NO. 10355
(New Series)

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VI OF THE
SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY DESIGNATING
SECTIONS 68.00 THROUGH 68.53, INCLUSIVE,
OF ARTICLE 8 AS "DIVISION 1" AND BY
ADDING THERETO ARTICLE 8, DIVISION 2
RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE
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BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of The City of San Diego,
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to read Sections 68.0100 through 68.0153, inclusive.

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DIVISION 2

SAN DIEGO HELICOPTER RULES AND REGULATIONS

SEC. 68.0200 PURPOSE AND INTENT

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The applicant for a private heliport or helistop shall pay an annual license fee of \$10.00 payable on the anniversary date of the issuance of the license.

License fee shall accompany the application.

Payment of license fees when due is a condition for granting or renewal of the license.

**SEC. 68.0207 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE--PERMANENT
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(b) Copy of completed application to California Department of Aeronautics for State approval.

(c) Copy of completed application to Federal Aviation Administration for approval.

(d) For the first application in each calendar year, a certificate of insurance providing a public liability and property damage consistent with the requirements of the California Public Utility Commission for helicopter operations.

(e) A Conditional Use Permit issued by the City Planning Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code, Section 101.0505.1 et seq.

Every license which is issued pursuant to this division shall be conditional pending receipt by the City Manager of evidence of the approvals required by the Federal Aviation Administration and the California Department of Aeronautics, and said license shall not be deemed

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unconditionally approved until such evidence is received by the City Manager. In the event either or both the Federal Aviation Administration or California Department of Aeronautics disapproves such applications or fails to approve such applications within ninety days after the issuance of the license issued pursuant to this division, then said license shall be deemed revoked by operation of law without the requirement of notice to the applicant by City. This section shall not be construed as authority to operate a heliport or helistop until the license granted pursuant to this division is unconditionally approved.

SEC. 68.0208 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE--TEMPORARY
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No person shall operate a helicopter to or from any property within the City other than a heliport, helistop or helicopter training site approved by the City (except in cases of an emergency situation), provided, however, that the landing and takeoff of helicopters at places other than approved heliports and helistops may be authorized for specifically designated and limited times by obtaining permission from the Airports Director. Such authorization shall not exceed a thirty-day period.

Every application for temporary heliport or helistop permit shall be made in writing to the Airports Director and shall include the following:

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- (b) Copy of application for State approval.
- (c) Copy of application for Federal Aviation Administration approval.

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(d) Written approval of landowner or duly authorized agent or representative.

(e) Certificate of insurance as in Section 68.0207(d).

Upon receipt of proper application, the Airports Director shall coordinate and obtain concurrence from appropriate City departments. Temporary sites will be evaluated on the basis of recommended Federal Aviation Administration criteria. Waivers may be granted on this criteria when safety of flight or the interests of the general public are not jeopardized. Past performance of applicant shall be considered in each instance. An appropriate permit for temporary operations shall be issued by the Airports Director.

SEC. 68.0209 HELIPORT AND HELISTOP REGULATIONS

No license for the operation of a permanent heliport or helistop shall be issued until the following conditions are met:

(a) The takeoff and landing area shall be encircled by a fence or barrier not less than three feet in height.

(b) The touchdown area shall be located in the center of the takeoff and landing area.

(c) Obstruction clearance surfaces shall be as required by Federal Aviation Regulations.

(d) Each takeoff and landing area shall have two obstruction clearance surfaces at least 90 degrees apart, one of which is into the prevailing wind.

(e) A wind indicating device shall be provided and maintained at all times in a workable condition.

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(f) The takeoff and landing area shall be provided with adequate lighting if used for night or all weather operations.

(g) The helicopter landing facilities shall be marked as prescribed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

(h) Surfacing of the landing facility shall be such so as to minimize the blowing of any dust, dirt or other objectionable material onto neighboring property.

(i) Every heliport or helistop as herein defined shall be limited in hours of operation to the periods between sunup and sundown daily unless properly lighted and specifically approved for night operation.

(j) The Planning Commission may, pursuant to Section 101.0505.3 of the Municipal Code, impose such additional conditions as it deems necessary and desirable to protect the public health, safety and welfare in those cases requiring the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit.

(k) Floating helistops or heliports shall be marked and lighted in accordance with Coast Guard regulations.

(l) Adequate portable fire extinguishers shall be provided as determined by the City Fire Marshal.

SEC. 68.0210 ELEVATED HELIPORT AND HELISTOP
REGULATIONS

No license for the operation of an elevated heliport/helistop shall be issued until the following additional requirements are met:

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(a) The provisions of the San Diego Building Code, Sections 1713 and 2315 shall be complied with.

(b) The roof shall be provided with a 12-inch parapet. Where openings pierce the roof, they shall be provided with a 6-inch curb and fire protected as required for vertical shafts. No openings in the roof shall be permitted within 25 feet of the touchdown boundaries.

(c) Exits shall not be located in the landing or takeoff pattern.

(d) Landing pads raised above roof level shall have two (2) three-foot stairs provided to the roof below.

(e) No fueling or repairing of helicopters shall be permitted except of an emergency nature when approved by the City Fire Marshal.

(f) Separator or clarifying tanks for collecting spilled fuel shall be installed under approval and supervision of the Fire Department.

(g) No smoking shall be permitted within 50 feet of the landing pad.

(h) Two or more wet standpipes shall be provided to reach all parts of roof equipped with 1-1/2-inch rubber lined fire hose not over 100 feet in length. Hose shall be equipped with combination fog nozzles. Sufficient pressure shall be provided to afford a good fog pattern. Hose cabinets shall be located near the separate exits.

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(i) The electrical wiring and equipment in the landing pad area shall comply with requirements of the National Electrical Code for Class 1, Division 2, Hazardous Locations.

(j) Mechanical, air handling, and air conditioning equipment or penthouses must be 25 feet from the landing pad, outside the landing and takeoff pattern and protected by a substantial incombustible barrier on the side toward the landing pad.

(k) Two fire extinguishers of at least 16 BC rating each shall be provided.

(l) Approved means of communication, such as direct-line telephone or fire alarm box, shall be provided in the immediate vicinity.

SEC. 68.0211 ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING SITES

Training and proficiency practice operations for helicopter pilots shall be conducted only at sites designated and approved by the City Manager. Site selection and approval shall be as follows:

(a) Airports Director shall select appropriate sites in those areas of the City where practice and training operations will be most compatible, giving consideration to minimizing distance from regular helicopter base locations.

(b) Airports Director shall coordinate with Federal Aviation Administration and State officials, obtaining their concurrence and approval as required for sites selected.

(c) Airports Director shall obtain approval of the City Manager for sites selected

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and shall assure appropriate notice to all concerned. Notice shall include advice that all operations at selected sites are at the risk of the pilot and without responsibility on the part of the City.

**SEC. 68.0212 AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION AND
REVOCATION OF LICENSES**

1. A license to operate a heliport or helistop granted pursuant to this division shall be deemed automatically suspended if the approval of the licensee or the facility given by the California Department of Aeronautics or the Federal Aviation Administration is lost or withdrawn for any reason. Such suspension shall remain in effect until the licensee delivers evidence of the approval of the California Department of Aeronautics and/or the Federal Aviation Administration to the City Manager.

2. When, in the opinion of the City Manager, the continued operation of a heliport or helistop is a serious danger to the public health, safety or welfare, the City Manager may suspend the license to operate such facility without complying with the hearing procedure provided by this division. The licensee is, however, entitled to the appeals procedure provided by this division.

SEC. 68.0213 HEARING PROCEDURE

Before denying, suspending or revoking a license issued pursuant to this division, the City Manager shall call a hearing as provided in this division, except as provided in Section 68.0212 of this division.

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SEC. 68.0214 NOTICE OF HEARING

Upon the calling of such a hearing, the City Manager shall cause a written notice of hearing specifying the time and place of hearing and the reason for such suspension or revocation to be served personally or by mail upon the license holder. Such service shall be made at least ten (10) days before the hearing. The day of mailing shall be deemed the first of the ten (10) days for determining the ten (10) day period.

SEC. 68.0215 HEARING

At the time and place which is appointed for the hearing, the City Manager shall hear the parties and take evidence.

SEC. 68.0216 RULES OF EVIDENCE

The hearing need not be conducted according to the statutory or common law rules of evidence. Any relevant evidence may be admitted and considered by the City Manager if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs. Objections to evidence shall be noted and a ruling given by the City Manager.

**SEC. 68.0217 GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR
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The City Manager may suspend or revoke a license to operate a heliport or helistop whenever:

(a) There is a violation of these sections or subsections and/or of any State or Federal law or regulation pertaining thereto;

(b) State permit and/or Federal Aviation Administration approval is lost, suspended or withdrawn for any reason;

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(c) There has been a material change of circumstances since the granting of the license which would have precluded issuance of the license if such changed circumstances had been in existence at the time of application;

(d) Conditions of the Conditional Use Permit have been violated.

SEC. 68.0218 DECISION

At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Manager shall make an order. Such order can:

- (a) dismiss the charges;
- (b) suspend or revoke the license, or
- (c) affix such other conditional and probationary orders as may be proper for the enforcement of this article.

A copy of the decision shall be furnished to the license holder who shall be informed of his right to appeal pursuant to this division.

SEC. 68.0219 STAY OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION

The effect of a decision by the City Manager shall be stayed while an appeal to Council is pending or until the time for filing such appeal has expired except as provided in Section 68.0212 of this division.

SEC. 68.0220 COMMENCEMENT OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

Any person affected by an action taken or purported to be taken under authority of this division, or by a failure to act in conformity with this division, may appeal such action or failure to act by filing within ten (10) days of such act

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or failure, an appellate petition with the City Clerk on a form furnished by him.

SEC. 68.0221 APPELLATE HEARING

City Clerk shall set the appeal for public hearing. Notice thereof shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least once ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing which shall be within thirty (30) days after appellant files his appellate petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, Council shall by resolution grant or deny the appeal. When the appellate petition is filed with City Clerk, any action which is the subject of the appeal shall be stayed until Council decides the appeal, except as provided in Section 68.0212 of this division. If Council grants the appeal, Council shall direct the appropriate action of the City Manager. If Council denies the appeal, the action of the City Manager becomes effective immediately upon denial.

SEC. 68.0222 CONSTITUTIONALITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this division is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this division. The Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the division and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its passage.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By


Clifton E. Reed, Deputy

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on AUG 4 1970,
by the following vote:

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AUTHENTICATED BY:

FRANK CURRAN
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

JOHN LOCKWOOD
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

(Seal)

By Elfa P. Hamel, Deputy.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was not finally passed until twelve calendar days had elapsed between the day of its introduction and the day of its final passage, to wit, on

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~~I FURTHER CERTIFY that said ordinance was read in full prior to its final passage.~~

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City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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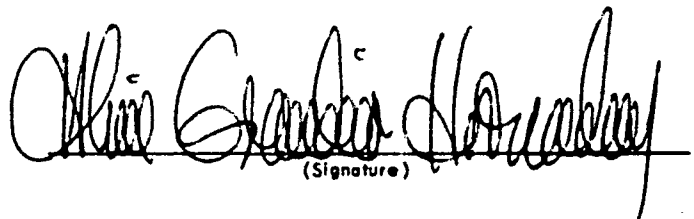
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I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is
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SEC. 68.0206 LICENSE FEES

The owner or operator of a permanent public heliport or helistop shall pay an annual license fee payable on the anniversary date of the issuance of the license in the amount of \$25.00 for a helistop and \$100.00 for a heliport. The first such license fee shall accompany the license application.

The applicant for a temporary public heliport or helistop permit as provided in Section 62.0208 with a duration in excess of ten days shall pay a license fee of \$10.00. The applicant for a temporary heliport or helistop permit with a duration of less than ten days shall pay a license fee of \$5.00. License fee shall accompany the application.

The applicant for a private heliport or helistop shall pay an annual license fee of \$10.00 payable on the anniversary date of the issuance of the license. License fee shall accompany the application.

Payment of license fees when due is a condition for granting or renewal of the license.

SEC. 68.0207 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE—PERMANENT HELIPORT OR HELISTOP

Every application for a license to construct and/or operate a permanent heliport or helistop shall be submitted in writing to the City Manager and shall include the following:

- (a) Name and address of applicant whether a firm, association or corporation.
- (b) Copy of completed application to California Department of Aeronautics for State approval.
- (c) Copy of completed application to Federal Aviation Administration for approval.
- (d) For the first application in each calendar year, a certificate of insurance providing a public liability and property damage consistent with the requirements of the California Public Utility Commission for helicopter operations.
- (e) A Conditional Use Permit issued by the City Planning Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code, Section 101.0505.1 et seq.

Every license which is issued pursuant to this division shall be conditional pending receipt by the City Manager of evidence of the approvals required by the Federal Aviation Administration and the California Department of Aeronautics, and said license shall not be deemed unconditionally approved until such evidence is received by the City Manager. In the event either or both the Federal Aviation Administration or California Department of Aeronautics disapproves such applications or fails to approve such applications within ninety days after the issuance of the license issued pursuant to this division, then said license shall be deemed revoked by operation of law without the requirement of notice to the applicant by City. This section shall not be construed as authority to operate a heliport or helistop until the license granted pursuant to this division is unconditionally approved.

SEC. 68.0208 APPLICATION FOR LICENSE—TEMPORARY HELIPORT OR HELISTOP

No person shall operate a helicopter to or from any property within the City other than a heliport, helistop or helicopter training site approved by the City (except in cases of an emergency situation), provided, however, that the landing and takeoff of helicopters at places other than approved heliports and helistops may be authorized for specifically designated and limited times by obtaining permission from the Airports Director. Such authorization shall not exceed a thirty-day period.

Every application for temporary heliport or helistop permit shall be made in writing to the Airports Director and shall include the following:

- (a) Name and address of applicant whether a firm, association or corporation.
- (b) Copy of application for State approval.
- (c) Copy of application for Federal Aviation Administration approval.
- (d) Written approval of landowner or duly authorized agent or representative.
- (e) Certificate of insurance as in Section 68.0207(d).

Upon receipt of proper application, the Airports Director shall coordinate and obtain concurrence from appropriate City departments. Temporary sites will be evaluated on the basis of recommended Federal Aviation Administration criteria. Waivers may be granted on this criteria when safety of flight or the interests of the general public are not jeopardized. Past performance of applicant shall be considered in each instance. An appropriate permit for temporary operations shall be issued by the Airports Director.

SEC. 68.0209 HELIPORT AND HELISTOP REGULATIONS

No license for the operation of a permanent heliport or helistop shall be issued until the following conditions are met:

- (a) The takeoff and landing area shall be encircled by a fence or barrier not less than three feet in height.
- (b) The touchdown area shall be located in the center of the takeoff and landing area.
- (c) Obstruction clearance surfaces shall be as required by Federal Aviation Regulations.
- (d) Each takeoff and landing area shall have two obstruction clearance surfaces at least 90 degrees apart, one of which is into the prevailing wind.
- (e) A wind indicating device shall be provided and maintained at all times in a workable condition.
- (f) The takeoff and landing area shall be provided with adequate lighting if used for night or all weather operations.
- (g) The helicopter landing facilities shall be marked as prescribed by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (h) Surfacing of the landing facility shall be such as to minimize the blowing of any dust, dirt or other objectionable material onto neighboring property.
- (i) Every heliport or helistop as herein defined shall be limited in hours of operation to the periods between sunup and sundown daily unless properly lighted and specifically approved for night operation.
- (j) The Planning Commission may, pursuant to Section 101.0505.3 of the Municipal Code, impose such additional conditions as it deems necessary and desirable to protect the public health, safety and welfare in those cases requiring the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit.
- (k) Floating helistops or heliports shall be marked and lighted in accordance with Coast Guard regulations.
- (l) Adequate portable fire extinguishers shall be provided as determined by the City Fire Marshal.

SEC. 68.0210 ELEVATED HELIPORT AND HELISTOP REGULATIONS

No license for the operation of an elevated heliport/helistop shall be issued until the following additional requirements are met:

- (a) The provisions of the San Diego Building Code, Sections 1713 and 2315 shall be complied with.
- (b) The roof shall be provided with a 12-inch parapet. Where openings pierce the roof, they shall be provided with a 6-inch curb and fire protected as required for vertical shafts. No openings in the roof shall be permitted within 25 feet of the touchdown boundaries.
- (c) Exits shall not be located in the landing or takeoff pattern.
- (d) Landing pads raised above roof level shall have two (2) three-foot stairs provided to the roof below.
- (e) No fueling or repairing of helicopters shall be permitted except of an emergency nature when approved by the City Fire Marshal.
- (f) Separator or clarifying tanks for collecting spilled fuel shall be installed under approval and supervision of the Fire Department.
- (g) No smoking shall be permitted within 50 feet of the landing pad.
- (h) Two or more wet standpipes shall be provided to reach all parts of roof equipped with 1½-inch rubber lined fire hose not over 100 feet in length. Hose shall be equipped with combination fog nozzles. Sufficient pressure shall be provided to afford a good fog pattern. Hose cabinets shall be located near the separate exits.
- (i) The electrical wiring and equipment in the landing pad area shall comply with requirements of the National Electrical Code for Class 1, Division 2, Hazardous Locations.
- (j) Mechanical, air handling, and air conditioning equipment or penthouses must be 25 feet from the landing pad, outside the landing and takeoff pattern and protected by a substantial incombustible barrier on the side toward the landing pad.
- (k) Two fire extinguishers of at least 16 BC rating each shall be provided.
- (l) Approved means of communication, such as direct-line telephone or fire alarm box, shall be provided in the immediate vicinity.

SEC. 68.0211 ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING SITES

Training and proficiency practice operations for helicopter pilots shall be conducted only at sites designated and approved by the City Manager. Site selection and approval shall be as follows:

- (a) Airports Director shall select appropriate sites in those areas of the City where practice and training operations will be most compatible, giving consideration to minimizing distance from regular helicopter base locations.
- (b) Airports Director shall coordinate with Federal Aviation Administration and State officials, obtaining their concurrence and approval as required for sites selected.
- (c) Airports Director shall obtain approval of the City Manager for sites selected and shall report approval to the City Manager.

SEC. 68.0212 AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES

1. A license to operate a heliport or helistop granted pursuant to this division shall be deemed automatically suspended if the approval of the licensee or the facility given by the California Department of Aeronautics or the Federal Aviation Administration is lost or withdrawn for any reason. Such suspension shall remain in effect until the licensee delivers evidence of the approval of the California Department of Aeronautics and/or the Federal Aviation Administration to the City Manager.

2. When, in the opinion of the City Manager, the continued operation of a heliport or helistop is a serious danger to the public health, safety or welfare, the City Manager may suspend the license to operate such facility without complying with the hearing procedure provided by this division. The licensee is, however, entitled to the appeals procedure provided by this division.

SEC. 68.0213 HEARING PROCEDURE
Before denying, suspending or revoking a license issued pursuant to this division, the City Manager shall call a hearing as provided in this division, except as provided in Section 68.0212 of this division.

SEC. 68.0214 NOTICE OF HEARING
Upon the calling of such a hearing, the City Manager shall cause a written notice of hearing specifying the time and place of hearing and the reason for such suspension or revocation to be served personally or by mail upon the licensee holder. Such service shall be made at least ten (10) days before the hearing. The day of mailing shall be deemed the first of the ten (10) days for determining the ten (10) day period.

SEC. 68.0215 HEARING
At the time and place which is appointed for the hearing, the City Manager shall hear the parties and take evidence.

SEC. 68.0216 RULES OF EVIDENCE
The hearing need not be conducted according to the statutory or common law rules of evidence. Any relevant evidence may be admitted and considered by the City Manager if it is the sort of evidence of serious affairs. Objections to evidence shall be noted and a ruling given by the City Manager.

SEC. 68.0217 GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION
The City Manager may suspend or revoke a license to operate a heliport or helistop whenever:

(a) There is a violation of these sections or subsections and/or of any State or Federal law or regulation pertaining thereto;

(b) State permit and/or Federal Aviation Administration approval is lost, suspended or withdrawn for any reason;

(c) There has been a material change of circumstances since the granting of the license which would have precluded issuance of the license if such changed circumstances had been in existence at the time of application;

(d) Conditions of the Conditional Use Permit have been violated.

SEC. 68.0218 DECISION
At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Manager shall make an order. Such order can:

(a) dismiss the charges;

(b) suspend or revoke the license, or

(c) affix such other conditional and probationary orders as may be proper for the enforcement of this article.

A copy of the decision shall be furnished to the licensee holder who shall be informed of his right to appeal pursuant to this division.

SEC. 68.0219 STAY OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION
The effect of a decision by the City Manager shall be stayed while an appeal to Council is pending or until the time for filing such appeal has expired except as provided in Section 68.0212 of this division.

SEC. 68.0220 COMMENCEMENT OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE
Any person affected by an action taken or purported to be taken under authority of this division, or by a failure to act in conformity with this division, may appeal such action or failure, an appellate petition with the City Clerk on a form furnished by him.

SEC. 68.0221 APPELLATE HEARING
City Clerk shall set the appeal for public hearing. Notice thereof shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least once ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing which shall be within thirty (30) days after appellant files his appellate petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, Council shall by resolution grant or deny the appeal. When the appellate petition is filed with City Clerk, any action which is the subject of the appeal shall be stayed until Council decides the appeal, except as provided in Section 68.0212 of this division. If Council grants the appeal, Council shall direct the appropriate action of the City Manager. If Council denies the appeal, the action of the City Manager becomes effective immediately upon denial.

SEC. 68.0222 CONSTITUTIONALITY
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this division is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this division. The Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the division and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its passage.

Introduced on July 21, 1970.
Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on August 1, 1970.

AUTHENTICATED BY:

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JOHN LOCKWOOD,
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.
By ELFA F. HAMEL, Deputy.

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