

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 17.12 (COMMERCIAL ZONES) OF THE LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 17.12.050 (ACCESSORY USES) TO ADD SUBSECTION (J), AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.45, RELATING TO COLLECTION BINS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lancaster finds and declares that the unregulated presence of collection bins, sometimes called donation bins, on private property often leads to bins encroaching on public rights-of-way, posing a hazard to vehicular and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds and declares that many collection bins located in the City are not maintained or monitored regularly, which results in the overflow of donations and the illegal dumping of junk and trash, that such bins are a magnet for graffiti and further create a harborage for vermin and pests, posing a hazard to public health and safety, creating a visual blight and a detriment to the community, causing harm to the general welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Welfare & Institutions Code Section 152 (relating to unattended collection boxes), the City Council finds and declares that an improperly located and/or maintained collection bin constitutes a public nuisance subject to abatement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that an effective way to reduce the number of unmaintained, unsightly, and potentially hazardous collection bins in the City of Lancaster is to adopt reasonable time, place and manner regulations and operating standards for owners or tenants of privately owned commercial property who desire to place a collection bin on their premises.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Lancaster hereby finds and determines that the above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2: Lancaster Municipal Code Chapter 17.12, Section 17.12.050 (Commercial zones, accessory uses) is hereby amended by adding subsection (J), as follows:

§17.12.050 (J) Collection bins, subject to the approval process and operating requirements set forth in Chapter 17.45 of this Code.

Section 3. Lancaster Municipal Code Title 17 is hereby amended by adding Chapter 17.45, as set forth in Attachment A attached hereto.

Section 4. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and will see that it is published and posted in the manner required by law.

I, Andrea Alexander, City Clerk of the City of Lancaster, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was regularly introduced and placed upon its first reading on the ____ day of _____, _____, and placed upon its second reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANDREA ALEXANDER
City Clerk
City of Lancaster

R. REX PARRIS
Mayor
City of Lancaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF LANCASTER)

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE
CITY COUNCIL

I, _____, _____ City of Lancaster, California, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance No. _____, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, on this _____ day of _____, _____.

(seal)
