

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.03 “REGULATION OF SPECIAL EVENTS” SECTIONS 9.03.020 – DEFINITIONS, 9.03.040 PERMIT REQUIRED, AND 9.03.050 PERMIT APPLICATION FILING AND FEE OF THE BEAUMONT MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE SPECIAL EVENT CLASSIFICATIONS AND REMOVE LIMITATIONS ON PERMIT FREQUENCY.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to modernize Chapter 9.03 “Regulation of Special Events” of the Beaumont Municipal Code (“BMC”) to improve clarity, ensure consistency with the City’s Development Related Fee Schedule, and streamline the permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the current BMC classifies “Major Special Events” as those involving 500 or more people and “Minor Special Events” as those with fewer than 500 people, while the 2023 Council-approved fee schedule uses a 1,000-person threshold, creating inconsistency and confusion for applicants and staff; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends adopting a four-tiered classification system — Micro, Minor, Intermediate, and Major — to align with the updated fee schedule and better scale permit requirements to event impact; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to amend (1) BMC Section 9.03.020 Definitions, (2) BMC Section 9.03.040, Permit required, and Section 9.03.050 Permit application – filing and fee as set forth in Exhibit A and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Beaumont does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The recitals reflected above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference as the cause, purpose, and foundation for the action taken by the City Council through this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. CEQA. Pursuant to section 15060(c)(2) of the California CEQA Guidelines, adoption of the subject Ordinance will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and therefore is not subject to CEQA. Additionally, pursuant to section 15060(c)(3) the activity is not a “project” as defined in section 15378 because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

SECTION 3. Findings. The City Council HEREBY FINDS AND DETERMINES that facts do exist to approve an amendment to the Beaumont Municipal Code (“Beaumont Code”).

SECTION 4. Approval. The City Council HEREBY APPROVES Ordinance _____ amending Section 9.03.020 - Definitions, Section 9.03.040 – Permit Required, and Section 9.03.050 Permit application – filing fee of the Beaumont Code as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This action shall become final and effective thirty (30) days after the adoption of this Ordinance by the City Council as provided by the Beaumont Code.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any section or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, or contravened by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining sections and/or provisions of this Ordinance

shall remain valid. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section or provision thereof, regardless of the fact that any one or more section(s) or provision(s) may be declared invalid or unconstitutional or contravened via legislation.

SECTION 7. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify the introduction and adoption of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time and ordered posted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the ___ day of _____, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mike Lara, Mayor

Attest:

Nicole Wheelwright, Deputy City Clerk

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the ___ day of _____, 2025.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mike Lara, Mayor

(Seal)

Attest:

Nicole Wheelwright, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:

John O. Pinkney, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

9.03.050 Permit application—Filing and fee.

- A. Applications for permits to conduct special events shall be completed in writing on a form provided by the City and shall be filed with the administrative authority within the time frames listed below:
1. **Tier 1 – Micro Special Events (Less than 499 attendees):** Small, intimate events with little to no City oversight, such as neighborhood block parties, weddings, or small religious ceremonies.
 2. **Tier 2 – Minor Special Events (500–999 attendees):** Community fairs, school carnivals, or 5K runs that may require limited City coordination.
 3. **Tier 3 – Intermediate Special Events (1,000–2,499 attendees):** Medium-sized concerts, festivals, or athletic tournaments requiring moderate City resources and interdepartmental coordination.
 4. **Tier 4 – Major Special Events (2,500+ attendees):** Parades, citywide celebrations, and multi-day festivals requiring extensive City resources and oversight.

A **Pre-Application process** will be used to determine tier placement. Applicants will be asked to provide information on their proposed event, and specific **triggers** will determine whether additional oversight is needed regardless of the event's size. These triggers include:

- Requirement of an ABC permit (alcohol sales).
 - Road closures or rerouting of traffic.
 - Construction or installation of infrastructure (e.g., stages, Ferris wheels, or grandstands).
 - Paid or ticketed events with temporary facilities.
 - Outdoor food preparation using grills or kitchens.
 - Use of a property outside its intended use (e.g., residential yard parties or parking lot events).
 - Violation of the City's noise ordinance.
- B. Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization may claim an exemption from the established fee schedule by filing proof of such status and explaining why such an exemption is appropriate. Such an exemption shall only be granted when the administrative authority determines that there is an alternate source of funding available to cover the cost of the City inspection necessitated by the event.
- C. Any indigent, natural person who cannot apply for a permit because of an inability arising from such indigence to pay this application fee shall not be required to pay the fee. Application for indigent status shall be made at the time the permit application and shall be accompanied by such relevant information and documentation as may, in the opinion of the administrative authority, be reasonable necessary to verify such status.
- D. If an application is filed after the time prescribed in this Chapter, the administrative authority shall immediately investigate to determine if he or she has sufficient time to process the application, what the effects of the proposed special event on traffic and other conditions may be, and whether police services may be available for such special event. The applicant shall have the opportunity to demonstrate that the circumstances giving rise to the proposed special event did not reasonably allow the applicant to file for a permit within the time prescribed and that imposition of the time

limitation would unreasonably restrict the right of free speech or assembly. If such demonstration is made, and the administrative authority makes none of the findings set forth in Section 9.03.070 of this Chapter, he or she shall issue a permit despite the lack of advanced notice.

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