

ORDINANCE NO. C-1131

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE WEARING OF  
BATHING SUITS ON THE BEACH IN THE CITY OF  
LONG BEACH; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES  
AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERE-  
WITH; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE  
VIOLATION HEREOF.

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains  
as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person,  
except children under the age of ten (10) years, to appear  
in or upon any beach, or in any place open to the view of the  
public, in the City of Long Beach, unless attired in a bathing  
suit or other clothing of opaque material, which shall be worn  
in such manner as to preclude from, and provide against the  
exposure of the front of the body from above the nipples of  
the breasts to below the crotch formed by the legs of the body,  
the lower extremities of the trunk of the body, and all parts  
of the buttocks down to a line, no part of which line shall be  
more than one (1) inch higher than, and/or above, the crotch  
formed by the legs of the body. All such bathing suits or  
clothing shall be provided with double crotches or with a skirt  
of ample size to cover the buttocks.

Sec. 2. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances  
in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Any person violating any of the provisions  
of this ordinance, or committing any of the acts herein desig-  
nated, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon



1 conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed  
2 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the city  
3 jail of the City of Long Beach for a period of not more than  
4 six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and  
5 each such person, as principal, agent, or otherwise, shall be  
6 deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day during any  
7 portion of which the violation of, or failure, neglect or  
8 refusal to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance  
9 is committed, continued or permitted by such person.

10 Sec. 4. This ordinance is an emergency measure  
11 and is required for the immediate preservation of the public peace  
12 and morals, the facts constituting its urgency being as follows:

13 That there is no ordinance covering the subject  
14 herein mentioned and the public peace and morals require that  
15 all persons appearing upon the beach in this city be properly  
16 clothed; that the Police Department of the City are now unable  
17 to compel persons using the beach to dress in proper bathing  
18 suits, and that at present such places are improperly used to  
19 the detriment of the public welfare of this City.

20 Sec. 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the separate  
21 vote on the urgency of this ordinance, and to its passage by  
22 the vote of five (5) members of the City Council of the City  
23 of Long Beach, and cause the same to be published once in  
24 the Long Beach Sun and to be posted in three (3) conspicuous  
25 places in the City of Long Beach and it shall thereupon take  
26 effect.

27 I hereby certify that the question of the urgency  
28 of the foregoing ordinance was passed and the foregoing ordi-  
29 nance was adopted by a vote of five (5) members of the City  
30 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of



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April 26, 1932.

Ayes: Councilmen \_\_\_\_\_

Noes: Councilmen \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: Councilmen \_\_\_\_\_

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