

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 HEREWITH, 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 All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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 designated, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the city jail of the City of Long Beach for a period of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment; and each such person, as principal, agent, or otherwise, shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each day during any portion of which the violation of, or failure, neglect or refusal to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance is committed, continued or permitted by such person.

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

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

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

I hereby certify that the question of the urgency of the foregoing ordinance was passed and the foregoing ordinance was adopted by a vote of five (5) members of the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of April 26th, 1932.

Ayes: Councilmen: Steele, Peacock, Church, Stakemiller, Barton, Wolter, Fickling.

Noes: Councilmen: Waup, Christie.

Absent: Councilmen: None.

(SEAL) J. OLIVER BRISON,
City Clerk.

(May 2, 1932—11.—Sun.)