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ORDINANCE NO. 160874

An Ordinance amending Sections 12.23, 13.01 and 19.01 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to clarify regulations governing oil drilling and production in the Los Angeles City Oil Field and to establish a fee for a Request for Fencing and Landscaping Requirements for Oil Wells in the Los Angeles City Oil Field Area.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of Subsection C of Section 12.23 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is hereby amended to read:

4. Oil Wells.

(a) No well for the production of oil, gas or other hydrocarbon substances, which is a nonconforming use, shall be redrilled or deepened.

(b) All such wells, including any incidental storage tanks and drilling or production equipment, shall be completely removed within 20 years from June 1, 1946, or within 20 years from date such use became nonconforming, if said date was subsequent to June 1, 1946; provided, however, a Zoning Administrator may, upon individual application, allow such wells to continue to operate after said removal date, if

1 if he determines that such continued operation
2 would be reasonably compatible with the
3 surrounding area and in connection therewith may
4 impose such conditions, including time
5 limitations, as he deems necessary to achieve
6 such compatibility.

7 (c) Notwithstanding the above, in the
8 Los Angeles City Oil Field such wells may
9 continue operation provided an application is
10 filed with the Office of Zoning Administration on
11 or before November 1, 1986 and is subsequently
12 approved. Any well operator may reapply for
13 Zoning Administrator approval after November 1,
14 1986 provided the prior approval has not expired.

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16 Sec. 2. Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 4 of
17 Subsection E of Section 13.01 of the Los Angeles Municipal
18 Code is hereby amended to read:

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20 (c) The drilling, pumping, redrilling,
21 repairing, maintenance or other servicing of any
22 new oil well Class A in said district shall be
23 conducted only on a Drilling and Production Site
24 in the Los Angeles City Oil Field Area upon which
25 site at least one Class A oil well was (i) in
26 existence on January 24, 1982; and (ii) had not
27 been abandoned in accordance with State Division
28 of Oil and Gas regulations prior to January 24,

1 1982; and (iii) has a Los Angeles Fire Department
2 Serial Number, which number was in existence on
3 January 24, 1982.

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5 Sec. 3. Paragraph (k) of Subdivision 4 of
6 Subsection E of Section 13.01 of the Los Angeles Municipal
7 Code is hereby amended to read:

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9 (k) Any operator of any site within an oil
10 drilling district, which site has been approved
11 by the Zoning Administrator pursuant to Section
12 12.23 C4 (c) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code,
13 may apply to the Office of Zoning Administration
14 for the establishment of fencing and landscaping
15 requirements. Once the requirements have been
16 satisfied, such operator shall be relieved of the
17 restrictions specified in Section 12.23 C4 (b)
18 and (c) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

19 Should an operator of such a site in a district
20 desire to redrill or deepen a Class A oil well
21 which oil well was (i) in existence on January
22 24, 1982; and (ii) had not been officially
23 abandoned in accordance with State Division of
24 Oil and Gas Regulations prior to January 24,
25 1982; and (iii) has a Los Angeles Fire Department
26 Serial Number, which number was in existence on
27 January 24, 1982, such operator shall comply with
28 the provisions of Subsection H of Section 13.01.

1 Compliance with the Determination of Conditions
2 issued shall relieve such operator of the
3 restrictions specified in Section 12.23 C4 (b)
4 and (c) of this Code.

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6 Sec. 4. Subsection F of Section 19.01 of the
7 Los Angeles Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a fee
8 for "Request for Fencing and Landscaping Requirements for
9 Oil Wells in the Los Angeles City Oil Field Area,"
10 immediately following the fee for "Request to Permit
11 Continued Operation of Nonconforming Oil Wells Pursuant to
12 Section 12.23 C4," as follows:

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14	<u>Type of</u>	<u>Filing</u>	<u>Fee for Appeal</u>	<u>Fee for Appeal</u>
15	<u>Application</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>to Board</u>	<u>to Council</u>
16	Request for	\$340	One-half	None
17	Fencing and		Filing Fee	
18	Landscaping			
19	Requirements			
20	for Oil Wells			
21	in the Los			
22	Angeles City			
23	Oil Field Area			
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Sec. 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause the same to be published in some daily newspaper printed and published in the City of Los Angeles.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of all of its members, at its meeting of **FEB 21 1986**.

ELIAS MARTINEZ, City Clerk,

By Edward W. Cushman,
Deputy.

Approved **FEB 28 1986**

Tom Bradley
Mayor.

Approved as to Form and Legality

FEB 4 1986

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Pursuant to Sec. 97.8 of the City Charter,
approval of this ordinance recommended for
the City Planning Commission.

See attached report.

Robert S. Haulton
Director of Planning

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