

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Sections 57.105.6.5, 57.105.7.1.3, 57.105.7.8.4 and 57.4701.2 of Article 7 of Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and adding Sections 57.4701.2.1, 57.4701.2.2, 57.4701.2.3 and 57.4701.3.1 to require a permit from the Los Fire Department for the temporary use of a building or premise for assembly purposes; and adding Sections 57.4701.11 and 57.4701.12 to require crowd management and medical plans for certain assembly occupancies.

WHEREAS, there are occasions when buildings or premises are temporarily used as a place of assemblage, e.g., for the grand opening of a business, promotion of a product line, or a red carpet event;

WHEREAS, currently, requests to temporarily use as a place of assemblage a building or premise not normally approved for such use are directed to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), which reviews and approves the use by either an approved stamp on the plans or by issuance of a Special Permit; and

WHEREAS, the City also desires to require crowd management and medical plans for certain assembly occupancies.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Section 57.105.6.5 of Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

An Operational Permit is required to engage in the business of operating a place of assemblage. A place of assemblage is any building or premises having assemblage capacity greater than 49 persons designed for entertainment, instruction, worship, meetings, display, or consumption of food or drinks. It includes the showing of motion pictures when an admission is charged, the premise is open to the public, and has a capacity of ten or more persons.

Sec. 2. A new Subsection 8 is added to Section 57.105.7.1.3 of Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

8. The temporary use of a building or premise as a place of assemblage where there is not an existing Operational Permit under Section 57.105.6.5.

Sec. 3. A new Subsection 13 is added to Section 57.105.7.8.4 of Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

13. The temporary use of a building or premise as a place of assemblage where there is not an existing Operational Permit under Section 57.105.6.5.

Sec. 4. Section 57.4701.2 of Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

SEC. 57.4701.2. PERMIT REQUIRED.

A permit is required to engage in the business of operating a place of assemblage or to temporarily use a building or part thereof or premise as a place of assemblage.

Sec. 5. A new Section 57.4701.2.1 is added to Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 57.4701.2.1. BUSINESS OPERATING A PLACE OF ASSEMBLAGE.

No person may engage in the business of operating a place of assemblage without a valid permit issued from the Chief in accordance with Section 57.105.6.5.

Sec. 6. A new Section 57.4701.2.2 is added to Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 57.4701.2.2. TEMPORARY PLACE OF ASSEMBLAGE.

No person may use a building or premise as place of assemblage without a valid permit issued from the Chief in accordance with Section 57.105.7.1.3.

EXCEPTION: A building or premise with an existing permit under Section 57.105.6.5 that does not exceed its operating restrictions.

Sec. 7. A new Section 57.4701.2.3 is added to Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 57.4701.2.3. FAILURE TO COMPLY.

Pursuant to Section 57.105.5, the failure to comply with any provision of this article may result in the denial, suspension, or revocation of a permit issued under Sections 57.105.6.5 and 57.105.7.1.3.

Sec. 8. A new Section 57.4701.3.1 is added to Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 57.4701.3.1. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY PLACE OF ASSEMBLAGE.

In addition to other requirements in this article, the owner, manager, or person in control of an assembly event operating pursuant to a permit under Section 57.105.7.1.3 shall meet all of the following minimum requirements:

1. Before the issuance of the permit, provide to the Department documentation that all fire protective systems within the building or premise have been maintained and are functioning properly;
2. Before the issuance of the permit, provide to the Department a valid certificate of occupancy issued by the Department of Building and Safety for the applicable building;
3. Be physically present and provide constant supervision at the building or premise during the time that the assembly event is open to the public;
4. Comply with Chapter 8 of the California Fire Code and CCR Title 19, and provide flame certifications for all fabrics and decorations;
5. Provide and maintain exits, seating arrangements, exit signs, occupant loads, and access facilities in accordance with Sections 57.1001 through 57.1031; and
6. If an assembly event includes stages or platforms more than 30 inches above grade or temporary structures higher than 12 feet, procure a separate Temporary Installation permit in accordance with Section 91.106.1.3.1.

Sec. 9. A new Section 57.4701.11 is added to Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 57.4701.11. CROWD MANAGEMENT.

The owner, manager, or person in control of any assembly event with an anticipated attendance of 1,000 or more persons must submit a crowd management plan as part of the permit application for permits issued under Section 57.105.6.5 or Section 57.105.7.1.3. The crowd management plan must be approved by the Fire Code Official before the permit is granted and must satisfy all the safety needs of the assembly event, including the safety of persons in the area surrounding the assembly event. At a minimum, the plan must demonstrate or contain the following elements:

1. The layout of the event is satisfactory for the safe movement of the crowd between different areas of the assembly event;
2. The contingency for entry at the start of the assembly event;
3. The contingency for exiting at the end of the assembly event;
4. The contingency for evacuation and evacuation safe locations;
5. The number and assignments of crowd management personnel;
and
6. Safeguards against the development of dangerous levels of crowd density.

In evaluating the adequacy of the crowd management plan, the Fire Code Official shall consider the anticipated size, predictability, and behavior of the audience as demonstrated by past history of like audiences.

Sec. 10. A new Section 57.4701.12 is added to Article 7, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 57.4701.12. MEDICAL PLAN.

Except for assembly occupancies that are classified as Group A or Group E occupancies, the Department has the authority to prescribe or require the development of an approved medical plan for an assembly event for permits issued under Section 57.105.6.5 or Section 57.105.7.1.3 where the Department determines that such event may adversely impact the delivery of public safety services (e.g., the number of people in attendance, diminishing access to buildings, structures, fire hydrants, fire apparatus access roads, etc.) or where such gatherings adversely affect public safety services of any kind. The failure to secure approval of a required medical plan or to implement an approved medical plan may result in the denial, suspension or revocation of a permit issued under Section 57.105.7.1.3.

Sec. 11. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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