



REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-267

DATE December 09, 2015

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: WILMINGTON SQUARE PARK – REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE HOURS OF OPERATION

*R. Barajas CSOP K. Regan _____
H. Fujita _____ N. Williams _____
V. Israel _____

Mark D Williams
General Manager

Approved ✓ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____
As Amended

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board approve the modification of operating hours for Wilmington Square Park, to open at Sunrise and to close at Sunset, seven days a week.

SUMMARY:

On October 23, 2015, the Los Angeles City Council adopted a motion (Council File No 15-1116) which, requested that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance that would add Wilmington Square Park to the list of parks that open at Sunrise, and close at Sunset every day of the year. This motion also requested that the Department of Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners concur with the recommended operating hours change. ~~*The LAMC states in Section 63.44 B.14(a), that the standard operating hours for all public parks is 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated in subsequent sections of the code.*~~ This modification would change the current operating hours of Wilmington Square Park from the standard operating hours to opening at Sunrise and closing at Sunset every day throughout the year.

Wilmington Square Park is located at the intersection of North Avalon Boulevard and East I Street in Wilmington in Council District 15. Residents and business owners of the neighborhood surrounding Wilmington Square Park have expressed concerns about illegal activity taking place in the park after dark. In the last year, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has made fourteen (14) felony arrests, sixteen (16) misdemeanor arrests, issued 36 citations and responded to one hundred two (102) calls for service.

The LAPD, Harbor Division and surrounding community are supportive of this change and strongly believe this will allow LAPD to more adequately curb illegal activities.

*Correction:

The Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.44, Subsection B, Division 14, Paragraph C states that the standard operating hours for all public parks is 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., unless otherwise amended.

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One November 23, 2015, City Attorney Report R15-0295, ~~(see Attachment A relative to a draft ordinance amending the Municipal Code Adding Wilmington Square Park to the list of parks identified being closed at sunset and open at sunrise.~~ transmitted to City Council the draft ordinance amending the LAMC. (Attachment A).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This proposed action of changing park operating hours is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines, and the Public Resources Code. This action constitutes only an administrative activity that will not result in either a direct or indirect physical change to the environment, and is not subject to CEQA review.

The request to change the operating hours of this park is supported by Councilmember Joe Buscaino.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this report may have a small impact on the Department's General Fund due to the cost of installing new signs, and any necessary monitoring activities.

Report prepared by Cathie Santo Domingo, Superintendent, Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch.



MICHAEL N. FEUER
CITY ATTORNEY

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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH (c) OF SUBDIVISION 14 OF
SUBSECTION B OF SECTION 63.44 OF ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER VI OF THE
LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE ADDING WILMINGTON SQUARE PARK
TO THE LIST OF PARKS IDENTIFIED AS BEING CLOSED
AT SUNSET AND OPEN AT SUNRISE**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance amends Section 63.44(B)(14)(c) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) by adding Wilmington Square Park to the list of City parks that close at sunset and open at sunrise.

Background and Summary of Ordinance Provision

On September 16, 2015, the City Council's Arts, Parks, Health, Aging and River (APHA) Committee requested this Office to prepare and present an ordinance adding Wilmington Square Park to the list of parks in LAMC Section 63.44(B)(14)(c) that close at sunset and open at sunrise the following day.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Copies of the draft ordinance were sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Los Angeles Police Department requesting that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Anthony-Paul Diaz at (213) 978-8158. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney



By

DAVID MICHAELSON
Chief Assistant City Attorney

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Transmittal

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 14 of Subsection B of Section 63.44 of Article 3 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to add Wilmington Square Park, located at the intersection of North Avalon Boulevard and East "I" Street in Wilmington, to the list of City parks identified as being closed at sunset and open at sunrise.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 14 of Subsection B of Section 63.44 of Article 3 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by adding, in alphabetical order, a park to the list of City parks that are identified as being "Closed at Sunset, open at Sunrise," to read as follows:

Wilmington Square Park

Sec. 2. 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.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By _____ Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By  _____
ANTHONY PAUL DIAZ
Deputy City Attorney

Date Nov 20, 2015

File No. _____

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CITY CLERK

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When making inquiries relative to
this matter, please refer to the
Council File No.: [15-1116](#)

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

October 27, 2015

Council File No.: [15-1116](#)

Council Meeting Date: October 23, 2015

Agenda Item No.: 5

Agenda Description: ARTS, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the hours of operation at Wilmington Square Park, located at the intersection of North Avalon Boulevard and East I Street in Wilmington.

Council Action: ARTS, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED

Council Vote:	YES	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	YES	MIKE BONIN
	YES	JOE BUSCAINO
	ABSENT	GILBERT A. CEDILLO
	YES	MITCHELL ENGLANDER
	ABSENT	FELIPE FUENTES
	YES	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	YES	JOSE HUIZAR
	YES	PAUL KORETZ
	ABSENT	PAUL KREKORIAN
	YES	NURY MARTINEZ
	YES	MITCH O'FARRELL
	YES	CURREN D. PRICE
	ABSENT	DAVID RYU
	YES	HERB WESSON

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
CITY CLERK

ARTS, PARKS AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the hours of operation at Wilmington Square Park, located at the intersection of North Avalon Boulevard and East I Street in Wilmington.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Buscaino - Blumenfield):

1. ESTABLISH the hours of operation at Wilmington Square Park, located at the intersection of North Avalon Boulevard and East I Street in Wilmington, as opening at sunrise and closing at sunset.
2. INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks to prominently post the aforementioned hours at Wilmington Square Park.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance with an urgency clause to add Wilmington Square Park to the list of parks closed at various times as specified in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Section 63.44.
4. REQUEST the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners to concur with the above recommendations and INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Park Rangers to enforce the new park hours at Wilmington Square Park seven days a week.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 5, 2015, the Arts, Parks and River Committee considered Motion (Buscaino - Blumenfield) relative to the hours of operation at Wilmington Square Park, located at the intersection of North Avalon Boulevard and East I Street in Wilmington.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations as reflected above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, AND RIVER COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
O'FARRELL:	YES
PRICE:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RYU:	YES



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