

**Recreation and Parks - Rules & Regulations  
for vending food and commercial items in LA City Parks**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) manages over 450 parks, 170 recreational facilities, golf courses, trails, beaches, museums, sites and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, these collective sites include every public park, roadside rest area, playground, zoological garden, ocean, beach, museum, house, community garden or other recreational facility area, together with any parking lot, reservoir, pier, swimming pool, golf course, court, field, bridle path, trail, or other recreational facility, or structure thereon, in the City of Los Angeles which is owned, controlled, operated or managed by the Department of Recreation and Parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Los Angeles has approximately 4 million residents and nearly 50 million annual visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, RAP desires to maintain its parks, open spaces and facilities as safe, well-programmed and accessible sites; and

**WHEREAS**, RAP desires to protect public safety and secure access while protecting the right of all people to visit and enjoy our public parks; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature has adopted a statewide law (SB 946) allowing for commercial street vending of food and commercial items on sidewalks, including parks; and

**WHEREAS**, local park agencies may adopt vending rules and regulations in compliance with SB 946, including progressive administrative, non-criminal penalties; and

**WHEREAS**, a local park agency may restrict vendors to certain areas within a park where there is an objective health, safety or welfare concern; and

**WHEREAS**, a local park agency may limit the number of vendors to operate in a park where there is an objective health, safety or welfare concern; and

**WHEREAS**, a local park agency may restrict hours of operation for vendors which are not unduly restrictive; and

**WHEREAS**, a local park agency may require vendors to comply with sanitary conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, a local park agency may require vendors to obtain and possess State, County and City of Los Angeles permits; and

**WHEREAS**, a local park agency may require vendors to comply with the American with Disabilities Act and other disability access standards; and

**WHEREAS**, a local park agency may prohibit stationary sidewalk vendors from vending in parks park where it has signed an agreement for concessions that exclusively permits the sale of food or merchandise to a concessionaire; and

**WHEREAS**, a local park agency may restrict or prohibit sidewalk vendors within the immediate vicinity of an area where it has issued a temporary special permit for purposes including, but not limited to, filming, parades, festivals, concerts, movie nights, special events, carnivals, running events or other Department approved, temporarily permitted activities.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners finds and declares that the following rules & regulations are:

- (i) Directly related to objective health, safety, or welfare concerns;
- (ii) Necessary to ensure the public's use and enjoyment of natural resources and recreational opportunities; and/or
- (iii) Necessary to prevent an undue concentration of commercial activity that unreasonably interferes with the scenic and natural character of the park; and

**WHEREAS** SB 946 does not restrict RAP from adopting rules and regulations for the prohibition of unauthorized or non-permitted commercial services in parks.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION OF PARKS ESTABLISHES THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO OBJECTIVE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE CONCERNS FOR VENDING OF FOOD AND COMMERCIAL ITEMS IN ALL CITY PARKS:**

#### **Time, Place & Manner**

1. As used in these Rules and Regulations, "Vend," "Vending" and "Vendor" shall have the same meaning as defined in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 42.13.A.
2. Vending is restricted to non-motorized conveyances, stands, or pushcarts, which must be not more than 8 feet in length and not more than 3 feet in depth, including wheels, axles and other appurtenances.
3. Vendors shall not leave their vending conveyances, stands, or pushcarts unattended or unlocked. All vending conveyances, stands, or pushcarts shall have safety locks on their wheels.
4. Vending shall only be allowed at parks during their normal operating hours.
5. Vending shall cease 30 minutes before the park's closing time to allow for clean-up and to ensure timely clearance of the vendor and patrons from park property. Vendors shall remove all vending equipment each day before the park closes.

6. Vending shall be restricted to paved pathways or designated paved walking areas only. Vendors shall ensure that such pathways are not blocked, allowing for pedestrian and wheelchair/ADA clearance.
7. Vending is not allowed on grass, trails, or dirt paths within a park or in parking lots or streets owned and operated by RAP.
8. Vendors are prohibited from using any parking stall or designated parking area for vending conveyances, stands, or pushcarts to sell food or merchandise.
9. Vending is not allowed in RAP maintenance or storage yards.
10. Stationary Vendors are prohibited from selling food or merchandise in parks or facilities that have exclusive, signed concession agreements. (See Attachment A)
11. Vending is prohibited within 100 feet of any building, recreation center, bathroom, structure or playground.
12. Vendors are prohibited from vending within 500 feet of any school site, camp, youth activity center or senior center located on park property.
13. Notwithstanding the above rule, due to limited egress and ingress at the following venues, the abundance of heavy visitor traffic and, with respect to the Greek Theatre and Griffith Observatory, exclusive food and merchandise concessionaires, vending is prohibited as follows:
  - a. Within 2500 feet of the Greek Theatre on concert and event nights (See Attachment B);
  - b. Within 2500 feet of the Griffith Observatory or the Griffith Observatory's upper parking lot (See Attachment B); and
  - c. Anywhere in Elysian Park from three hours before the start until three hours after the end of all events at Dodger Stadium, including baseball games, concerts and races.
14. No vending conveyance, stand, or pushcart shall touch, lean against, or be affixed to any lamp post, parking meter, mail box, traffic signal, picnic table, fire hydrant, tree, plant, planter box, rock formation, bench, bus shelter, or trashcan.
15. Vending is prohibited within 5 feet of park benches or other park furniture and from within 10 feet of any crosswalk or ADA access ramp.
16. Vending is prohibited within 25 feet of any park fountain, statue, monument, or art installation.

17. Vending is prohibited in any park deeded, granted or otherwise gifted to the City with a restriction prohibiting commercial activity in the specified park. (Currently the only park with such a restriction is: Leimert Park).
18. No vendor shall vend anything that is placed immediately on a paved pathway or designated paved walking area, or on a blanket, box, or board placed immediately upon such surface.
19. Vendors are prohibited from displaying off-site advertising.
20. Vendors are prohibited from playing or operating any device to produce music or amplified sound for advertising or commercial purposes.

### **Capacity**

21. The number of vendors per park shall be limited to: 2 vendors per acre and no vendor may vend within 25 feet of another vendor. (See Attachment C) RAP retains the right, as authorized by the Los Angeles City Council, to adjust the number of vendors allowed per acre for any individual park based on specific or unique physical characteristics of that park, which impact the amount of usable park space (e.g. lakes, hillsides or historical use or data that reflect an abundance of events or propensity to overly commercialize or impact park use).
22. The right to vend in a park shall be determined on a first come, first served basis until capacity is reached.
23. Vendors must keep accurate and contemporaneous logs of entrance and park departure times and must make those logs available to City staff immediately upon request.

### **Prohibitions on Vending During Temporary Permitted Events & Exclusive Concession Areas**

24. Vending is prohibited during any park permitted filming, festival, concert, movie night, special event, carnival, parade, running event or other Department approved, temporarily permitted activity.
25. Vendors are prohibited from vending 500 feet from any permitted farmer's market or swap meet.

### **Requirements for Sanitary, Safety and Clean Conditions**

26. Vendors must ensure that their vending activities and conveyances are clean and sanitary and in compliance with all rules and regulations of the Los Angeles County Health Department.

27. Vendors are responsible for clean-up and removal of any food item, package, refuse, waste, litter or any items or materials occurring because of or related to their food and merchandise sales.
28. Vendors are prohibited from placing any liquid or solid waste in park trashcans. Vendors are prohibited from dumping ice on park property.
29. Vendors must bring their own vermin-proof trash receptacles and remove any and all waste, refuse and litter collected or discarded as a result of preparing, selling or consuming food items or merchandise in the park.
30. Vendors are prohibited from hooking up to or using any water or electrical or gas outlets for the sale of their food or merchandise.
31. Vendors shall not sell or offer any unsanitary, unsafe, dangerous or harmful food, beverage or merchandise.
32. In addition to prohibitions on the sale of alcohol, ammunition, animals, counterfeit goods, firearms, or tobacco, which exist in local, state or federal law, by these Rules and Regulations, vendors are prohibited from selling or offering any harmful or dangerous items, such as archery equipment, knives, or sling shots, or any objects that appear to be weapons, such as squirt guns, toy guns, or toy knives.

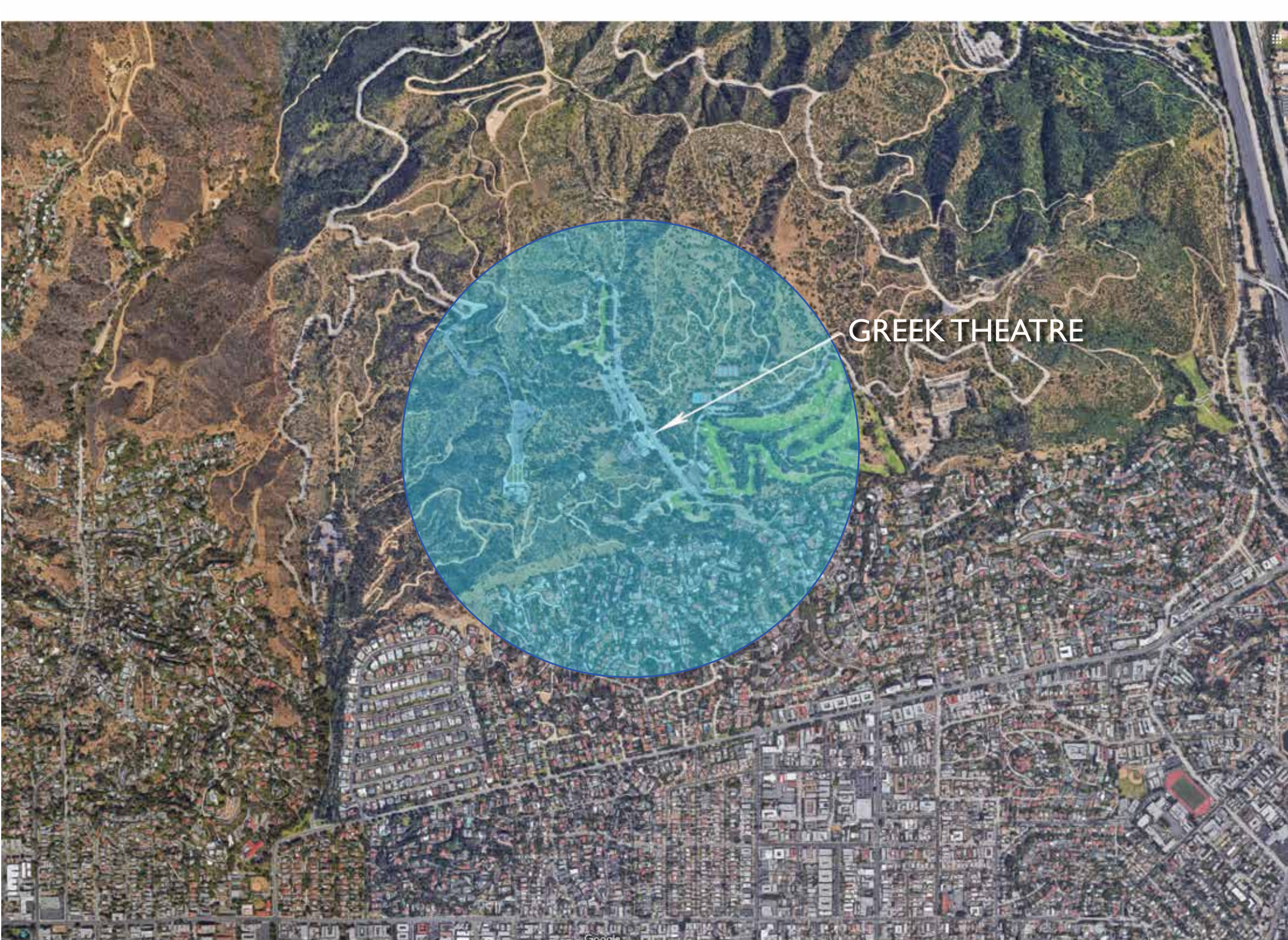
### **Requirements to Possess, Maintain & Display Permits**

33. Vendors must maintain, possess and display or show all local authority permits required by the State, County or City of Los Angeles.
34. Nothing in these rules shall restrict or prohibit the expression of any traditional speech or vending of expressive items such as newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, bumper stickers, patches and/or buttons.
35. Nothing in these rules authorizes vending of personal services, whether free or for sale, including but not limited to boot camps, massage services, yoga, dog training, animal rides, petting zoos or sports/fitness classes.

### **Fines & Violations**

36. Violations of these rules and regulations shall be punishable as non-criminal fines under the City's Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 42.13D.

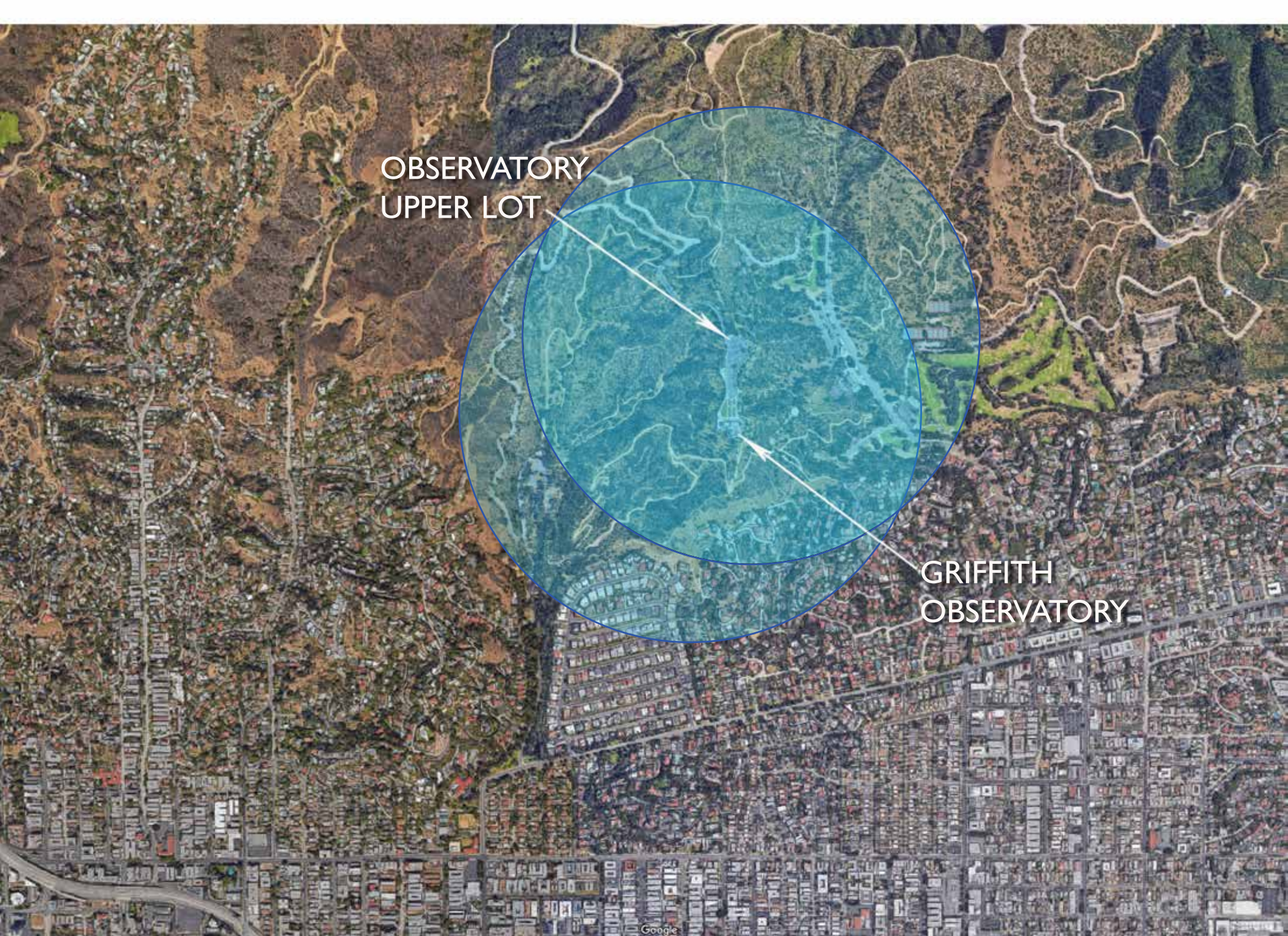
37. The Department of Recreation and Parks reserves the right to amend, change or alter any of these rules in conformance with local and state law at any time and as needed.



GREEK THEATRE

GREEK THEATRE 2500' RADIUS MAP





OBSERVATORY  
UPPER LOT

GRIFFITH  
OBSERVATORY

GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY & GREEK THEATRE VENDING 2500' RADIUS MAP





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 CONCESSIONS CONTRACT WITH EXCLUSIVITY PROVISIONS

CONCESSIONAIRE	LOCATION	EXP DATE
SMG	Greek Theatre and Roosevelt Golf Concessions	10/31/23
Wolfgang Puck Catering and Events	Griffith Observatory Café	9/5/21
Monterey Concessions	Sherman Oaks Castle Park Food Service	Month-to month
Rowena Partners	Fern Dell Refreshment Stand (Trails)	8/13/19 (two 5-year options remain)
Kenneth Hong	Griffith Park Pony Ride Snack Stand	Month-to-month
Arete Vintage Reserve	Echo Park Boathouse Café	4/2/22
A.M. Best Foods	Los Feliz Golf Café	Month-to-month
Monterey Concessions	Griffith Golf Complex Restaurant	Month-to-month
Rancho Golf Restaurant, Inc	Rancho Park Golf Course Restaurant	Month-to-month
Monterey Concessions	Sepulveda Golf Complex Restaurant	Month-to-month
Campus Services	Penmar Golf Restaurant	Month-to-month
Payam Tavakoli and George Kevorkian dba The Lake House	Woodley Lakes Golf Restaurant, Lake Balboa Food Stand, and Balboa Tennis Courts Food Stand	Month-to-month
Travel Town Museum Foundation	Travel Town Gift Shop	9/12/27