[Regulations For Rodeo Exhibitions and Shows]

AMENDING THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 1020 TO REQUIRE THAT A QUALIFIED VETERINARIAN BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES DURING RODEO EXHIBITIONS AND SHOWS, ANIMALS BE USED IN HUMANE EVENTS ONLY, AND NOTIFICATION BE SENT TO THE COMMISSION ON ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE OF PROPOSED EVENTS.

Note: Additions are underlined; deletions are in ((double parentheses)).

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Article 15 of the San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by amending Section 1020, to read as follows:

SEC. 1020. RODEO EXHIBITIONS AND SHOWS. (a) It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee or operator of a rodeo exhibition or show to conduct the same without first having obtained a permit therefor from the Chief of Police. Each permit shall be effective only for those days indicated on the permit.

(b) Applications for rodeo permits shall be filed with the Chief of Police on a form provided for said permit together with a nonrefundable fee.

(c) Every owner, lessee or operator of a rodeo exhibition or show shall pay a license fee for the first day and an additional fee for each subsequent day any rodeo exhibition or performance is given. The Tax Collector shall not issue a license under the provisions of this Section unless the owner, lessee or operator of said rodeo exhibition or show shall obtain a permit to conduct the same from the Chief of Police and present such permit duly.

(d) A qualified, licensed veterinarian who is an expert in the care of horses, bovines, sheep, and other large animals, and approved by the Commission on Animal Control and Welfare, shall be on-site at all times during a rodeo exhibition or show to examine the animals.

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condition and to ensure that the animals are humanely treated during the event at the permit holder's expense. The veterinarian may have any animal examined at any time without notice. Any animal which suffers from a fatal injury as determined by the veterinarian shall be immediately euthanized. The Chief of Police or the Chief's designee may suspend the use of any animal after receiving a complaint from the veterinarian regarding the condition or treatment of any animal. A statement of findings must be provided from the veterinarian and approved by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee prior to the animal returning to service. All costs associated with medical tests, evaluations and treatments are the responsibility of the permit holder.

(e) All animals are to be used in humane rodeo events only. Events such as steer-wrestling, calf roping, greased pig contests, or which utilize cattle prods, unfleeced flank straps for cattle or flank straps without sheepskin lining for horses are prohibited. The Rules of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association shall apply to all rodeo events.

(f) Notification shall be provided to the Commission on Animal Control and Welfare and the Department of Animal Care and Control by the permit applicant when any rodeo permit application is filed with the Chief of Police, and when any permit is approved by the Chief of Police.

(g) Any person who violates any provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction such person shall be punished by a fine not to exceed
$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LOUISE H. RENNE, City Attorney

By:  

JOHN I. KENNEDY
Deputy City Attorney
Ordinance amending Police Code Section 1020 to require that a qualified veterinarian be present at all times during rodeo exhibitions and shows, animals be used in humane events only, and notification be sent to the Commission on Animal Control and Welfare of proposed events.

February 14, 2000  Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED ON FIRST READING
   Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

February 22, 2000  Board of Supervisors — AMENDED
   Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee
   Absent: 1 - Katz

February 22, 2000  Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING AS AMENDED
   Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee
   Absent: 1 - Katz

February 28, 2000  Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED
   Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee
I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on February 28, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.