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December 12, 1990

Law and Legislative Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE SUSPENDING ISSUANCE OF  
HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLE OPERATING PERMITS, DRIVER'S  
PERMITS AND VEHICLE PERMITS**

**SUMMARY**

This report recommends enactment of an emergency ordinance suspending issuance of new horse-drawn vehicle operating permits, driver's permits, and vehicle permits until staff has investigated a new policy regarding horse welfare and safety.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Sacramento began issuing permits for horse-drawn vehicles in Old Sacramento in October 1985 in an effort to enhance the historic atmosphere in Old Sacramento. Currently four vendors provide horse-drawn vehicles.

Recently, concerns have been raised by visitors in Old Sacramento and the City's Waterfront Management staff regarding the welfare of the horses and public safety. The primary concern is horses pulling vehicles in the summer heat. Additionally, staff is concerned about carriages making u-turns on the streets in Old Sacramento.

As a result, staff is investigating the possibility of adopting a horse welfare and safety policy for vendors in Old Sacramento. Staff will be researching policies in other cities in response to these concerns. In the interim, staff recommends that issuance of additional permits be suspended until these matters can be studied and recommendations prepared. Staff will report back to the City Council in Spring 1991 regarding any policy changes to be incorporated in new lease agreements regarding horse welfare and safety practices.

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FINANCIAL DATA

The horse-drawn vehicles operate as a tourist attraction in Old Sacramento. Permits are issued by the City Revenue Division for \$25.00.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Suspending permit issuance will result in no changes to the current horse-drawn vehicle operations in Old Sacramento. The City Waterfront Management Office will continue to monitor existing horse-drawn vehicle operations.

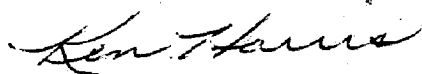
MBE/WBE EFFORTS

Not applicable.


RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council enact the proposed emergency ordinance suspending issuance of permits relating to operation of horse-drawn vehicles in Old Sacramento.

Respectfully submitted,



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January 17, 1991  
District 1

**RESOLUTION NO.**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
SUSPENDING ISSUANCE OF PERMITS RELATING TO THE  
OPERATION OF HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:**

1. That attached Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ be adopted on the date of \_\_\_\_\_ to suspend the issuance of permits for horse-drawn vehicle operators and declare said ordinance to be an emergency measure to take effect immediately.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

# ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING ISSUANCE OF HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLE OPERATING PERMITS, DRIVER'S PERMITS AND VEHICLE PERMITS AND DECLARING SAID ORDINANCE TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:**

## SECTION 1

Notwithstanding any provision of Article XII of Chapter 25 of the Sacramento City Code, the director of the Department of Parks and Community Services shall suspend testing for and issuance of horse-drawn vehicle operating permits, horse-drawn vehicle driver's permits and vehicle permits until further action is taken by the City Council.

## SECTION 2

This ordinance is an emergency ordinance to take effect immediately. The reason for the emergency is the need for City staff and the City Council to determine what actions should be taken in response to complaints that horses have been worked under inhumane conditions and other complaints about operation of horse-drawn vehicles in Old Sacramento, without allowing the situation to worsen due to the issuance of additional permits.

DATE ENACTED:

DATE EFFECTIVE:

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

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