Chapter 13.20

PEDESTRIAN MALL

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Section 13.20.000  Purpose.

Pursuant to a study conducted in connection with the then Downtown Riverside Association, a pedestrian mall was established on July 6, 1965 pursuant to the Pedestrian Mall Law of 1960, Part 1 of Division 13 of the Streets and Highways Code, for the benefit of the businesses along the pedestrian mall. (Ord. 7167 § 2, 2012)

Section 13.20.010  Pedestrian Mall Boundaries.

A pedestrian mall is established along the following boundaries:

Main Street between the southerly line of Sixth Street and the northerly line of Tenth Street but excluding from the mall the intersections of Main Street with Mission Inn Avenue (formerly known as Seventh Street), University Avenue (formerly known as Eighth Street) and excluding from the mall Ninth Street. This area will be commonly known as part of “Main Street Riverside.” (Ord. 7167 § 3, 2012; Ord. 6929 § 1, 2007; Ord. 3407 § 1, 1966)

Section 13.20.020  Exceptions to vehicular traffic regulations.

All vehicular traffic on the pedestrian mall is prohibited subject to the exceptions hereinafter stated. (Ord. 3407 § 2, 1966)

Section 13.20.025  Pedestrian Mall Manager defined.

The Pedestrian Mall Manager shall be the Public Works Director or designee. (Ord 7167 § 4, 2012; Ord. 6500 § 1, 1999)

Section 13.20.030  Vehicular traffic defined.

"Vehicular traffic" means vehicular traffic of all types, including without limitation, automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motor scooters, motor carts, bicycles, scooters, skateboards; provided, however, "vehicular traffic" shall not include the following:

A. Emergency vehicles and equipment of all types;
B. Public utility vehicles and equipment;
C. Sweepers, trucks or other vehicles or equipment operated by or at the direction of the Public Works Director, or designee for the purpose of performing City services on the pedestrian mall;
D. Public trams or similar public vehicles operated by the City, or by an operator holding a franchise, license, contract or permit from the City, for the purpose of transporting along the
mall shoppers and other persons entering the mall;

E. Commercial vehicles and equipment entering the mall where such entry is reasonably necessary for the purpose of performing work or services on the mall or on private property or properties abutting thereon and where the owner or operator of any such vehicle or equipment holds a permit issued by or at the direction of the Public Works Director, or designee;

F. Commercial vehicles and equipment entering the mall where such entry is reasonably necessary for the purpose of making deliveries of mail, merchandise, goods or equipment to business establishments occupying property abutting on the mall and where such deliveries cannot be made to said business establishments through entrances other than those on the mall and where the owner or operator of any such vehicle or equipment holds a permit issued by or at the direction of the Public Works Director, or designee. (Ord. 7167 § 5, 2012; Ord. 3407 § 3, 1966)

Section 13.20.040 Permits.

The Public Works Director or designee, in issuing permits as referred to in Section 13.20.030 (E) and (F) shall provide terms and conditions in the permits in accordance with the following criteria:

A. Vehicles and equipment for which permits are issued shall be in good operating condition and shall not drip, drop or emit substances or materials on the surface of the mall or on the improvements thereon which stain, streak, erode, pit, pock or otherwise adversely affect said surface or said improvements. No such vehicles or equipment shall travel on other than inflatable rubber tires nor shall such vehicles or equipment contain parts thereof or appendages thereto which would drag along the surface of the mall;

B. All permits shall contain a provision that the holder thereof shall be responsible for the cleaning and repairing of the mall to assure that the mall will be returned to its prior condition following the entry and departure of vehicles and equipment of the permit holder.

Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the City taking such action as is necessary to clean or repair the mall so as to restore it to its prior condition. In such case the City shall bill the permit holder for its cost in such repairing or cleaning. Failure of the permit holder to take such action to clean or repair the mall as is necessary to restore it to its prior condition or to pay the cost of the City in so doing shall constitute cause for the Public Works Director or designee to deny subsequent applications for permits of necessity submitted by such permit holder;

C. Permits may contain a provision limiting the time or times when the vehicle and/or equipment covered thereby may enter the mall. To the extent possible vehicles engaged in making deliveries of goods and materials to business establishments abutting on the mall shall be required to make deliveries between the hours of ten p.m. and seven a.m. of the following day. (Ord. 7167 § 6, 2012; Ord. 3407 § 4, 1966)

Section 13.20.050 Emergency vehicles, service vehicles, public trams and licensed horse drawn carriages allowed.

Emergency vehicles and equipment, City vehicles and equipment performing services, public trams or similar vehicles operating under permit from the City, public utility vehicles and equipment and vehicles displaying a permit issued by or at the direction of the Public Works Director or designee, and horse drawn carriages operating with a valid vehicle for hire permit and license to operate from the Pedestrian Mall Manager shall be permitted in the mall. (Ord. 7167 § 7, 2012; Ord. 6500 § 2, 1999; Ord. 3407 § 5, 1966)

Section 13.20.070 Special events.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the Public Works Director or designee
may permit the conduct of special events such as parades, shows, festivals, outdoor sales and similar types of activities on the pedestrian mall and on Main Street from the pedestrian mall to and including Fifth Street, and on Fifth and Sixth Streets between Orange and Market Streets. (Ord. 7167 § 9, 2012; Ord. 5839 § 1, 1990; Ord. 5113 § 1, 1983)