

1 ORDINANCE NO. 7629

2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTERS 9.04 AND 9.07,
4 AND DELETING CHAPTER 9.65 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL
5 CODE.

6 The City Council of the City of Riverside does ordain as follows:

7 Section 1: Section 9.04.230 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby amended as
8 follows:

9 **“Section 9.04.230 Display and sale of drug paraphernalia.**

10 A. *Purpose.* Regulating business establishments that display or offer for sale drug paraphernalia
11 is a reasonable and necessary means to protect and promote the general welfare of the children and
12 minors of the City of Riverside exposed to controlled substances. The regulations promote the
13 general welfare and temperance of children and minors and are intended to help reduce the improper
14 consumption and purchase of controlled substances by children and minors by limiting their
15 exposure to drug paraphernalia.

16 B. *Definitions.* The following words and phrases, whenever used in this section, shall be
17 construed as defined in this section.

18 1. *Drug paraphernalia,* including but not limited to one or more of those items identified in
19 that list set forth subparagraph 3 below, shall mean any device designed primarily for use by
20 individuals for the smoking or ingestion of cannabis, hashish, hashish oil, cocaine, or any other
21 "controlled substance," as that term is defined in the Health and Safety Code of the State of
22 California.

23 2. *A device "designed primarily for"* the smoking or ingestion set forth subsection B.1 above is
24 a device, which has been fabricated, constructed, altered, adjusted, or marked especially for use in
25 the smoking or ingestion of cannabis, hashish, hashish oil, cocaine, or any other "controlled
26 substance," and is peculiarly adapted to that purpose by virtue of a distinctive feature or combination
27 of features associated with drug paraphernalia, notwithstanding that it might also be possible to use
28 the device for some other purpose.

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1 Section 2: Section 9.07.010 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2 The City Council finds as follows:

3 **“Section 9.07.010 Findings.**

4 A. The occurrence of parties, gatherings, or events on private property where alcoholic
5 beverages, cannabis or other controlled substances are consumed by minors, are harmful to the
6 minors themselves and a threat to public health, safety, quiet enjoyment of property, and general
7 welfare.

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9 C. Persons responsible for the occurrence of such gatherings often fail to take reasonable steps
10 to prevent the consumption of alcoholic beverages, cannabis
11 or other controlled substances by minors at these gatherings.

12 D. The ability of police officers to control gatherings on private property where alcoholic
13 beverages, cannabis or other controlled substances are consumed by minors is necessary when such
14 activity is determined to be a threat to the peace, health, safety, or general welfare of the public.

15 E. Gatherings involving consumption of alcohol, cannabis or other controlled substances by
16 minors, as defined by this chapter, are unlawful and constitute a public nuisance pursuant to state
17 law and the provisions of this Code.

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19 Section 3: Section 9.07.020 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

20 The City Council finds as follows:

21 **“Section 9.07.020 Authority and purpose.**

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23 B. The purpose and intent of this chapter is to protect public health, safety, and general welfare
24 of people and premises in the City, including the quiet enjoyment of property by
25 enhancing the ability of law enforcement to deter the consumption of alcohol, cannabis or
26 controlled substances by minors, and reducing the costs of providing police, fire, and code
27 enforcement services to parties, gatherings, or events by requiring hosts, tenants, and property
28 owners to ensure that minors are not consuming alcoholic beverages, cannabis or other controlled
substances.”

1 Section 4: Section 9.07.040 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

2 **“Section 9.07.040 Consumption of alcohol, cannabis or other controlled substance by minors**
3 **prohibited in public place, place open to public, or place that is not open to public.**

4 Except as permitted by State law, it is unlawful for any minor to:

5 A. Consume at any public place or any place open to the public any alcoholic beverage,
6 cannabis, or other controlled substance; or

7 B. Consume at any place that is not open to the public any alcoholic beverage, unless in
8 connection with the consumption of the alcoholic beverage that minor is being supervised by his or
9 her parent or legal guardian.”

10 Section 5: Section 9.07.050 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

11 The City Council finds as follows:

12 **“Section 9.07.050 Hosting, permitting, or allowing a party, gathering, or event where minors**
13 **consume alcoholic beverages, cannabis or other controlled substances prohibited.**

14 A. *Imposition of duty and violation.*

15 1. It is the duty of any person having ownership or control of any premises, who hosts, permits,
16 or allows a gathering at said premises to take all reasonable steps to prevent the consumption of
17 alcoholic beverages, cannabis or other controlled substance by any minor at the gathering.
18 Reasonable steps are controlling access to alcoholic beverages, cannabis or other controlled
19 substances at the gathering; controlling the quantity of alcoholic beverages present at the gathering;
20 verifying the age of persons attending the gathering by inspecting driver's licenses or other
21 government-issued identification cards to ensure that minors do not consume alcoholic beverages
22 while at the gathering; prohibiting the possession and/or use of cannabis or other controlled
23 substance at the gathering; and supervising the activities of minors at the gathering.

24 2. It is unlawful for any person having ownership or control of any premises to host, permit, or
25 allow, tacitly or otherwise, a gathering to take place at said premises where at least one minor
26 consumes an alcoholic beverage, cannabis or other controlled substance whenever the person having
27 ownership or control of the premises either knows a minor has consumed an alcoholic beverage,
28 cannabis or other controlled substance or reasonably should have known that a minor consumed an
alcoholic beverage, cannabis or other controlled substance, had the person taken all reasonable steps

1 to prevent the consumption of an alcoholic beverage, cannabis or other controlled substance by a
2 minor as set forth in subsection A.1. of this section.

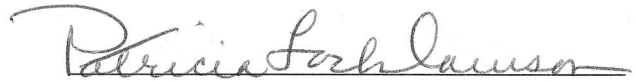
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4 Section 6: Chapter 9.65 of the Riverside Municipal Code entitled “Mobile Marijuana
5 Dispensaries” is deleted in its entirety.

6 Section 7: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and information
7 contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony, hereby finds that
8 this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), as it can be
9 seen with certainty that approval of the project will not have an effect on the environment.

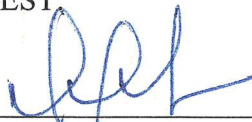
10 Section 8: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause publication
11 once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter of the City
12 of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its adoption.

13 ADOPTED by the City Council this 14th day of March, 2023.

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17 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
18 Mayor of the City of Riverside

19 ATTEST:

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22 DONESIA GAUSE
23 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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1 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
2 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the 28th
3 day of February, 2023, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and regularly adopted at a
4 meeting of the City Council on the 14th day of March, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

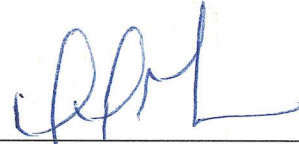
5 Ayes: Edwards, Cervantes, Fierro, Plascencia and Hemenway

6 Noes: Conder and Perry

7 Absent:

8 Abstain:

9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
10 City of Riverside, California, this 14th day of March, 2023.

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14 DONESIA GAUSE
15 City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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