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## **Beverly Hills City Council Adopts Urgency Ordinance Relating to Permit Requirements for Public Assemblies and Parades**

**Beverly Hills, CA** – The Beverly Hills City Council has unanimously approved an ordinance that updates its current permit requirements regarding large public assemblies and parades that will go into effect November 4.

Over the past several months the City waived issuing public assembly and parade permits in order to accommodate various demonstrations; however, due to public safety needs surrounding recent large gatherings that utilized significant police and City resources, the Council voted to again enforce its permit mandate.

An exemption, outlined in the new ordinance, includes those who wish to assemble to exercise their First Amendment rights as long as the following conditions are met:

- The assembly must be 500 people or less;
- Must take place in one of the following locations defined in the ordinance: La Cienega Park, Beverly Gardens Park between Crescent Dr. and Rodeo Dr. or the west side of City Hall adjacent to Crescent Dr.

“While we recognize the importance of public gatherings that allow the community to peacefully exercise their freedom of speech and right to assemble, it’s imperative that we provide a safe and healthy environment in which they can do so by creating these guidelines,” said Beverly Hills Mayor Lester Friedman.

The ordinance also prohibits targeted parades and assemblies which take place at a single residence for more than 15 minutes and prohibits parades and assemblies in residential neighborhoods between the hours of 7 p.m. (or 30 minutes after sunset if earlier) and 8 a.m. unless the parade or assembly does not create any significant noise impacts.

The full ordinance will be made available at [beverlyhills.org/coronavirus](https://www.beverlyhills.org/coronavirus).

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