RULES & REGULATIONS
ON THE USE OF SOUND AMPLIFYING EQUIPMENT AND NOISEMAKING DEVICES AT THE LOS ANGELES ZOO AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

1. **Exterior Zoo Grounds.** No person shall play or use any Sound Amplifying Equipment or Noisemaking Device on the Exterior Zoo Grounds in a manner that:

   (a) Produces sound that exceeds 95 decibels as measured by a calibrated decibel level meter at a distance of 18 feet from the amplification or noisemaking source;

   (b) Produces sound that exceeds 85 decibels as measured by a calibrated decibel level meter from the front entry gates;

   (c) Unreasonably disturbs, impairs, or endangers the comfort, health, or safety of other persons or Zoo animals; or

   (d) Unreasonably interferes with the Zoo's operations, including but not limited to the ability of Zoo staff to hear or communicate with customers, security screen, or announcements; or

   (e) Violates any applicable Federal, State, or City law.

2. **Interior Zoo Grounds.** No person shall play or use any Sound Amplifying Equipment or Noisemaking Device in the Interior Zoo Grounds, unless authorized as ancillary to a Zoo-sponsored event or special event rental approved by the Zoo Director or their designee.

   (a) This prohibition does not apply to the regular and customary use of portable radios, tape recorders, cellular phones, or similar devices played or operated in such places, at such volumes and times, so as not to disturb Zoo animals, staff, or other persons.

3. For the purposes of these Rules and Regulations, the following definitions shall apply:

   "Exterior Zoo Grounds" means the exterior, unticked area in front of the Zoo's main entry gats (including ticketing booths, queuing lines, walkways, and designated Free Speech Zones) and the parking lot area and adjacent walkways.

   "Interior Zoo Grounds" means the interior area of the Zoo that requires a ticket for entry.

   "Sound Amplifying Equipment" means and includes any system of electrical hookup or connection, loud speaker system or equipment, sound amplifying

system, and any apparatus, equipment, device, instrument, or machine designed for or intended to be used for the purpose of amplifying the sound or increasing the volume of the human voice, musical tone, vibration, or sound wave.

"Noisemaking Device" means and includes any horn, bell, buzzer, whistle, thunder stick, rattle, musical instrument, air horn, siren, or other similar noisemaker.

"Zoo Property" means all property under the control and management of the Department of the Zoo, including but not limited to inside the Zoo facility, the front entry plaza, and the parking lot areas.

4. A violation of these Rules and Regulations may result in removal from the Zoo Property, and/or administrative or criminal penalties, including under Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 63.133 and California Penal Code Section 602.1.

These Rules and Regulations are promulgated pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 506(b) and supersede the previous "Rules & Regulations On the Use of Sound Amplifying Equipment and Noisemaking Devices at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens," adopted on October 10, 2023.

Adopted by Order of the Zoo Director

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