

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4085
Adopted by the City Council on MAY 16, 2016**

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH AMENDING SECTION 7.14.030 OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT OR AMUSEMENT”

SYNOPSIS:

The Police Department has noticed an increase in subjects bringing reptilian onto public lands, typically in the downtown area. Businesses and citizens have expressed safety concerns about these types of animals being offered for display or used as entertainment. In some instances, young children have been seen putting large snakes around their necks and paying to have photographs taken with the snake. There have been incidents where people have allowed the snakes and reptilian to freely roam on the grass area of Pier Plaza. This activity has caused those present to become fearful and concerned about their safety. The police have been requested to remove such exotic animals on numerous occasions. Based on the current language in the ordinance, the police are only able to restrict usage of those animals that are over eight feet in length and venomous. In an effort to keep citizens safe from exposure to all types of reptilian, the Police Department recommended the following changes to the definition of “wild and exotic animal” listed in Section 7.14.030: Restrict all snakes and reptiles, regardless of size or variety. This provides Community Services and Police with enforcement rules that will allow for improved safety and service to the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting held May 16, 2016 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Posey, O’Connell, Sullivan, Katapodis, Hardy, Delgleize, Peterson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

THE FULL TEXT OF THE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE IN THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE.

This ordinance is effective 30 days after adoption.

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JOAN L. FLYNN, CITY CLERK**