**ORDINANCE NO. 25-251 1**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 4130.1 (ADOPTION OF CITY SEAL AND LOGO) TO, AND AMENDING SECTION 4131 (USE OF CITY SEAL- RESTRICTIONS), SECTION 4132 (USE OF CITY SEAL - EXCEPTIONS), SECTION 4133 (CITY SEAL - COMMERCIAL USE OF) AND SECTION 4134 (IMITATION OF CITY SEAL PROHIBITED) OF, CHAPTER 1 (PROHIBITED CONDUCT - OFFENSES) OF ARTICLE IV (PUBLIC PEACE) OF THE CARSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO FORMALLY ADOPT NEW CITY SEAL AND CITY LOGO AND EXPAND REGULATIONS CONCERNING USE OF THE CITY SEAL TO APPLY TO THE CITY LOGO**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Carson City Council selected its preferred new City seal, and marketing logo at its special meeting held on February 26, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Municipal Code Sections 4131-4134 adopted pursuant to Ordinance No. 80-524 on August 19, 1 980, regulate the use of the City seal; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 106 of the City Charter, effective January 17, 2019, provides that the official seal of the City at the time the Charter takes effect shall continue to be the official seal of the City for its acts and business unless and until changed by ordinance of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council now sees fit to formally adopt a new City seal along with a City logo, and expand the existing regulations for use of the City seal to apply to the City logo.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS**:

**SECTION 1 . RECITALS**. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this referenceq

**SECTION 2. CEQA**. This Ordinance has been reviewed by the City Council with respect to applicability of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14 §§ 1 5000 et seq., hereafter the "CEQA Guidelines"), and any applicable local CEQA policies and procedures and City has determined that this Ordinance is not a "project" for purposes of CEQA, as that term is defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 , because City has determined, in its discretion and based on substantial evidence, that this Ordinance concerns organizational or administrative activities and presents no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT**. Section 4130.1 (Adoption of City Seal and Logo) is hereby added to Chapter 1 (Prohibited Conduct - Offenses) of Article IV (Public Peace) of the

Carson Municipal Code and Section 4131 (Use of City Seal - Restrictions) Section 4132 (Use of City Seal - Exceptions) Section 4133 (City Seal - Commercial Use of) and Section 4134 (Imitation of City Seal Prohibited) of Chapter 1 (Prohibited Conduct - Offenses) of Article (V (Public Peace) of the Carson Municipal Code are hereby amended to read in their entirety as follows:

**“4130.1 (Adoption of City Seal and Logo).**

The City seal and City logo are hereby adopted to appear as follows as more particularly described and depicted in the City S tyle Guide adopted by the City Council through Resolution No. 25 -063 .

City Seals



City Logos



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**4131 Use of City Seal *or Logo* - Restrictions**.

No person shall place the City seal ***or City logo*** or any copy facsimile or reproduction thereof on any written or printed material supporting or opposing any candidate or candidates for any elective public office or supporting or opposing any state or federal legislation or any local or statewide referendum initiative or other ballot measure and no person shall circulate or distribute any such written or printed material containing or bearing the City seal ***or logo*** or any copy facsimile or reproduction thereof except only as provided in CMC 4132. "

"**4132 Use of City Seal or Logo - Exceptions**.

CMC 4131 shall not prohibit:

1. Use of the City seal ***or logo*** or a copy facsimile or reproduction thereof on written material in support of or in opposition to any state or federal legislation or statewide referendum initiative or other ballot measure when specifically authorized by the City Council;
2. Use of the City letterhead bearing the City seal ***or logo*** by a member of the City Council for individual correspondence, or the reproduction and distribution of a City Councilmember’s letter by the recipient thereof, at no cost to the City of Carson.

This Section shall not be construed so as to authorize any mass production, mailing or distribution of any such letter or written material on City stationery or otherwise at City expense, or any use of public funds in connection with any political campaign or issue. "

**"4133 City Seal *or Logo* - Commercial Use of**.

No person shall place the City seal or logo or any copy, facsimile or reproduction thereof on any written or printed material other than that specified in CMC 4132, for any commercial, business or private purpose unless specifically authorized by the City Council. "

**"4134 Imitation of City Seal *and Logo* Prohibited**

No person shall place any imitation of the City seal or logo on any written or printed material which is designed, calculated, intended or likely to confuse, deceive or mislead the public or cause the reader of such written or printed material to believe it to be an official City publication, and no person shall circulate or distribute any such written or printed material in the City of Carson. "

**SECTION 4. PENALTIES**. Ordinance No. 80-524 imposed penalties for violations of the ordinance, punishable by a fine of not more than $ 500 per each day a violation exists or imprisonment for a term not to exceed six (6) months or by both fine and imprisonment. However, the penalties provision under Section 2 of Ordinance No. 80-524 was never codified in the Carson Municipal Code. Now, the City Council hereby rescinds, revokes and removes Section 2 of Ordinance No. 80-524 so that it is no longer in effect.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY**. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE**. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (3 0) days after its adoption.

**SECTION 7. CERTIFICATION**. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be posted and codified in the manner required by law.

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**PASSED, APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council on this 6th day of May 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: CITY OF CARSON:

/s/ /s/

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) ss.

CITY OF CARSON )

I, Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing ordinance, being Ordinance No. 25-2511 passed first reading on the6th day of May, 2025, adopted by the Carson City Council at its meeting held on the 21st day of May, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Davis-Holmes, Hicks, Dear, Hilton, Rojas

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

RECUSED: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

/s/

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk