

ORDINANCE NO. 05-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 2-15 TO THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO RESTRICTIONS FOR USE OF THE CITY SEAL AND PENALTIES FOR MISUSE THEREOF

WHEREAS, by Resolution 53-8, as modified by Resolution 99-54, the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa has adopted an official seal; and

WHEREAS, such City Seal is used in the authentication of official documents and in the conduct of official City business; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that appropriate regulations are necessary in order to insure that the City Seal is not utilized except in conjunction with official city business.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter I of Title 2 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding section 2-15 as follows

“Section 2-15. City Seal

- (a) *City Seal:* The official seal of the City of Costa Mesa shall be in the form of a die approximately one and one-half inches (1½”) in diameter, the face of which is as set forth below:



- (b) *Use of Seal:* It shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor for any person to make or use the seal of the City of Costa Mesa, or reproduction thereof, for any purpose other than for the official business of the City of Costa Mesa, its Council, officers or departments, except upon approval of the City Council by ordinance or resolution.
- (c) *Imitation of Seal:* No person shall place any imitation of the City seal on any written or printed material that 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 Costa Mesa. Any person violating this provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

- (d) *Custodian of Seal:* The City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa shall be the official custodian of the official seal of the City.”

Section 2. Publication.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days from and after the passage thereof and prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from its passage shall be published once in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Costa Mesa or, in the alternative, the City Clerk may cause to be published a summary of this Ordinance and a certified copy of the text of this Ordinance shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk five (5) days prior to the date of adoption of this Ordinance, and within fifteen (15) days after adoption, the City Clerk shall cause to be published the aforementioned summary and shall post in the office of the City Clerk a certified copy of this Ordinance together with the names and member of the City Council voting for and against the same.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2005

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk of the
City of Costa Mesa

City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, JULIE FOLCIK, Deputy City Clerk and ex-officio clerk of the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 05-__ was introduced and considered section by section at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2005 and thereafter passed and adopted as a whole at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2005, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Costa Mesa this ____ day of _____, 2005.

Deputy City Clerk and ex-officio
Clerk of the City Council of the
City of Costa Mesa