

ORDINANCE NO. 3379

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 1.04.160 AND
1.04.170 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT
A NEW CITY CORPORATE SEAL**

WHEREAS, based on historical records, the City of Corona (“City”) was established on May 4, 1886 and incorporated on July 13, 1896; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 1991, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 2052, which added Section 1.04.160 to the Corona Municipal Code (“CMC”) and officially adopted the City’s corporate seal; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2015, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 3217 amending CMC Section 1.04.160 and updating the City’s corporate seal to reflect the City’s establishment date of May 4, 1886; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend CMC Section 1.04.160 to adopt a new City corporate seal.

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

SECTION 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The City Council finds and determines that the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporates the Recitals herein.

SECTION 2. CEQA Findings. This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action merely updates the City’s corporate seal, and there is no possibility that adopting this

Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

SECTION 3. Amendment to Section 1.04.160. Section 1.04.160 (City seal – Adoption – Description) of Chapter 1.04 (General Provisions) of Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Corona Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“1.04.160 City seal – Adoption – Description.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 34501 of the Government Code Annotated, as the same presently provides, the City Council does hereby approve and adopt as and for the corporate seal of the city that certain impression and engraving which is generally described and depicted as follows:

New corporate seal (effective November 17, 2023): a die of one and one-half inches in diameter and circular in shape. Around the upper outer edge shall be engraved the words “CITY OF CORONA,” and around the lower outer edge shall be engraved the words “EST. 1886.” At the top shall appear a clear blue sky with three mountain peaks representing Corona’s Cleveland National Forest. At the bottom, five ripe lemons and two blossoms shall be depicted, representing Corona’s history as the “Lemon Capital of the World.” In the center of the seal shall appear line art depicting Grand Boulevard, a unique feature of the city with a one-mile circular street diameter and from which the City’s name “Corona” and nickname “The Circle City” derived. The seal may be depicted in black & white or any colors chosen by the City.



(B) Prior corporate seal (effective November 1, 2015 to November 17, 2023): a die of one and one-half inches in diameter and circular in shape. Around the outer edge shall be engraved the words, "To Cherish Our Past - To Plan Our Future," and in the center shall appear the inscription: "CORONA, The Circle City, Established May 4, 1886," which inscription shall run through the center of the seal. In the upper left hand corner shall

be depicted a ripe orange on a branch which is indicative of the past citrus industry in the City of Corona. The leaves of such orange shall extend past the edge of the circumference on the upper left corner. In the upper right corner of said seal shall be depicted a crown; which is derived from the Spanish word "Corona."



(C) Prior corporate seal (effective prior to November 1, 2015): a die of one and one-half inches in diameter and circular in shape. Around the outer edge shall be engraved the words, "To Cherish Our Past - To Plan Our Future," and in the center shall appear the inscription: "CORONA, The Circle City, Incorporated July 13, 1896," which inscription shall run through the center of the seal. In the upper left hand corner shall be depicted a ripe orange on a branch which is indicative of the past citrus industry in the City of Corona. The leaves of such orange shall extend past the edge of the circumference on the upper left corner. In the upper right corner of said seal shall be depicted a crown; which is derived from the Spanish word "Corona." This prior corporate seal shall still be protected and enforced, as provided for in this chapter and applicable law, and may be maintained by the city wherever already in use (e.g. on uniforms, vehicles, buildings and other things, as well as in publications or for other uses of any kind). City staff is authorized to replace the prior corporate seal with the new corporate seal provided for in subsection (A) above when deemed necessary by the city manager."



SECTION 4. Amendment to Section 1.04.170. Section 1.04.170 (City seal – Unlawful uses) of Chapter 1.04 (General Provisions) of Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Corona Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“1.04.170 City seal – Unlawful uses.

It shall be unlawful for any person to make or use the seal of the city, either in its current or prior forms as described in Section 1.04.160 above, or any cut, facsimile or reproduction of the seal, or to make or use any seal or any design which is an imitation of the seal, or of the design thereof, of which may be mistaken for the seal of the city, or the design thereof, for any purpose other than for city purposes without the express consent of the City Council.”

SECTION 5. Severability. If any provision or clause of this Ordinance or any application of it to any person, firm, organization, partnership or corporation is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. Conflicting Ordinances. This Ordinance shall supersede all other previous City Council resolutions and ordinances that may conflict with, or be contrary to, this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest thereto and shall within fifteen (15) days of its adoption cause it, or a summary of it, to be published in a general circulation newspaper published and circulated in the City of Corona. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the 30th day after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of October 2023.

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, City Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corona, California, duly held on the 4th day of October 2023, and thereafter at a regular meeting held on the 18th day of October 2023, it was duly passed and adopted by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 18th day of October 2023.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

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