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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington
 Subject: Updating and Reissuing the Telegraph Area Crime Watch and Prevention Pamphlet

RECOMMENDATION

Refer the Telegraph Area Crime Watch and Prevention Pamphlet to the City Manager and Police Chief to update and reissue a new pamphlet to businesses, students and residents before August 20, 2010.

BACKGROUND

The Telegraph Area Crime Watch Pamphlet was a successful publication in 2002. It was a cooperative effort among our office, the Telegraph Area Association (TAA) and Berkeley Police Department (BPD) Community Services Bureau. The publication was composed of information, including but not limited to phone numbers for Berkeley Police Department from a cell phone, anonymous crime reportings, non-emergency situations, city departments, and taking crime prevention surveys; website links to the TAA and BPD, key municipal and state codes; crime prevention tips, and information on Citizen's Arrests that gave valuable "know-your-rights" information to Berkeley businesses, residents and students. As a result, the publication itself was very popular among Berkeley constituents.

Since TAA ceased to exist, the publication also ceased in further distribution. Updating and reissuing another Telegraph Area Crime Watch Pamphlet would be of enormous assistance to new students, businesses, as well as current residents in the Telegraph area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal.

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Attachment:

1. Original Telegraph Area Crime Watch and Prevention Pamphlet

The City has various ordinances that regulate what objects may or may not be placed on sidewalks. The Traffic Ordinance prohibits the placement of objects on sidewalks unless specifically authorized.

For example, an A-Frame sandwich board sign may be placed only in limited areas of the City for limited periods, and only upon approval by the City Manager. Tables, chairs and umbrellas may be placed on the sidewalk under certain circumstances by "food service establishments" if a Use Permit is obtained. In addition, the Zoning Ordinance regulates what types of objects may be placed on private property adjacent to the sidewalk.

Security Tips for Small Businesses
Businesses can reduce their vulnerability to crime in many ways. Measures like locks, alarms, and good lighting make any establishment a less attractive target for criminals. Community service and involvement are also important safeguards against crime. Customers and neighbors who view a business as a valued resource to the community will watch out for its property and employees.

When safeguarding your business, **surveillance and security** are critical. Consider the following: **Lighting:** Install bright interior and exterior lighting to make all openings visible from both the outside and the inside of the store. **Locks:** Purchase high quality door locks and use them. **Entry Control:** Know who has a key and restrict access to the front door. Re-key the lock if a once trusted employee is discharged for cause. Re-key locks annually if you have a high turnover of employees. **Windows:** Consider burglary resistant glass in accessible areas. Unbreakable polycarbonate may work even better, particularly if you have high value items in window displays.

Trespassing/Lodging in Storefront Alcoves
A storefront alcove recessed from the public sidewalk is private property. Therefore, a person may be prohibited from lodging in an alcove overnight when there is a complaint of trespassing. This occurs when there is a sign posted indicating "Private Property, No Trespassing," or the owner or the owner's agent notifies the police of the trespassing. In this case, the police officer, acting on their behalf, must inform the person that the officer is acting at the request of the complainant, and must give the person an opportunity to leave.

Soliciting: It is unlawful for any person to solicit or offer money, public places and premises, which creates, threatens, holds, or intimidates the person solicited or within ten feet of any automatic toll machine in the City of Berkeley (BMC 43.7.0249)

CRIME PREVENTION

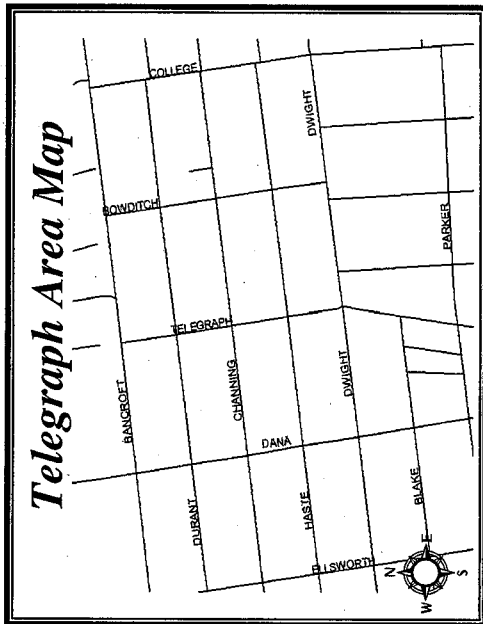
Security Survey
Take advantage of a free security survey from the Berkeley Police Department. The survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and covers a multitude of concerns. Some of the areas covered in the survey are:

- Doors and Entry
- Windows & Skylights
- Fencing & Alarms
- Lighting
- Landscaping
- Locks
- Natural Surveillance

(For an appointment please call 981-5806)

For more information and a list of beat officers, visit:

www.berkeleypd.org



To find out more about the Telegraph Area Association, visit:

www.telegraphberkeley.org

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TELEGRAPH AREA

CRIME WATCH



COMMUNITY INVOLVED POLICING

Together we can make a difference



Berkeley Police Department
Community Services Bureau

Telegraph Area Association

BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Life Threatening Situation
Or A Crime Progress

911 or (981-5911) cell phone)

Non Emergency Number

981-5900

Anonymous Crime Reporting

THE-COPS

(843-2677)



BMC 13.40.100 Outdoor Amplified Permit Required

On public property, the sound emanating may not exceed ten dBA above ambient at any point fifty feet from the sound amplifying equipment. Upon showing that an expected audience cannot be effectively communicated to within the above limits, a higher level may be approved.

BMC 13.52.010 Trespassing Posted Private Property

It is unlawful for any person to enter or go upon or pass over or remain upon any land of another where the owner of said property, or the person entitled to the possession thereof for the time being, or the authorized agent of either, has posted or caused to be posted upon said land printed notices that the said land is private property and warning all persons from trespassing thereon.

BMC 13.52.020 Trespassing After Being Warned

It is unlawful for any person to enter or go upon or pass over or remain upon any land of another after being personally forbidden by the owner of said property, or by the person entitled to the possession thereof for the time being, or the authorized agent of either.

BMC 14.48.020 Obstructing Use of Sidewalk

It is unlawful for any person to place or cause to be placed anywhere upon any sidewalk or roadway, any object which obstructs, restricts, or prevents the use of any portion of such sidewalk or roadway.

BMC 14.68.130 Bicycle on the Sidewalk Prohibited

No person shall ride or operate a bicycle on any sidewalk in the city, except peace officers, who determine in good faith that riding or operating a bicycle on the sidewalk is necessary to perform official duties.

BMC 14.68.180 Parking Bicycle Against Window

No person shall park any bicycle or motorized bicycle against windows or parking meters or on the main-traveled portion of the sidewalk, nor in such manner as to constitute a hazard to pedestrians, traffic or property.

602(f) PC Occupy Structure W/O Owner Consent

No person shall enter and occupy real property or structure without consent of the owner. "Real Property" means land, and whatever is erected or growing on or affixed to the land.

602.1 PC Interfere with a Business Establishment

It is unlawful to interfere with lawful business of the owner or agent of a company open to the public, by obstructing or intimidating them, or their customers, and refuse to leave the premises after requested by the owner or owner's agent, or a peace officer acting at the request of the same.

647(j) PC Lodging Without Permission

No person shall lodge without permission in a public or private building, structure, vehicle, or place without the permission of the owner.



BMC 10.12.110 Hitching Animals to Fixed Objects

It is unlawful for any person to hitch or tie any animal to a fire hydrant, electrolier standard, shade or ornamental tree, or the stake, case or box about such tree, in the City.

BMC 12.40.080 Littering

It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to throw or deposit, or to cause or to permit to be thrown or deposited, any dirt, paper, filth, sweepings, or other rubbish, onto any upon any avenue, street, or other public place.

BMC 12.40.090 Deposit Lighted Object in Public

No person in any vehicle and no pedestrian shall willfully or negligently throw, drop, or discard from or upon any public street, road, wharf or way, or from or upon any public park, beach, or any other public place, any lighted cigarette, cigar, ashes, or any other flaming or glowing substances.

BMC 12.70.110 No Smoking Within 20 feet of Doorway

A "No Smoking Within 20 Feet" sign must be posted for enforcement. No smoking within 20 feet of any entrance, exit or air intake vent to any building that is open to the public, except while passing on the way to another destination.

BMC 13.36.010 Obstructing Persons in Public Ways

It is unlawful for any person to intentionally stand, sit, or lie in or upon any street, sidewalk or crosswalk so as to (significantly) prevent the free passage of persons or vehicles passing over, along or across the same.

BMC 13.36.015 (b)(1) Lying Upon Regulated Sidewalks *

No person shall lie upon regulated sidewalks or upon any object on such sidewalk. No person may be cited for a violation of this ordinance until that person has first been warned that his or her conduct is in violation hereof.

BMC 13.36.015 (b)(2) Two or More Stationary Dogs within 10 feet *

No more than two stationary dogs shall be permitted in any ten foot area on regulated sidewalks except the use of guide dogs, signal dogs, or service dogs, as provided by state law. No person may be cited for a violation of this ordinance until that person has first been warned that his or her conduct is in violation hereof.

BMC 13.36.070 Consuming Alcohol in Public Prohibited

It is unlawful for any person to partake of any spirituous malt, vinous, or alcoholic liquors or other alcoholic beverages in or on any park, playground or community house or in an automobile while said automobile is on any alley, street, or highway, or on public or private property which is open and accessible to the general public, or open to public view.

* Applicable Locations: Telegraph Ave from Bancroft to Parker. Applicable times: Mon - Sat, 7am-10pm, Sun & Holidays, 10am-6pm. A warning is required prior to citing.

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