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Prepared By: Tom Chronister, Commander *TC* Agenda Item No. I-10

Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]* City Attorney *[Signature]* Finance *[Signature]* Other (Specify) _____

DATE: June 22, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: John Crombach, Chief *[Signature]*
Police Department

SUBJECT: Ordinance Regulating Private Security Officer Uniforms

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve the first reading by title only and subsequent adoption of an ordinance adding sections 7-260 through 7-262 to the Oxnard City Code regulating private patrol officers, proprietary private security officers, and security officer uniform apparel.

DISCUSSION

California Business and Professions Code section 7583.38 authorizes the regulation of private security officer uniforms to make their appearance clearly distinguishable from the uniforms worn by local regular law enforcement officers.

There are private security officers whose uniforms are replicas of, or very similar to, the uniforms worn by local law enforcement officers. Adoption of this ordinance will help ensure private security officers are not readily mistaken as local law enforcement officers.

While researching this ordinance, police staff solicited input from private security professionals, local security trade groups, and representatives from the California Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Attachment #1 - Ordinance

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
OXNARD ADDING ARTICLE XIV AND SECTIONS 7-260
THROUGH 7-262 TO CHAPTER 7 OF THE OXNARD CITY
CODE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF PRIVATE
PATROL OPERATORS AND PROPRIETARY PRIVATE
SECURITY OFFICERS

WHEREAS, California Business and Professions Code section 7583.38 authorizes the City to regulate the uniforms worn by uniformed employees of private patrol operators; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to regulate the uniforms worn by uniformed employees of private patrol operators and proprietary private security officers so as to clearly distinguish said uniforms from those worn by local law enforcement officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oxnard does ordain as follows:

Part 1. Article XIV and Sections 7-260 through 7-262, inclusive, are hereby added to Chapter 7 of the Oxnard City Code to read as follows:

**“ARTICLE XIV. REGULATION OF PRIVATE PATROL
OPERATORS, PROPRIETARY PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICERS, AND
SECURITY OFFICERS**

SEC. 7-260. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this article, the following words shall have the following meanings:

(A) LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – Peace officers, as defined by California Penal Code section 830 *et seq.*, employed by any law enforcement agency in Ventura County.

(B) PRIVATE PATROL OPERATOR – Shall be defined as set forth in California Business and Professions Code section 7582.1(a).

(C) PROPRIETARY PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICER – Shall be defined as set forth in California Business and Professions Code section 7574.1.

SEC. 7-261. UNIFORMS.

Unless otherwise authorized by the Chief of Police, no employee of a private patrol operator and no proprietary private security officer shall wear or be required to wear any uniform which is an imitation of, resembles by color or combination of colors, or may be readily mistaken for the uniform worn by local law enforcement officers.

SEC. 7-262. REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF LAWS.

Proprietary private security officers and employees of private patrol operators shall make reports to the Police Department of any felony crimes observed or reported by a third party. Such reports may be made by telephone or by personal visit to the watch commander or other person charged with receiving reports of law violations.”

Part 2. Within fifteen days after passage, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation within the City. Ordinance No. __ was first read on __, 2009, and finally adopted on __, 2009, to become effective thirty days thereafter.

AYES:

NOES:

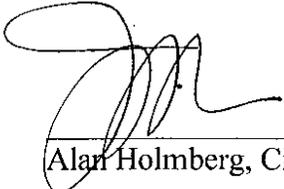
ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E, Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan Holmberg, City Attorney
FOR
7.17.09

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