

Sponsor: William Emerson
4th District Councilman
Mark Kalwinski
1st District Councilman

ORDINANCE NO. 9416

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 8108 KNOWN AS SECTION 33.03 OF THE HAMMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO EMT'S/PARAMEDICS

WHEREAS, Ordinance 8108, Section 33.03 of the Hammond Code of Ordinances regulates the requirement for EMT's, Paramedics and ambulances at special events taking place in Hammond; and

WHEREAS, Since Ordinance 8108 passed in 1998, the City of Hammond has greatly expanded its recreation and entertainment activities beyond the limits of the previously offered events at the Hammond Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, many new sports, music and non-contact entertainment venues have been created and attendance in excess of one hundred persons is common and expected; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with compliance with the current ordinance has prevented many groups and activities from occurring at Hammond venues, leading to lost opportunity and limits upon non-contact sports activities for Hammond citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Hammond wishes to modify and revise the ordinance regarding the requirement for EMT's and Paramedics, as 'First Responder' is no longer a State certified title, while still maintain the staffing required for safety when warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMMOND, INDIANA THAT ORDINANCE 8108 BE AMENDED AND SECTION 33.03 BE NOW READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 33.03: EMT's and Paramedics Required at Special Events:

(A) This section shall apply to special events held or scheduled on property of the Civil City of Hammond, or Park Department in which vehicular exhibition events, circus events, or in which full body contact or dangerous exhibitions, such as MMA,

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Wrestling, Boxing, or Martial Arts, will occur with a risk of injury to participants or spectators.

- (B) At all events described above in section (A), the sponsor of the event is required, at a minimum, to hire no less than two medically trained firefighters, those being Hammond Firefighters who are EMTs and/or Paramedics, who will be present at the event. Additional State or Federal requirements will be in addition to this requirement and will not reduce the minimum required by this Ordinance.**
- (C) The cost of compliance of this section shall be borne by the person or organization sponsoring the event.**
- (D) If a question exists as to the nature of an event triggering this section, final determination shall be made by the Board of Park Commissioners.**

NOW BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall repeal and replace any previous Ordinance or policy concerning this matter; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that herein ordinance shall have full force and effect from and after passage, approval by the Council, signing by the President thereof and approval and signing of the Mayor.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY the Common Council of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 24th day of September, 2018.

Janet Venecz, President /s/
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond, Indiana, to the Mayor, for approval and signature, this 25th day of September, 2018.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

The foregoing Ordinance No. 9416 consisting of three (3) typewritten pages, including this page, was APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Hammond, Indiana, this 25th day of September, 2018.

Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

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PASSED by the Common Council on the 24th day of September, 2018, and approved by
the Mayor on the 25th day of September, 2018.

Robert J. Golec, City Clerk /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana