

Proposed Sideshow Ordinance Presentation



April 2, 2024
City Council Meeting

Side Show Definition

A side show is defined as an occasion where one or more persons, for the purpose of performing a Street Race or Reckless Driving Exhibition for one or more Spectator(s) either blocks or impedes traffic on a street or highway or impedes access to an off-street parking facility.



Reported Side Shows in San Leandro

2021 – 76

2022 – 55

2023 – 43*

*Through October 2023

Regional Sideshow Enforcement Team (ReSET)

- Established in 2023
- Partnership with Alameda County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, Hayward Police Department and San Leandro Police Department
- Mission: focused on the reduction of dangerous and unlawful gatherings known as "sideshows," reckless driving, and associated violent crime through pro-active enforcement within Hayward, San Leandro, and unincorporated Alameda County.



RESET Statistics – 2023

Arrests:

- Misdemeanor – 134
- Felony - 66

Traffic Stops

- 1,429

Guns Seized

- 27

Known Sideshows Prevented

- 4

Current California Law

License Suspension (Assembly Bill 3)

- **1/1/2025 – 1 year Drivers License Suspension for participating a “side show”**

Engaging in speed contest – 23109 (C) VC

- **Misdemeanor**
- **Up to \$1,000 fine**

Reckless Driving – 23103 VC

- **Misdemeanor**
- **Up to \$1,000 fine**

Proposed Ordinance

Spectators Prohibited at Sideshow Events

- It is unlawful for any person to knowingly be a Spectator at a Side Show Event conducted on a public street or highway or off-street parking facility
- It is unlawful for any person to knowingly be a Spectator at the location of preparations for a Sideshow Event on a public street or off-street parking facility.

Violations

- Misdemeanor and/or
- \$1,000 fine

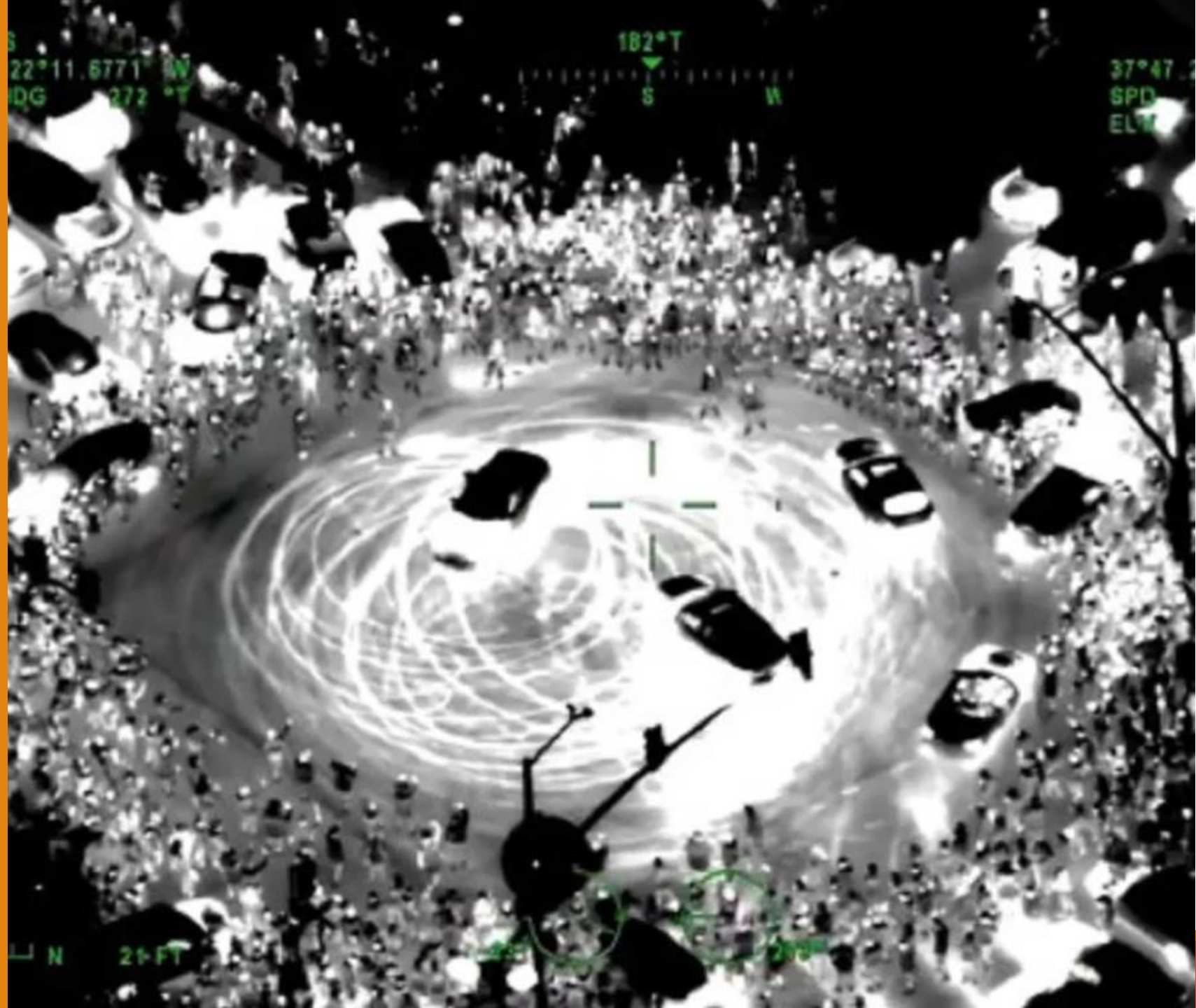
“Spectator” Definition

“Spectator” shall mean any person who is present at a Sideshow Event, or the site of the Preparations for a Sideshow Event, for the purpose of viewing, observing, watching, or witnessing the Sideshow Event as it progresses. A “Spectator” includes any person at the location of the Sideshow Event that may have participated in preparations and/or promoting the Sideshow Event.



“Present” Definition

Is “present” at a Sideshow Event if that person is within two hundred (200) feet of the location of the Sideshow Event, or within two hundred (200) feet of the site of the Preparations for any Sideshow Event.



Similar Ordinances

Alameda County

City of Oakland

City of San Jose

City of Hayward

City of Pittsburg

City of Petaluma

City of Santa Rosa

City of Rohnert Park

Recommendation

Adopt an ordinance Adding Chapter 4-44 “Sideshows, Street Races and Reckless Driving Exhibitions” to Title 4 “Public Welfare” of the San Leandro Municipal Code to Prohibit Spectators at Sideshows, Street Races, and Reckless Driving Exhibitions