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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, designating and identifying additional areas of anti-prostitution enforcement emphasis

WHEREAS, in connection with the incorporation of the City of Lakewood, Washington, the City Council adopted a number of health and safety codes and regulations, including the regulations contained in Lakewood Municipal Code Chapter 9.82; and, WHEREAS, the individual sections of LMC chapter 9.82 identify and define crimes such as indecent exposure, prostitution, sexual misconduct and promoting and patronizing prostitutes; and, WHEREAS, within LMC 9.82.040 the City Council is authorized to identify and designate areas within the City as anti-prostitution enforcement areas; and, WHEREAS, the City has previously identified other areas for anti-prostitution enforcement emphasis, including the area along South Tacoma Way from the North City limits to Pacific Highway Southwest, along Pacific Highway Southwest from South Tacoma Way to the South City Limits, and along the entire length of Union Avenue in Lakewood; and, WHEREAS, after consultation with the City Manager, City Attorney and Chief of Police, and based upon Lakewood Police Department arrest records, it is the finding of the City Council that prostitution in general indicates less obvious but egregious crimes and societal problems, such as crimes related to alcohol intoxication, illegal narcotics trafficking and addiction, violent crime and breaches of the peace; and, WHEREAS, as further demonstrated in police investigative reports, prostitution-related crime tends to be identifiably concentrated in certain districts, streets and neighborhoods of the City of Lakewood, thereby threatening the safety, health and welfare of innocent citizens and stigmatizing neighboring residential and commercial areas; and, WHEREAS, as demonstrated by police arrest records for the years 2003 and 2004, one such area the City Council does hereby identify as being afflicted with a disproportionately large number of prostitution-related crimes is the area defined by Section 1 and neighborhood of Lakewood; and, WHEREAS, it is the belief and intent of the City Council that identifying the area defined by Section 1 for addition anti-prostitution enforcement is essential to protect that neighborhood, to preserve the peace and safety of its residents, and to provide police with the means necessary to decrease the risks that prostitution and related crime impose upon that neighborhood; and, WHEREAS, as stated in LMC 9.82.060, any building, structure or place within the City used for the purpose of prostitution or pandering is a declared public nuisance. NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as Follows:

Section 1. To protect the public health, safety and welfare, a new and additional area for anti-prostitution emphasis enforcement is hereby identified and defined. This new area is what is commonly called the Tillicum district or neighborhood of the City of Lakewood. The Tillicum area shall be defined as the entire area within the jurisdiction of the City of Lakewood that is contained within the following boundaries:

That area of the City of Lakewood that shares its boundary with Camp Murray, including the areas East of the shoreline of American Lake and North to and including the entirety of Harry Todd Park, with a Northern boundary that follows and includes Thorne Lane SW to Interstate 5, thence back to the South along Interstate 5 to Berkeley Street SW and Northwest along the boundary of the City of Lakewood to the point where the boundary between the City of Lakewood and Camp Murray commences.

Section 2. That as of the effective date of this Resolution, as stated in LMC 9.82.040, the Lakewood Municipal Court may issue Stay Out of Areas of Prostitution (SOAP) Orders to any person convicted of prostitution or a prostitution-related crime and all such orders shall include the parameters of the area defined by Section 1 as defined herein.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 7th day of March, 2005.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Attest:

Douglas G. Richardson, Mayor

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney