

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ULTIMATE FIGHTING WITHIN THE CITY OF STOCKTON

The City of Stockton does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose.

The city council of the City of Stockton finds that the practice of ultimate fighting is dangerous and that it is in the best interests of public health and safety to prohibit it.

SECTION 2. Definition of Ultimate Fighting.

Ultimate fighting shall mean any activity, regardless of how named or described, or any other form of entertainment, where the primary practice involves individuals engaged in physical contact by striking or touching an opponent with hands, head, feet, or body. This shall include, but not be limited to, any contest or event where kicking, punching, martial arts, or submission holds are permitted. Officially sanctioned and regulated boxing and wrestling and team sports in which physical contact is incidental to the primary purpose of the game, including, but not limited to, football, basketball, volleyball, soccer, baseball, and softball are not included among activities prohibited by this section. Martial arts training or contests governed and sponsored by schools of martial arts are also not included among activities prohibited by this section. The City Council finds that the practice of Ultimate Fighting is dangerous and puts the public health, safety, and welfare at great risk.

SECTION 3. Prohibition of Ultimate Fighting.

It shall be unlawful in any public or private building or place, to promote, host, organize, stage, conduct, or participate in ultimate fighting as above defined anywhere in the City of Stockton.

SECTION 4. Penalty.

A violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be effective from and after its adoption and publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Jack Roberts, Mayor

Attest:

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Bethany Winchester  
Clerk - Treasurer