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CF # 93-1888-S1

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 91.5.300 AND ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO THE LAMC TO REQUIRE AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLERS FOR ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS TO A TOWNHOUSE OR ONE-TWO-FAMILY DWELLING WHERE THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS WITHIN A ONE-YEAR PERIOD EXCEEDS 50 PERCENT OF THE REPLACEMENT COST OF THE EXISTING BUILDING.

On February 13, 2018, the Los Angeles City Council passed a motion under Council File No. 93-1888-S1 instructing the Department of Building and Safety, in consultation with the Fire Department, and with the assistance of the City Attorney, to prepare and present an ordinance that requires installation of an automatic residential fire sprinkler system in existing townhouses and one- and two- family dwellings when the residence is added to or altered, and the aggregated value of the additions and alterations within a one-year period exceeds 50 percent of the replacement cost of the existing building.

As instructed, the Department of Building and Safety, in consultation with the Fire Department and with the assistance of the City Attorney, has prepared a draft ordinance.

Attached to this Transmittal is a copy of the draft ordinance.

I respectfully request the proposed ordinance be reviewed and forwarded to the City Council for its consideration at your earliest convenience. Please direct any questions regarding the proposed ordinance to Eugene Barbeau at (213) 482-0409. Should you need my assistance, please contact me at (213) 482-6800 (office).

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