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REPORT RE:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTIONS 57.305.5.2, 57.305.5.2.1, 57.322.1.1.10 AND 57.322.1.1.10.1, AND AMENDING SECTION 57.322.1.1 OF ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER V OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN METAL CUTTING BLADES FOR BRUSH CLEARANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE (VHFHSZ), ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGAGING IN BRUSH CLEARANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE VHFHSZ, AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SUCH SECTIONS

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 09-1977-S2

Honorable Members:

This Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. On June 27, 2018, the Public Safety Committee received a report from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) recommending amendments to the Los Angeles Fire Code to prohibit the use of certain metal cutting blades for brush clearance activities, and to establish other requirements necessary during brush clearance activities. On July 5, 2018, the City Council adopted the action of the Committee and requested this Office to prepare the necessary ordinance.

Urgency Clause

As requested by the City Council, the draft ordinance contains an urgency clause, which will allow its provisions to go into effect upon publication. As explained in the ordinance, an immediate effective date is necessary to regulate the use of certain sparking metal cutting blades during grass and brush clearance, and establish specific requirements applicable to grass and brush clearance operations, for the preservation of the health and safety of the public.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, a copy of the draft ordinance was sent to the LAFD with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Julie Raffish at (213) 978-8388. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Transmittal