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PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION

The operation of newsstands (free-standing, staffed structures which sell a variety of periodicals and printed materials) in the public-right of way is allowed citywide in compliance with Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 42.00(g). Newsstands are generally located in areas of heavy pedestrian traffic near bus stops, transit stations, schools and other public facilities.

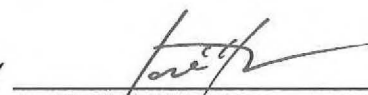
The Public Work Department's Bureau of Street Services is responsible for investigating complaints and enforcing laws pertaining to newsstands which can be located citywide. However, the City lacks minimum standards for newsstand operators, and we only require permits to operate newsstands within the Central Traffic District as defined in Section 80.00.

Due to a lack of citywide permitting, there currently is no record of the location of each non-permitted newsstand outside the Central Traffic District, and no mechanism to enforce provisions of the existing ordinance especially as related to operational requirements. The lack of citywide permitting, lack of minimum standards for newsstand operators, inadequate regulations regarding appearance, location and placement of newsstands especially in historic districts, and the City's limited ability to investigate and enforce laws related to newsstands has led to complaints from the public, Neighborhood Prosecutors and the LAPD.

Furthermore, significant unrecoverable costs are incurred by the City for monitoring, investigating and enforcing compliance of citywide newsstands, which results in a lack of consistent regulation and limited ability on the part of the City to respond to various complaints. The time has come to develop updated, clear and consistent regulations for newsstand permits across the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services be requested report to the Council within 30 days with recommendations for providing the City with the information and resources necessary to ensure citywide consistency of permitting and operation of newsstands, appropriate standards for appearance, location and placement (including within historic districts) and the ability to make citywide newsstand regulation effective and cost-efficient.

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