

## COMMUNICATION

**TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**File No. 10-2311**

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER GREIG SMITH, CHAIR  
COUNCILMEMBER JAN PERRY, MEMBER  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to authorizing the Executive Director of the Board of Police Commissioners to approve applications for police permits.

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST that the City Attorney prepare and present an ordinance modifying the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to authorize the Executive Director of the Board of Police Commissioners to approve applications for police permits under certain conditions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Police Department. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### Summary:

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated July 29, 2010 (attached to the Council file), the Board's Executive Director requests authority to approve applications for police permits. The Executive Director states the majority of applications are routine in nature. Currently, the LAMC requires that all Police Commission permits must be approved by the Police Permit Review Panel. However, the Panel's review of these applications involves only a cursory review and is largely a perfunctory task. In 2009, 15,411 applications for permits were submitted to the Police Permit Review Panel. Of these 15,391 were approved. Many approved businesses were required to wait up to an additional month after their permit has been processed by staff to be granted a permit by the Panel. Consequently, applicants are often prevented from commencing their business operations or the activities for which the permits are sought.

Authorizing the Board's Executive Director to approve police permit applications will create a more business friendly environment, enhance customer services, and provide for a more efficient use of Commission staff. Permits that are more complex, have controversial issues, or significantly impact the community, would continue to be referred to the Police Permit Review Panel, along with those applicants that have serious adverse history or a history of poor compliance.

At its meeting held August 3, 2010, the Board of Police Commissioners approved the Executive Director's recommendation.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held September 13, 2010, Committee Chair and Member discussed this matter with Executive Director of the Board of Police Commissioners. At that time, the Public Safety Committee Members recommended that Council request that the City Attorney

prepare an ordinance to amend the LAMC to authorize the Board's Executive Director to approve applications for police permits, as recommended by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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GREIG SMITH, CHAIR  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SMITH:	YES
CÁRDENAS:	ABSENT
PERRY:	YES
REYES:	ABSENT
ZINE:	ABSENT

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