

Council File 11-1676

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Dear Council Members,

I am a Los Angeles home owner in District 5. I bought a home in 2005 with a 50 year precedent of apron parking in which a car neither blocks the sidewalk nor the flow of traffic. My job as an ER doctor requires that I come home at 3 AM, and for this very reason I needed parking directly in front of my home.

Furthermore, I am unable to obtain a permit as my block of Willoughby is not permitted. There are 12 homes and 4 apartment buildings vying for 10 street spots on our block.

The sudden change in LA DOT policy to begin ticketing for apron parking has created a gravely dangerous problem for me every time I come home from work late at night. I am terrified of walking 4, 5 or 6 blocks to my home at 3 AM, especially since there have been rapes and murders in my neighborhood in the last year.

A secondary problem is the effect on my home's value without a parking spot. The housing market in LA does not need any further impediment to its recovery, and limiting parking spaces does exactly that.

I thank council members Koretz, Labonge and Rosendahl for their support thus far. I respectfully request that LA DOT allow apron parking that neither blocks the sidewalk nor the flow of traffic as this has been the accepted method of parking in my block for decades.

Thank you,
Agnes Scoville, MD

Council File 11-1676 Apron/Parkway parking

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Reply-To: Peter <pthawkins@earthlink.net>

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Dear council members:

I own a home in the Mid City West neighborhood council district and have been affected by the recent change made in enforcing the code that does not allow parking on the apron or parkway. I have owned my home for 12 years, and have always been able to park my vehicle on the apron. The prior owners indicated it was not illegal and was part of my consideration when buying the home.

I am frustrated that the City Attorney's office chose to make a radical change in the enforcement of the Los Angeles Municipal Code 80.53 without any notification to those that would be affected. I understand that it was in response to a lawsuit brought by several disabled persons. However, it is unclear to me how parking on the apron infringes upon their right to reasonable access. Conversely, it has a huge impact on the daily lives of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of residents within the City of Los Angeles. There are issues of safety walking home at night after parking several blocks away, as well as property devaluation. Accessibility to parking has a significant impact on the value and salability of a property. In this current economy we can ill afford the disastrous affects this new enforcement will bring.

I believe sidewalks should remain clear for pedestrians, including those in wheelchairs, to pass. I also believe that any parking on the apron/parkway should not impede the flow of traffic. Beyond that, allowing residents to continue to park where they have done so responsibly for years, only makes sense given the critical shortage of parking in many areas of the city.

I applaud the efforts by council members Bill Rosendahl and Paul Koretz, seconded by Tom LaBonge, for their motion to suspend enforcement and repeal Section 80.00(h) of the Municipal Code so that the definition of "parkway" is consistent throughout the Municipal Code. I would further support a motion to create regulations to allow for apron parking as long as it doesn't unreasonably restrict the usage of the sidewalk, nor impede the flow of traffic.

I would appreciate your support of the motion put forth by Councilmen Rosendahl and Koretz, in addition to supporting the recommendation I made above.

Please enter my email into the Council File record.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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Respected councilperson:

RE: APRON PARKING.

Many people have depended on these creative parking solutions, and getting a ticket for safely parking in a parkway that allows access is over-reactive! I have been using the parkway for my automobile for decades, without complaints, and now you are ticketing us.

The law needs to be changed to reflect reality in Los Angeles. We live in a city that was not planned for the amount of growth we have experienced.

Certain areas require waivers of stringent restrictions.

If I am blocking the sidewalk I should be ticketed, and that is not just for the disabled. If my vehicle is in the flow of traffic, it is also a reason for a ticket and towing. Would this simple enforcement be a sane solution, rather than permits?

Thank-you.

Del L. Quinn, owner and resident

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