

APRON PARKING MOTION, Council File 11-1676, CC 10-12-2011, Item34

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Tue, Oct 11, 2011 at 7:37 PM

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To the honorable members of the Los Angeles City Council:

I urge you to adopt the MOTION (KORETZ - ROSENDAHL - LABONGE), Item 34, City Council October 12,2011 for the following reasons:

1. The recent sudden DOT enforcement of "Apron Parking" causes huge and unnecessary harm to our quality of life in the North Westwood Village and other parts in the city of Los Angeles.
2. The recent sudden DOT enforcement of "Apron Parking" is completely unnecessary to ensure access of pedestrians and handicapped persons to the sidewalk.
3. The recent sudden DOT enforcement of "Apron Parking" caused us in the North Westwood Village to lose hundreds of perfectly safe parking places in an area that is already severely under parked.

Furthermore I also urge you to enjoin DOT from enforcing any City or State codes that might address perpendicular parking if it does not interfere with street traffic flow or impedes access to sidewalks.

If you see it fit to support these changes in present DOT enforcement practices you would do a great service to the citizens of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Wolfgang Veith

North Westwood Village Resident's Association

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Typical North Village Apron Parking-02.pdf

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TYPICAL NORTH WESTWOOD VILLAGE APRON PARKING SITUATION NOT PREVENTING SIDEWALK ACCESS

ONLY ONE CAR SLIGHTLY IMPEDES SIDEWALK SECTION - SHOULD BE CITED FOR VIOLATION OF CVC 22500, OBSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK

Apron Parking, Council File 11-1676

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Tue, Oct 11, 2011 at 9:08 PM

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Cc: patrice.lattimore@lacity.org, mayor@lacity.org, carmen.trutanich@lacity.org

Dear Councilmember Koretz, Rosendahl, La Bonge, et al,

I am writing to express my serious concern over for your motion to repeal certain provisions of the Municipal Code pending regulation, without any due process. What inconsistencies? You have created a fast-track, quietly introduced Motion that has not been noticed or vetted. It states there are "inconsistencies" but does not explain what they are.

One size does not fit all. Safety is paramount, both to the disabled, and to those who use our public highways. It is paramount to those who need the immediate attention of emergency vehicles who have nowhere to park or gain access to residents in apartments. It jeopardizes our firefighters and our police who have nowhere on busy, windy streets to stop. It is something that is being misused. It is something, where needed, should be allowed by a paid permit out of necessity, and not "by right".

The reason why the City has been sued is over the abuses by those very residents where you give them an arm, they take a leg. They have no consideration for disabled residents and this will allow them to continue to block not only the sidewalk, but the apron that is required for emergency parking by emergency vehicles. It will be misused by those who have permit parking and garages who would rather store their cars along the public parkway on their apron than use their garages for what they were intended.

This "quick fix" will promote more litigation while the City winds its slow way through the ordinance process.

Thank you,

Linda Benjamin

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2 messages

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Mon, Oct 10, 2011 at 10:29 PM

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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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Please enter this into the council file record.

Parking Girl <beverlyglenparking@me.com>

Tue, Oct 11, 2011 at 11:38 PM

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Re: Council File 11-1676

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing to express my support for the Koretz-Rosendahl motion to permit residents to park on the apron portion of their driveways if the car does not extend into the sidewalk. This is an important step to preserve sidewalk access for disabled residents, while providing safe parking for residents in areas of the City in which there is a critical parking shortage. Please vote tomorrow in favor of this motion - **Council File 11-1676:**

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MOTION

There currently exists an inconsistency regarding the definition of "parkway" in the Los Angeles Municipal Code. (See Sections 42.00 and 80.00(h).) In light of this inconsistency, **enforcement of Section 80.53 of the Municipal Code should be suspended unless and until the City adopts other laws regulating apron parking.** Of course, the provisions of California Vehicle Code Section 22500 shall remain in effect. I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance to repeal Section 80.00(h) of the Municipal Code so that the definition of "parkway" is consistent throughout the Municipal Code.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney report in closed session and in accordance with the Brown Act on the status of apron parking as related to Sections 42.00 and 80.00(h) of the Municipal Code.

~Bill Rosendahl (signed)~-----~~

Council member, 11th District

Co-Presented by:

Paul Koretz (signed)

Council member, 5th District

SECONDED BY:

Tom LaBonge

OCT - 4, 2011

Thank you,

Christine Luethje Fleck

Family of 3 on Beverly Glen Blvd.

RE: Support for Council File 11-1676 // Apron Parking

1 message

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Wed, Oct 12, 2011 at 3:18 AM

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On behalf of the constituents living in the Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. Homeowners Association community, we ask that you vote to **support Council File 11-1676** when it is heard in Council on Wednesday, October 12th. We are a residential community located 3 miles south of Westwood Village where apron parking was found to encroach upon sidewalks and were surprised to find our area and vehicles targeted in an enforcement crackdown when our residents did not block sidewalks.

Many of our residents have been ticketed for parking on the aprons adjacent to their homes and apartments since enforcement of the apron parking ban began in late June. Their vehicles did not enter the sidewalk areas or impede able-bodied or disabled pedestrians seeking to use the sidewalks. In fact, since the enforcement of the apron parking ban began, disabled residents have been unable to access their homes and vehicles since their parking was lost. Additional safety hazards have developed when residents have been forced to park at a distance from their homes thus exposing them to the dangers of crossing busy streets and having to walk long distances, often late at night.

Many of the properties where apron parking exists are older residences that provide important AFFORDABLE housing. Forcing the removal of the apron parking jeopardizes the long-term viability of this much-needed housing stock.

Please adopt CF 11-1676.

Sincerely,

Barbara Broide, President
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