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Refer to CFS 07-1535,  
09-2235, 11-0061

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MOTION

Over the past several years, the Council has introduced three motions relative to regulating the placement and enforcement of dumpsters and large storage containers in City streets (C.F. 07-1535, C.F. 09-2235, and C.F. 11-0061). Each motion requested amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to mitigate potential conflicts with motorists and other public safety issues. Unfortunately, no specific actions have been taken to address this growing problem.

Currently, the City regulates some aspects regarding the placement of dumpsters and trash containers, however, regulation of these containers is problematic because the City lacks the necessary enforcement tools. The City continues to experience a proliferation of containers in the public right-of-way, such as portable, on-demand storage containers (PODS). These non-permitted bins or dumpsters on City streets continue to be placed in locations that conflict with the flow of traffic; block the sight-line of motorists, pedestrians and bicycles; and block access for emergency vehicles, particularly on narrow roads or hillside areas with high fire danger. It is imperative that the City move forward with a comprehensive enforcement program.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Bureau of Street Services, working with the City Attorney, to develop a program to regulate illegally placed dumpsters and storage containers that are placed in the public right-of-way, including a requirement that every container be equipped with appropriate reflectors or other safety marking so that the container will not constitute a hazard to traffic.




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