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The City of Los Angeles is home to an unprecedented number of unattended collection boxes. These boxes are primarily used by charitable and for profit companies to encourage the collection of clothing and shoes for recycling purposes.

California state law requires that the owners of unattended collection boxes to indicate if they are for-profit or non-profit and display the name, address, telephone number and Web address of the collection box's owner. If the organization is charitable, state law further requires that they disclose who will benefit from the donations.

California state law defines a nuisance as anything that is injurious to health, indecent or offensive to the senses, obstructs free use of property, or unlawfully obstructs free passage. State law further allows charter cities to establish nuisance abatement guidelines including but not limited to the collection of fees.

Many unattended collection boxes in the City Los Angeles have become a nuisance, they are placed in the public right of way, property setbacks and parking lots, at times without the owner's consent. Left unmanaged, they attract illegal dumping, graffiti and have become an additional source of blight in many areas of the city.

By amending Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish basic permitting and operating requirements the city can reduce the amount of blight in the community.

Requirements should include:

- The operators prove they are either a legitimate non-profit or business and be in good standing with the State;
- That unattended box placement should be permitted and the appropriate department should establish a fee for the placement of the bins;
- The owner/operator should have express written permission of the property owner to leave a box;
- The boxes must be maintained and at no times should be the organizations contact information be obstructed;
- The City should establish sufficient penalties/fines and other enforcement capabilities to address troublesome owner/operators, and
- The owner/operator be required to provide the City periodic reports of the amount of clothing and other materials collected within the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney prepare and present an ordinance to regulate unattended collection boxes as defined in this motion.

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