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According to an NPR news report dated November 27, 2017, there are a growing number of vehicles being rented out for dwelling purposes on City streets throughout Los Angeles communities. Individuals are purchasing a variety of different vehicles such as motorhomes, panel trucks, vans, and sedans from Police impound lots, towing them back onto the streets and renting them out on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Typically, advertisements for these vehicles can be found on Craigslist.org among other websites. An un-regulated rental market for vehicle dwelling all too often results in the exploitation of homeless individuals and/or those in need of affordable living arrangements.

Rental accommodations such as these are creating a dangerous environment for those renting and residing in the vehicles. A traditional landlord must comply with all City building codes and they must provide a safe and sanitary environment in order to rent out a house, apartment or a room, but there are currently no codes or regulations that regulate the rental of a vehicle for dwelling purposes. Vehicles more often than not don't have running water, a reliable source of power, and often lack a source for heating and/or cooling. All of which can lead to unsafe and unsanitary conditions for individuals to live in, in addition to having no reliable way to dispose of trash and sewage.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department, prepare and present the appropriate amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code that will enable the City of Los Angeles to prohibit and/or regulate the rental of vehicles for the sole intent of utilizing the vehicle as a dwelling on Los Angeles City Streets and/or public spaces.

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