

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: May 2, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso *Sharon M. Tso* Council File No.: 15-0002-S158
Chief Legislative Analyst Assignment No.: 16-04-0362

SUBJECT: Parking Near Driveways Used By Emergency Vehicles.

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution to include in the City's 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2491 (Nazarian) that would prohibit vehicles from parking within 15 feet of a driveway that is used by emergency vehicles.

SUMMARY

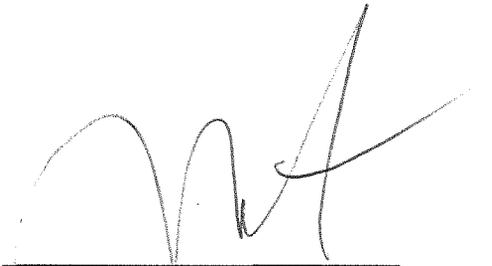
Existing law prohibits a person from stopping, parking, or leaving standing any vehicle within 15 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station. On February 19, 2016, Assembly Member Nazarian introduced AB 2491 that would extend this parking prohibition to a driveway entrance to police stations, ambulance companies or general acute care hospitals. According to the author, ambulance transport companies frequently report experiencing problems entering and exiting their facilities on emergency response calls. When emergency vehicles cannot enter or exit their facilities, critical response time is lost and important services are delayed.

During a hearing at the Assembly Transportation Committee meeting on April 19, 2016, concerns were raised that the legislation was too broadly written. By simply authorizing the local jurisdiction to erect signage or install curb markings, the bill could create a situation whereby citations could be issued to persons who, unknowingly, violate these provisions. In response to this concern, the Committee amended AB 2491 to:

1. Require that local jurisdictions adopt an ordinance designating the prohibition against stopping, parking, or leaving a vehicle standing within 15 feet of a driveway that is used by emergency vehicles owned or operated by a police department, general acute care hospital, or ambulance service provider;
2. Provide that the prohibition not apply to vehicles owned by a police department, general acute care hospital, or ambulance service provider provided that the vehicle is clearly marked, as specified; and
3. Require that the local jurisdiction, upon the passage of an ordinance prohibiting parking, stopping or standing within 15 feet of a driveway owned or operated by a police department, general acute care hospital, or ambulance service provider, cause appropriate curb markings and signs to be installed delineating the prohibited parking areas to alert the motorists of the restriction.

BILL STATUS

4/21/2016 Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.
4/19/2016 From committee: Passed as amended. To Consent Calendar.
3/8/2016 Referred to the Committees on Transportation.
2/19/2016 Introduced. To print.

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Analyst

Attachment:
1. Resolution

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, existing law prohibits a person from stopping, parking, or leaving a vehicle unattended within 15 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station in order to facilitate the rapid departure of paramedics and firefighters; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2016, Assembly Member Nazarian introduced AB 2491 that would extend the parking prohibition to include stopping within 15 feet of a driveway entrance to police stations, ambulance companies or general acute care hospitals; and

WHEREAS, this parking restriction should be extended to these vital facilities to avoid any delays in the arrival and/or departure of public safety vehicles and to ensure that the public is served in the most expeditious manner in emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2491 (Nazarian) that would prohibit vehicles from parking within 15 feet of a driveway entrance to any police station, ambulance company or general acute care hospital.

PRESENTED BY: _____
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: _____

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