MOTION

Anyone providing valet parking service using City public streets is required to have a Valet Parking Operator Permit issued by the Board of Police Commissioners. But an exception to this sensible public safety requirement exists for "a non-recurring special event at a private residence." This exception means there is no oversight of valet parking that takes place at any private residence, aside from a small section of Council District 5 that has been designated a valet parking residential sensitive zone.

The public safety concerns that support the need for a permit when providing valet parking in the City are not somehow absent at a private residence. Even at a private residence, a stranger takes a motorist's car and operates it on the City's public streets - the same as would occur anywhere else in the City.

With respect to the residential valet sensitive zone in Council District 5, to date no Valet Parking Operator has sought a one-day special permit. Even though Valet Parking Operators are working in the sensitive zone, they have found ways to avoid getting a one-day permit. This has caused increased noise and traffic in affected neighborhoods, and defeats the Council's intent in requiring a special permit when valet service occurs in a designated residential valet sensitive zone.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Board of Police Commissioners, to prepare and present a draft ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 103.203 to remove the exception for a non-recurring special event at a private residence, and to clarify that any valet parking service in a valet parking residential sensitive zone requires a one-day permit.

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