

ENTERTAINMENT AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to requiring Farmers Markets to accept Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Cards.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated September 27, 2016, adding a new Subsection (j) to Section 41.20 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require EBT Card Acceptance at Certified Farmers' Markets.
2. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services to verify that Farmers Markets accept EBT cards prior to notifying Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) to issue the Temporary Special Event Permit for Farmers Markets on the Public Right of Way.
3. INSTRUCT LADBS to require Farmers Markets applying for Temporary Special Event Permits to require a Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Number issued by the United States Department of Agriculture as proof of EBT card acceptance. Additionally, place a condition on the permit requiring the applicant to accept EBT cards and to have a FNS Number issued by the United States Department of Agriculture.
4. INSTRUCT LADBS, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on their current procedures and fees for issuing Temporary Special Event Permits and any necessary code amendments or updates to their fee structure.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney or the LADBS. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(URGENCY CLAUSE - 12 VOTES REQUIRED)**

#### SUMMARY

At the meeting held on December 13, 2016, your Entertainment and Facilities Committee considered LADBS and City Attorney reports and an Ordinance relative to requiring Farmers Markets to accept EBT Cards. An overview of this matter was presented by staff from the City Attorney's Office. Staff from the LADBS also reported on the matter and answered related questions. During the discussion of the matter the Chair requested to add the recommendation to instruct DBS, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report on their current procedures and fees for issuing Temporary Special Event Permits and any necessary code amendments or updates to their fee structure. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to recommend adoption of the Ordinance presented by the City Attorney and approval of the recommendations presented in the report from DBS as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENTERTAINMENT AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mr. O'Farrell".

**MEMBER**    **VOTE**

O'FARRELL: YES

KREKORIAN: YES

BUSCAINO: YES

ME

**-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-**