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The homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles has reached proportions that none of us have previously seen in our lifetimes. Solving this issue will involve commitment from all possible partners working on many fronts, in coordination. Neighborhoods FIRST is a two-pronged effort that leads with compassion to remove barriers to housing and employment for people currently experiencing homelessness while working to prevent those on the edges from slipping into the homeless population. The second prong aims to improve the tools available to communities to alleviate the impacts of homelessness on neighborhoods.

As a result of the rise in homelessness, there is also an increase of people living in oversized/recreational vehicles (RVs). The presence of oversized/recreational vehicles (RVs) is a recurring issue among resident parking complaints due to the issues of reduced roadway space for motorists (especially on narrow streets), oversized vehicles occupying multiple parking spaces, and safety concerns regarding line of sight of approaching traffic at intersections and driveways.

To address these concerns, on June 29, 2010, the Council approved an ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.69.4 to revise the definition of oversize vehicles and to establish a procedure to investigate and determine whether the parking of such vehicles between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on designated City streets is prohibited (C.F. 09-3036). The procedure authorizes the Council, by resolution, to designate the streets upon which the parking of oversize vehicles shall be restricted between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Since 2010, countless resolutions have been approved to restrict the parking of oversize vehicles on streets throughout the City. When oversize parking restriction signs are installed, however, the vehicles often move to nearby streets until they are also posted. Communities continue to experience a proliferation of these vehicles and the current program has provided a piece-meal approach to the problem. Over the past several years, neighboring cities such as Long Beach, Calabasas and Santa Clarita have restricted the parking of oversized vehicles on City streets without proper permits. It is important for the City of Los Angeles explore other local programs to address this important quality of life issue.


I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the City Attorney, to report with an analysis of the best practices and ordinances of other local municipalities regarding the permitting, restricting, and/or banning RV parking on public streets.

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