

MOTION

Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing

The Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.73.1 currently prohibits a person or entity from selling, leasing, reserving any street, parking space or other public space without written authorization from the City. At its May 24, 2017 meeting, the Transportation Committee discussed Motion (LaBonge - Koretz) (C.F. 13-0192) requesting the Department of Transportation to prepare regulations for a point-to-point car sharing system.

The Department of Transportation report back proposed fleet-based fixed-space and point-to-point car sharing regulations. However, new technology, used similarly to home-sharing platforms, now allows City residents to share their own personal vehicles with other residents or travelers. These vehicles are often parked on city streets, creating confusion over the applicability of LAMC 80.73.1 for these personal vehicles.

A new regulatory and permit process is necessary in order to address new web-based car sharing/rental companies that allow vehicles to be stored in the public right-of-way. New mobile and web-based applications enable users to rent vehicles from independent owners who are then paid for the use of their vehicle.


A potential consequence of amending LAMC Section 80.73.1 would occur when these small business owners, who rent out a personal vehicle on a peer-to-peer basis, receive misdemeanor citations. Since they are not official car share companies with a fleet of vehicles, they would be prohibited from operating a car share business within the City under the currently proposed regulations in C.F. 13-0192.

A process to permit and regulate this car sharing model would be beneficial for the City. Car sharing has shown benefits for residents, including cost-sharing and providing convenient options for residents to have access to a vehicle when needed, thus making it easier for residents to not own a vehicle.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the City Attorney, be instructed to develop a permit process relative to peer-to-peer car sharing business models that would permit them to park vehicles in the public right-of-way.

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