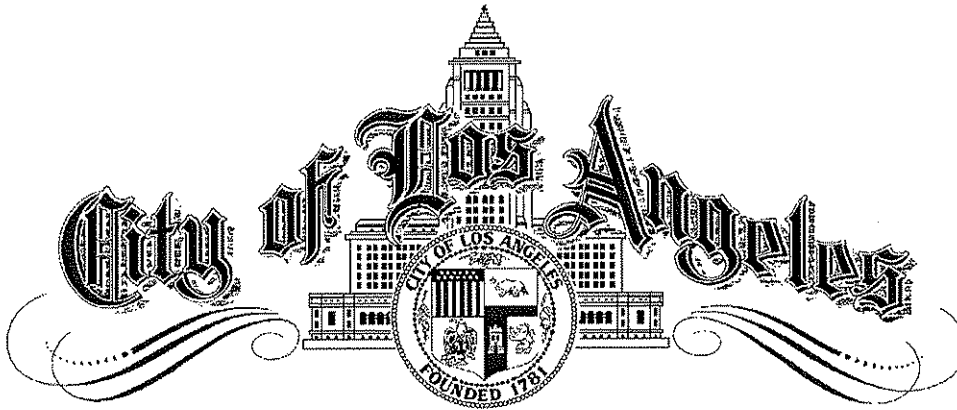


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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE
SECTION 91.6205.18 TO REDUCE THE TIME CYCLE OF THE
OFF-SITE SIGN PERIODIC INSPECTION PROGRAM**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

We are transmitting for your consideration, approved as to form and legality, a draft ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 91.6205.18 to reduce the time cycle of the Off-Site Sign Periodic Inspection Program (OSSPIP) from a three-year cycle to a two-year cycle.

Summary of Ordinance Provisions

On December 26, 2008, Ordinance No. 180,446 created the Off-Site Sign Periodic Inspection Program (OSSPIP). The OSSPIP program surveys every off-site sign in the City of Los Angeles. Currently each sign is surveyed once every three years. The information obtained is maintained in a database on all off-site sign structures. The database contains: building permit number; size of sign as shown on the building permit; issuance date; any subsequent building permits issued for that sign; and any information required pursuant to the LAMC or obtained pursuant to inspection.

The proposed amendment would reduce the survey cycle from once every three years, to once every two years for each off-site sign structure.

CEQA Determination

The ordinance is not a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2) and (b)(5), continuing administrative activities and organizational activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment are not CEQA projects. The ordinance makes an administrative change to existing portions of Section 91.6205.18 as contained within the LAMC. These changes will not result in any change to the physical environment.


Council Rule 38 Referral

The draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Building and Safety with the request that they provide any comments they might have directly to you when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Kim Rodgers Westhoff at (213) 978-8242. She or another member of this Office will be present to answer any questions you may have when you consider this matter.

Very truly yours,

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By 

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 91.6205.18, Division 62, Article 1 of Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code regarding the Off-Site Sign Periodic Inspection Program.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The second sentence of Section 91.6205.18.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Inspection shall occur once in the initial two-year period starting on February 1, 2012, and subsequent inspections shall be conducted in two-year intervals by the Superintendent or an authorized representative.

Sec. 2. The first sentence of the second paragraph of Section 91.6205.18.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

The regulatory fee shall be due on February 1 every two years starting on February 1, 2012.

Sec. 3. The last sentence of the third paragraph of Section 91.6205.18.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

The Department of Building and Safety shall report to the City Council on the actual costs of the regulatory program at the end of each two year cycle no later than June 30 of the second year.

Sec. 4. The last sentence of the first paragraph of Section 91.6205.18.3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

A new certificate of compliance shall be issued every two years for each off-site sign structure following each subsequent inspection conducted pursuant to this program provided the off-site sign structure remains in compliance.

Sec. 5. Section 91.6205.18.4 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Each off-site sign structure shall be inspected once every two years.

Sec. 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, at its meeting of _____.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk


By _____ Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

CARMENA A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By 
KIM RODGERS WESTHOFF
Deputy City Attorney

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