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REVISED REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 91.6205.18
OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO REDUCE THE LENGTH
OF THE INSPECTION CYCLE, REDUCE THE INSPECTION FEE
AND ELIMINATE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE
FROM 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

Council File No. 11-1122

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to the request of City Council, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance amends Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 91.6205.18 to reduce the length of the inspection cycle, reduce the inspection fee from \$186 to \$169.87 and eliminate issuance of a certificate of compliance from the Off-Site Sign Periodic Inspection Program (OSSPIP).

Summary of Ordinance Provisions

On December 26, 2008, Ordinance No. 180,446 was adopted, creating the OSSPIP. OSSPIP requires a survey of every off-site sign in the City of Los Angeles. Currently, OSSPIP requires inspection of every off-site sign in the City of Los Angeles every three years, payment of a \$186 regulatory fee for inspection, and issuance of a

certificate of compliance when fees have been paid, inspections have been conducted and the off-site sign structure has been determined to be in compliance with the terms of its permit as described in Section 91.6205.18.2.

The proposed amendments would reduce the inspection cycle to two years, reduce the regulatory fee for inspection to \$169.87 and eliminate the necessity of issuing and attaching a certificate of compliance to the off-site sign structure.

CEQA Determination

The ordinance is not a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Under Subsections (b)(2) and (b)(5) of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, 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 LAMC Section 91.6205.18, and the change 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 a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council 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 when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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