

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to adding a monetary civil penalty in the maximum amount allowed by State law for misuse of disabled parking placards and special license plates.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Blumenfield – O'Farrell):

REQUEST the City Attorney prepare an ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 89.60 to add a monetary civil penalty in the maximum amount allowed by State law for misuse of disabled parking placards and special license plates.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

On January 15, 2019, Council considered Motion (Blumenfield – O'Farrell) relative to adding a monetary civil penalty in the maximum amount allowed by State law for misuse of disabled parking placards and special license plates. Motion states that in 2013, Council adopted a resolution implementing California Vehicle Code Section 22511.57 regarding the misuse of a disabled parking placard or special license plate. Among other things, the resolution prohibits the use of a disabled placard or special license plate when not transporting the individual to whom the placard or license plate was issued. Resolution, however, did not provide for a monetary penalty for violating these prohibitions, and instances of misuse of disabled parking placards and special license plates has not abated.

Motion goes on to state that persons who misuse disabled parking placards and special license plates, especially in urban areas where parking is in short supply, limit the available parking for disabled persons, tie-up street parking spaces often all day, and cheat the City out of parking revenue.

California Vehicle Code Section 40203.5 authorizes local governments to impose a monetary penalty of not less than \$250 or more than \$1,000 on an individual who misuses a disabled parking placard or special license plate. State law also imposes an additional 10% of the penalty, which is deposited with the City. Motion recommends that Council request the City Attorney prepare an ordinance to add this monetary penalty to the LAMC. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held February 15, 2019, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter. Motion author Councilmember Blumenfield was in attendance to urge the Committee to approve Motion. Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER   VOTE

BONIN:   YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ:   YES

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