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MOTION

Repairing sidewalks in Los Angeles is of utmost priority to the public safety and wellbeing of Angelenos across the city. In order to improve safety and minimize liability, the South Park Business Improvement District has hired a contractor to precision saw-cut existing sidewalks in order to remove trip hazards, as well as remove and replace severely damaged sidewalk segments. Saw-cutting is a cost effective repair measure in which a layer of concrete is removed from sidewalk panels in order to make them flush with each other. For the removal and replacement of damaged sidewalk panels, the City's existing "A" permit process will be utilized.

In order to facilitate this project, the South Park Business Improvement District conducted a study to determine how much saw cutting could be done, and where, so that trip hazards could be minimized while at the same time maintaining the structural integrity of the sidewalk. As there is no current permitting process for sidewalk precision saw-cutting, both the Bureau of Engineering and Bureau of Street Services are recommending implementing the saw-cutting program through the approval of the Board of Public Works.

On February 18, 2014, Council (CF13-0941) instructed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to eliminate any fees associated with the repair and reconstruction of sidewalk incurred by the adjacent property owner. While this ordinance has not been prepared yet, Council action dictates that fees should be waived for adjacent property owners when they repair their sidewalks. As the Business Improvement District was created by property owners in order to maintain their district, waiving of "A" Permit fees for sidewalk repair would be consistent with Council action.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering be instructed to waive any "A" permit fees associated with the removal and replacement of sidewalk by the South Park Business Improvement District or its contractor.

PRESENTED:


JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED:



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