

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to authorizing the Bureau of Street Services to issue an annual Special Event Permit for recurring special events.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. PRESENT and ADOPT accompanying ORDINANCE amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.20 to authorize the Bureau of Street Services to issue an Annual Recurring Special Event Permit; amending LAMC Section 80.08.6 to authorize the use of Temporary Parking Permitted Regulations in the City of Los Angeles; amending Division L of Chapter VIII of the LAMC to add Section 80.58.2 to authorize the designation of certain streets in a Special Event Permit for the exclusive parking privilege of motor vehicles participating in the special event; amending LAMC Section 80.76.2 to add Section 80.58.2 as a civil penalty; and, amending LAMC Section 89.60 to add Section 80.58.2 to the Schedule of Parking Penalties.
2. FIND that there are numerous Special Events that occur throughout the City of Los Angeles; where street closures are not necessary, but where the need exists to designate specific on-street parking spaces for vehicles participating in the Special Event or to provide temporary, alternate parking for those directly impacted by the additional parking demands generated by the Special Event.
3. FIND that the City of Los Angeles is currently losing out on potential meter revenue that is lost when parking spaces with parking meters are taken out of operation to the general public during Special Events; whether to accommodate the needs of the Special Event to keep the street clear of all parked vehicles, or to designate specific on-street parking spaces for vehicles associated with the Special Event.
4. FIND that there are certain Special Events that do not require street closures, and for which Special Events permits are not currently issued; where vehicles arrive at the desired parking spaces hours before the event to reserve the parking space needed at the time of the event, thus eliminating potential on-street parking spaces for adjacent businesses and residents during the hours preceding the event.
5. FIND that the unrestricted parking of vehicles in the residentially developed neighborhoods adjacent to Dodger Stadium is causing traffic congestion, is resulting in a detriment to the public welfare from complaints associated with a significant increase in the number of parked vehicles during Dodger Stadium events including blocked driveways, excessive noise at night after the games, excessive litter and consumption of alcohol in vehicles, and is interfering with timely emergency vehicle access to and from the streets and residences in these neighborhoods for both Police and Fire Departments.
6. FIND that events at major sports and entertainment venues, including Dodger Stadium, are defined as a Special Event by LAMC Section 41.20.1, and that the policy for Special Events at these venues, is specified in LAMC Section 41.20.1.(c).
7. FIND that certain Special Events are of a recurring nature, and occur on a weekly basis throughout the year, or more, and that it would be more cost efficient to issue one annual

permit for events that occur at a minimum of 12 times per one-year permit period.

8. FIND that the posting of temporary or permanent Special Event. No Parking, Except by Permit or Tow Away, Special Event, No Parking, Except by Permit signs would provide for the needed Special Event parking during the days and hours of the Special Events for vehicles with Special Events permits, and would make it unnecessary for vehicles associated with the events to park in those same spaces hours before the Special Event, thus creating a more efficient use of the available curb space for parking.
9. FIND that there may be streets or locations where authorized signs are in place giving notice that stopping or standing is prohibited, but where temporary conditions or Special Events may exist; where permitting on-street parking on a temporary basis will not detrimentally affect the public welfare, and where the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) may determine that unrestricted parking during this temporary period will not result in an unusual hazard to life or property, or unusual congestion or impedance to traffic movement.
10. FIND that the removal of beach access parking, even on a temporary basis, or for a Special Event, within the defined limits of the Coastal Zone may require that a Coastal Zone Permit be obtained from the City and/or the California Coastal Commission before any Special Event Parking signs can be authorized and installed.
11. AUTHORIZE the LADOT to post any of the following signs upon issuance of a Special Events permit from the Bureau of Street Services:
 - a. Tow Away, No Parking, (days/hours to be specified), Vehicles with Permit Exempted, Special Event
 - b. No Parking, No Parking, (days/hours to be specified), Vehicles with Permit Exempted, Special Event
 - c. Tow Away, No Parking Anytime, Vehicles with Permit Exempted, Special Event Only
 - d. Any other signs determined to be necessary by the LADOT that prohibit stopping, parking, or standing of vehicles during Special Events; which may or may not include Tow Away restrictions, and which may or may not specify days and hours of the Special Event, and which may or may not allow exemptions by vehicles with permits.
12. AUTHORIZE the LADOT to post Temporary, Parking Permitted, (days/hours specified) signs where the signs have been requested in writing from the Council Office that represents the affected street where the signs will be posted, and only where the LADOT has evaluated that location to confirm that the temporary allowance of parking is not expected to result in any unusual hazard to life or property, or unusual congestion or impedance to traffic movement.
13. INSTRUCT the LADOT to develop and establish the necessary procedures and conditions required for the Department's approval of permit requests for the posting and removal of Special Event Vehicle parking signs, including the methodology for the calculation of the Parking Meter Usage Fee.

14. REQUEST the City Attorney, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and the Bureau of Street Services report to the Transportation Committee on a quarterly basis relative to the implementation and effectiveness of the accompanying Ordinance.
15. REQUEST the City Attorney prepare and present a revised ordinance amending the LAMC as described above, and as amended to include an 18-month sunset clause.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that revenue from the sale of permits will cover the additional cost of implementing, administering, and enforcing the Special Event Parking signs, as well as the Temporary Parking Permitted signs. For recurring events that occur more than 12 times per 12-month permit period, the LADOT will provide permanent, metal Special Event Parking signs; which become more cost effective than the repeated weekly posting and un-posting of temporary pressboard type signs as the number of postings increases. The one time posting (and maybe un-posting) of permanent metal signs will also be much less labor intensive, and free up existing staff to post signs for other non-recurring projects. The LADOT will conduct a cost analysis to determine the number of Special Events where the posting of permanent metal signs is more cost effective than the weekly posting of temporary signs, in order to identify when the permanent signs should be used for recurring events that happen less than 12 times per 12-month permit period. The City will gain additional Special Parking Meter Revenue Fund revenue from having the Bureau of Street Service charge a Parking Meter Usage Fee to recover the lost potential parking meter revenue when Special Event permits are issued that result in the temporary prohibition of parking or prohibition except by Special Events Permits, in any parking meter zone. Furthermore, the City may gain additional General Fund Revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violators of the Special Event Parking restrictions.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

URGENCY CLAUSE

- 12 VOTES REQUIRED -

Summary:

In a report to Council dated May 21, 2014 (attached to the Council file), LADOT states that on October 4, 2013, Council considered a Motion (Englander-Bonin) relative to authorizing a special events pilot program for the weekly Granada Hills Food Truck Event. Motion states that the City's Special Events Ordinance does not provide provisions to enable City departments to respond quickly and efficiently to a single City service request, such as a lane closure or a posting of restricted parking. Motion requests the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance, in consultation with the Bureau of Street Services and the LADOT, to amend the Special Events Ordinance, to specifically allow food truck event organizers and other groups to apply for the establishment of parking regulations for regularly held events where just reserved on-street parking, but no street closure, is a component of their event.

Council later approved a Transportation Committee report formally requesting that the City Attorney prepare the requested ordinance. Accompanying a report to Council dated June 17, 2014 (attached to the Council file), the City Attorney presents the requested ordinance.

At the special Transportation Committee meeting held June 24, 2014, the Committee Chair discussed this matter with representatives of LADOT, the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the City

Attorney. Staff explained that after meeting with representatives of Council Districts 1, 5, 11, 12, and 13, the original proposal was broadened to cover special events citywide. The Committee Chair raised various enforcement issues, specifically what requirements or incentives are in place for event holders to apply for special event permits. Staff indicated that any event that is held on public property or has an impact on public property – such as traffic and parking congestion – is required to have a special event permit. This requirement is enforced by the Bureau of Street Services.

The Committee Chair recommended that Council approve the recommendations of the LADOT report and the City Attorney's Ordinance. The Committee Chair further recommended that Council request the City Attorney, LADOT, and the Bureau of Street Services report back to the Transportation Committee on a quarterly basis relative to the implementation and success of the Ordinance. The Committee Chair also recommended that the City Attorney prepare a revised ordinance with an 18-month sunset clause.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	ABSENT
PARKS:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT

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