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The Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), Watershed Protection Division (WPD), Environmental Compliance Inspectors are the City's primary environmental enforcement personnel for illicit discharges and illegal dumping of hazardous materials, waste, hazardous substances, and pollutants. Each year, there are an estimated 2,500 incidents in the City of Los Angeles involving illicit discharge and illegal dumping which require WPD's response. WPD conducts investigations to identify the responsible parties and, when applicable, develop criminal and civil cases which are filed with local and federal prosecutors.

Currently, the civil liability protection and arrest authority listed in the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) is outdated because the job classification titles have changed. Proposed amendments to LAMC Sections 61.07 and 64.70 would grant Environmental Compliance Inspectors of the BOS WPD authority similar to what currently exists for Bureau of Street Services Investigators under LAMC Section 61.07(a). This authority would increase effectiveness and efficiency by reducing reliance on Police resources for obtaining responsible party information and ensure the same level of protection for both the City and WPD personnel from civil liability when lawfully exercising arrest authority as public officers. The proposed LAMC amendments would not change or add responsibilities to WPD Environmental Compliance Inspectors.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance to amend Sections 61.07 and 64.70 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to ensure that the new job classification of Environmental Compliance Investigators of the Bureau of Sanitation's Watershed Protection Division has the same authority and liability protection as the previous job classifications.

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