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**MOTION**

Applicants seeking to construct a new driveway approach apron in the public right-of-way are required to obtain an A-Permit from the Bureau of Engineering. The permit requires that the applicant reconstruct existing driveway aprons that will no longer be used for vehicle ingress or egress. An A-Permit is issued for the repair, construction or reconstruction of curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches or gutters, and as a condition of such issuance, no driveway apron shall be permitted for front yard parking.

However, applicants that do not need a new driveway approach apron, but seek to reconfigure their site in a manner that makes an existing apron obsolete (construction of a solid wall, fence, patio or other feature precluding vehicle access), are not required to close the now obsolete approach apron.

Presently, there are many locations with obsolete driveway approach aprons resulting from the construction of fences or walls. These obsolete driveway aprons are unattractive and detrimental to pedestrian access and safety, which diminishes the quality of life for both residential and commercial communities. All applicants seeking building permits which result in the closure of an existing driveway apron, which can no longer be used for vehicle ingress or egress, should be required to apply for an A-Permit through the Bureau of Engineering and to reconstruct such obsolete apron areas to match adjacent curbs and sidewalks.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Attorney, with the assistance and cooperation of the Bureau of Engineering and the Department of Transportation, be requested to prepare and present an ordinance to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require all applicants seeking a building permit which results in the closure of an existing driveway approach that can no longer be used for vehicle ingress or egress, to seek an A-Permit through the Bureau of Engineering which would require the closure of obsolete driveway aprons returning the curb and sidewalk to their originally intended elevation.

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