

MOTION HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

"Safe Parking for Safer Communities"

For the last two years the City has been operating under established regulations governing the use of vehicles for dwelling on public streets under LAMC 85.02, with an expected sunset of July 2018. Over this period of time we have seen the ramifications of this policy and the various ways that it has been implemented across our neighborhoods often seeing different approaches to different neighborhoods. Our residents have been able to witness firsthand how this policy has played out in their communities. For many, they have seen that the policy has shifted vehicle dwellings from one neighborhood to the other without actually providing a solution. Ultimately, it does not appear that this policy has worked equitably across our communities.

Having seen the effects of LAMC 85.02, this is an appropriate opportunity for the Council to reassess the policy and determine alternative solutions. The provisions of LAMC 85.02 identified zones across the city where vehicle dwelling was permitted. Any new policy should look at how to more equitably address vehicle dwelling without pushing vehicles from one neighborhood to another.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance that sunsets the provisions of LAMC 85.02 and replaces it with an ordinance and LAMC change that prioritizes:

- Developing Vehicle Dwelling Parking areas (public, private lots, or street segments) where a number of vehicles will be permitted to park, these areas will function as Safe Parking sites that will be coupled with services.
- Any type of vehicle dwelling will be prohibited within a pre-established radius from the formal Vehicle Dwelling Parking area. This radius should be developed as a ratio to the number of vehicles included in the parking area.
- Parking areas will be restricted within 500 feet of licensed schools, pre-schools, daycare facilities, and parks.

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