

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to prohibiting the buying and selling of public parking spaces in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Bonin – Krekorian):

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to expressly prohibit the buying and selling of public parking spaces in the City of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On September 24, 2014, Council considered Motion (Bonin – Krekorian) relative to prohibiting the buying and selling of public parking spaces in the City of Los Angeles. Motion states that the recent development of new predatory parking apps, which allow mobile phone users to squat on public parking spaces and auction them off to the highest bidder, threatens to further reduce the availability of street parking in many Los Angeles neighborhoods that already suffer from too few parking options. Already these mobile apps have been used in other cities to sell off valuable public parking spaces in the private marketplace, and by rogue companies that hire spotters to drive around parking-impacted areas, occupy prime parking spaces, and sell them. Motion makers believe that the City should not allow private individuals to profit from selling off on-street public parking spaces, and should act now to protect motorists from this predatory practice. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held October 8, 2014, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation to request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit the selling of on-street public parking spaces for private profit.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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

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