

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Subsection (e) of Section 80.07 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code concerning the Department of Transportation's authority to install, place, maintain, or remove any traffic control device or other type of sign in the City of Los Angeles.

The City finds and declares the following:

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has the largest municipal street system in the nation with over 6,500 centerline miles of improved residential and arterial streets;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 35% of the roadway system, approximately 2,400 centerline miles (8,200 lane miles), are currently failing or in near failing condition;

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken an ambitious program to repave these failing streets in an expedient manner;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has the exclusive authority to install, place, maintain or remove any traffic control device or other type of sign in the City;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation does not currently have the staff needed to expeditiously install, place, maintain or remove traffic control devices on the numerous streets that are currently being repaved, as well as those streets scheduled to be repaved in the near future, without undermining its other core functions; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for public safety to allow the Department of Transportation to grant permission when requested by other departments, officers or boards of the City, or private agencies or persons, to install, place, maintain or remove traffic control devices or other signs, as long as the installation, placement, maintenance, or removal is in compliance with City and state rules, regulations or policies regarding the safe installation, placement, maintenance or removal of traffic control devices or other signs.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsection (e) of Section 80.07 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(e) Authority of the Department Exclusive. The Department of Transportation shall have the exclusive authority to install, place, maintain or remove any traffic control device or other type of sign in the City of Los Angeles

except as provided in this Chapter. The Department of Transportation may delegate its authority to another City department, officer or board or give permission to a private agency or person to install, place, maintain or remove any traffic control device or other type of sign within the purview of this Chapter.

Sec. 2. **Urgency Clause.** Based on the findings set forth above, the Council adopts this ordinance as an urgency ordinance that is required for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety. Pursuant to Charter Section 253, this ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that this ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths of all its members**, at its meeting of _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

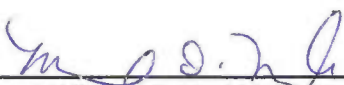
By _____
Deputy

Approved _____

Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By 
MICHAEL D. NAGLE
Deputy City Attorney

Date September 24, 2004

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