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The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition reports that they encounter illegal dumping on the City streets on a daily basis. They maintain that these activities negatively impact local aesthetics and the quality of life of their neighborhoods.

Currently, the City fine for illegal dumping is \$1,000 per violation. However, for chronic violators, the current fine is simply the cost of doing business. It is not an effective disincentive to curb these activities.


Under State law, illegal dumping on public and private property is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 (Penal Code). State law also provides that a person who dumps illegally is punishable by up to six months in jail (Health and Safety Code). In addition, the County of Los Angeles allows the Sheriff to seize a vehicle if it is used in the act of illegal dumping.

The City needs to identify additional methods to proactively combat illegal dumping to preserve the local aesthetics and quality of life in our neighborhoods. This may be done by conducting a review of the City's current fine amount and enforcement practices. These elements should be reviewed in conjunction with existing State law and County provisions to determine the most effective approach.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), and departments associated with the Clean Streets LA program, be instructed to report in 45 days on the City's current illegal dumping fine level and enforcement practices and provide effective approaches to modify these practices to reduce illegal dumping.

I FURTHER MOVE that the BOS, as part of this review, assess existing State law and Los Angeles County provisions regarding illegal dumping to reinforce the City's illegal dumping fine and enforcement practices.

I FURTHER MOVE that the BOS report on the feasibility of creating a reward program, supported by collected fines, for City residents to report illegal dumping activities.

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