

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 87.55 of Chapter VIII, Division T of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to add a definition of a “for sale” sign and to add the following streets to Subsection (a): Van Nuys Boulevard between Woodman Avenue and Interstate 5; Woodman Avenue between Roscoe Boulevard and Van Nuys Boulevard; Osborne Street between Woodman Avenue and Interstate 5; North Lorena Street between East Cesar Chavez Avenue and First Street; Evergreen Avenue between East Cesar Chavez Avenue and First Street; East Cesar Chavez Avenue between North Lorena Street and Evergreen Avenue; First Street between North Lorena Street and Evergreen Avenue; and Gage Avenue between S. Central Avenue and Avalon Boulevard.

WHEREAS, the California Legislature enacted California Vehicle Code Section 22651.9, regulating vehicles left on the street with “for sale” signs or placards, as an urgency statute “necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution” finding that the legislation was necessary to “alleviate the critical shortage of parking spaces in a city, county, and city and county, and to help reduce traffic hazards in those jurisdictions;”

WHEREAS, the California Legislature in California Vehicle Code Section 22651.9(a)(1) allows a local jurisdiction to impound a vehicle when it appears, because of a sign or placard on the vehicle, that the primary purpose of parking the vehicle at that location is to advertise to the public the private sale of that vehicle;

WHEREAS, there is a critical shortage of on-street parking places on certain streets in the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, the critical parking shortage on certain City streets is exacerbated by people parking vehicles on these streets for the sole purpose of displaying the vehicles for private sale;

WHEREAS, the congregation of these vehicles with “for sale” signs or placards, or other signs indicating an intent to sell the vehicle, such as signs containing only telephone numbers placed inside of the vehicles on the rear, front or side windows, where there is a high volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic create traffic hazards and traffic congestion along these streets;

WHEREAS, the people who park these vehicles with “for sale” signs create a public nuisance and blight by defecating, urinating or discarding trash on the residential lawns or business property located along the streets, or getting into altercations with the residents and/or business owners;

WHEREAS, the congregation of these vehicles with “for sale” signs and the people that are trying to sell them is occurring in or near historic neighborhoods or along routes designated as historic, resulting in a diminishment of the historic character of

these neighborhoods and/or roadways and the quality of life of the residents that live in these areas;

WHEREAS, Van Nuys Boulevard between Woodman Avenue to the Interstate 5 Freeway, Woodman Avenue between Roscoe Boulevard and Van Nuys Boulevard, and Osborne Street between Woodman Avenue and Interstate 5 have also become a magnet for people trying to sell their private vehicles, which has resulted in many of the conditions described above;

WHEREAS, The streets surrounding Evergreen Cemetery & Crematory in East Los Angeles, including North Lorena Street between East Cesar Chavez Avenue and First Street, Evergreen Avenue between East Cesar Chavez Avenue and First Street, East Cesar Chavez Avenue between Evergreen Avenue and North Lorena Street, and First Street between Evergreen Avenue and North Lorena Street, have become a magnet for people trying to sell their private vehicles, resulting in many of the conditions described above;

WHEREAS, Gage Avenue between S. Central Avenue and Avalon Boulevard has also become a magnet for people trying to sell their private vehicles, which has resulted in many of the conditions described above; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature enacted California Vehicle Code Section 22651.9 authorizing the City to regulate and impound vehicles with "for sale" signs from the streets or public lands which the City has identified within this section.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The first unnumbered paragraph and Subsection (a) of Section 87.55 of Chapter VIII, Division T of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 87.55. REGULATION OF VEHICLES CONTAINING "FOR SALE" SIGNS OR PLACARDS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle on the streets or public lands in the City of Los Angeles listed in Subdivision (a) of this section for the purpose of advertising to the public the private sale of that vehicle. For purposes of this ordinance, a "for sale" sign shall mean a visible sign or placard placed on either the exterior or interior of the vehicle for the primary purpose of advertising the vehicle for sale, which contains, but is not limited to, any of the following in English or any other language: a telephone number or other contact information; the words "for sale," or "best offer," or "obo," or a dollar amount or other currency amount.

(a) **City Streets or Public Lands Where Vehicle Sales Prohibited.**

1. On Los Feliz Boulevard between Interstate 5 and Western Avenue.
2. On Franklin Avenue between Hillhurst Avenue and Western Avenue.
3. Normandie Avenue between 15th Street and the 10 Freeway.
4. "Little" Normandie Avenue south of Venice Boulevard.
5. Washington Boulevard between South Kingsley Drive and South Catalina Street.
6. The north side of Fountain Avenue between Lyman Place and Virgil Avenue.
7. Both sides of Virgil Avenue between Fountain Avenue and Burns Avenue.
8. Both sides of Santa Monica Boulevard between Virgil Avenue and Hoover Street.
9. The east side of Hoover Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and Hyperion Avenue.
10. Both sides of Hoover Street between Hyperion Avenue and Temple Street.
11. On Van Nuys Boulevard between Woodman Avenue and Interstate 5.
12. On Woodman Avenue between Roscoe Boulevard and Van Nuys Boulevard.
13. On Osborne Street between Woodman Avenue and Interstate 5.
14. Both sides of North Lorena Street between East Cesar Chavez Avenue and First Street.
15. Both sides of Evergreen Avenue between East Cesar Chavez Avenue and First Street.
16. Both sides of East Cesar Chavez Avenue between Evergreen Avenue and North Lorena Street.

17. Both sides of First Street between Evergreen Avenue and North Lorena Street.

18. Gage Avenue between S. Central Avenue and Avalon Boulevard. The City may amend this section, after conducting a public hearing, to include additional streets or public lands.

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. 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

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