

MOTION

There are some communities in the City that have longstanding issues associated with unabated nuisance properties, which create blight and crime and adversely affect the public’s health, peace and safety of persons residing or working in the premises and surrounding area.

There is a property in Council District 8, *108 Motel*, located at 10721 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90061, that has continued to be a source of criminal and other nuisance activity as evidenced by arrests performed and other criminal activity observed by the Police Department.

On April 18, 2018, pursuant to Municipal Code Section 12.27.1 (*Administrative Nuisance Abatement Proceedings*), **the Council declared the site to be a public nuisance and required the discontinuance of the motel use and any similar land uses at the property (Council File No. 16-0451).**

108 Motel continues to be a public nuisance, and the declaration of a public nuisance for this property is fully attributable to its current use and condition and in recognition that past efforts to abate this nuisance lot have been unsuccessful.

The Department of Building and Safety issued an order to vacate and secure the property, and recorded the action with the County Recorder’s office stating that the property has been determined to be a nuisance and its present use has been vacated. However, the owner did not comply with the order to vacate and secure the property by the date specified on the order, and extension of time, granted by the Department of Building and Safety.

Given the owner’s failure to secure the property, the Department of Building and Safety must now ensure that the building is vacated and secured by means of chain link fence, gates, or padlock as provided for in Municipal Code Section Sec. 91.9003.4.1 (*Enforcement – Noncompliance with Department Orders*), and in addition, Municipal Code Section 91.9003.4.2 (*Notification*), authorizes the Department of Building and Safety, to notify the property owner that a lien will be placed against the property to cover the cost of vacating and securing the property, and their right to a hearing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to identify funds to appropriate/transfer \$28,500 to the Department of Building and Safety, to pay for the costs to secure the nuisance vacated building known as the *108 Motel* located at 10721 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90061, inasmuch as the owner did not comply with the order to vacate and secure the property by the date specified on the order, and extension of time, granted by the Department of Building and Safety, and removed the prior fence installed and paid for by the City (Council File No. 16-0451-S1).

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the City Attorney, take all actions necessary, consistent with Municipal Code Section 91.9003.4.2 (*Notification*), to notify the property owner that a lien will be placed against the property *108 Motel* located at 10721 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90061, to cover the cost of vacating and securing the property, and their right to a hearing.

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