

**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending Section 87.55, Division T of Chapter VIII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code prohibiting the parking of a vehicle displaying a “For Sale” sign or placard advertising the private sale of the vehicle on certain City streets, and clarifying the definition of a sign.

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature enacted California Vehicle Code Section 22651.9, regulating vehicles left on the street with “For Sale” signs or placards, 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 parking of multiple vehicles with “For Sale” signs occurs on City streets where there is a high volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, creating traffic hazards and traffic congestion along these streets;

**WHEREAS**, the parking of multiple vehicles with “For Sale” signs often creates blight and a public nuisance on the streets where they are parked, as the owners or agents of these vehicles often discard trash or other refuse on nearby residential lawns or business properties along the streets, resulting in confrontations between the residents or business owners and the owners of the “For Sale” vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions described above are occurring on both sides of Normandie Avenue between West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and West Vernon Avenue, as well as on both sides of Venice Boulevard between South Vermont Avenue and Normandie Avenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of Section 87.55 of Chapter VIII, Division T of the Los Angeles Municipal Code shall be amended to add the following streets:

Both sides of Normandie Avenue between West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and West Vernon Avenue; and both sides of Venice Boulevard between South Vermont Avenue and Normandie Avenue.

Sec. 2. The second sentence of the first paragraph of Section 87.55 shall be amended to read as follows:

For purposes of this ordinance, a "for sale" sign shall mean a visible sign, placard or marking 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.

Sec. 3. **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. 4. 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.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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Date 9/21/17

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I hereby certify that the foregoing 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.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_