

## MOTION

### Temporary No Parking for Street Repair Reforms

A recent article in the Los Angeles Times detailed the story of Lisa Soremekun, a constituent of Council District 4, who spent nearly two years attempting to overturn a parking ticket and towing fees. Ms. Soremekun's vehicle was cited and towed as a result of street work on Van Ness Avenue in March 2017. She was ultimately successful in demonstrating that the citation and towing resulted from a lack of notice/improper posting of temporary no-parking signs. The Los Angeles Superior Court overturned Ms. Soremekun's ticket and the City settled her claim to recover costs, reimbursing her for towing fees and legal costs.

When the Bureau of Street Services (Bureau) performs street improvements, temporary no-parking signs are to be posted at least 24-hours prior to the planned work. This provides residents with the opportunity to move their vehicles and avoid citation and/or towing. Often the Bureau performs its work in phases, performing initial construction work and removing the temporary no-parking restrictions. The signs are then reposted to notice the final stages of work. This requires residents living near ongoing street work to check for postings on a daily basis.

Temporary no-parking signs are usually fixed to a tree or existing signpost with metal wire. This allows crews to easily install, turn, and/or remove the signs throughout construction. This can make it easy for the signs to be turned over by wind, debris, and human intervention, causing confusion and frustration for both residents and City departments.

It is imperative that the City update and improve procedures for posting temporary no-parking signs to ensure residents are provided with proper notice and to avoid future situations like that experienced by Ms. Soremekun.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services be directed to report on the current procedures for noticing temporary no-parking signs related to street work and provide recommendations to improve the process of providing residents with notice of temporary no-parking restrictions, including an option for the public to register for alerts through MyLA311.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services be directed to report back on the options available for the City to provide 48-hour noticing for street work, instead of the current 24-hour noticing limit, especially considering that LAMC 80.73.2 allows for vehicles to be stored on city streets without being moved for up to 72-hours.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst be directed to report on the City's ability to refund towing fees for cars towed based on improperly issued parking tickets.

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