

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the use of low voltage electrified security fences in the City that complies with State regulations.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Blumenfield - Smith):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), in consultation with the City Attorney, to submit a report with recommendations to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow for the construction and use of low voltage electrified security fences in the City in compliance with State Regulations, subject to the following standards:
 - a. International Electrotechnical Commission Standard 60335, parts 2-76, unless otherwise specified herein, electric security fences shall be constructed or installed in conformance with the specifications set forth in International Electrotechnical Commission Standard No. 60335-2-76.
 - b. California Civil Code Section 835, electrified security fence means any fence, other than an electrified fence described in Section 17151 of the Food and Agricultural Code.
 - c. The electrical components and configuration, of the low voltage security fencing system shall be approved by an Occupational Safety and Health Act Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory.
 - d. No low voltage security fence shall be installed or used unless it is completely surrounded by a non-electrified perimeter fence or wall that is not less than six feet and include at minimum the following safety precautions:
 - i. Any opening in the perimeter fence or wall that is less than or equal to three inches shall require a minimum 12 inch setback for the Electrified Security Fence.
 - ii. Any opening in the perimeter Protective Barrier that is greater than three inches shall require an approved mesh or equivalent material, with openings not to exceed three inches.
 - e. Low voltage electric security fences shall be permitted only on individual properties that are not zoned for residential use, including areas with mixed commercial-residential uses.
 - f. Low voltage security fences are only allowed to be installed with a low voltage permit issued under the requirements of the applicable electrical or building codes.
 - g. A Knox Box or others similar approved devices will be provided as a means to disconnect the low voltage security system fence. The disconnect device shall be located outside the primary drive gate entrance of the property and shall not be obscured in any manner from the street/driveway access.

- h. Limit the use of the electrified security fence to manufacturing zones only.
- i. The fences may not be located within 500 feet of in R-zones.
- j. Include landscaping and other aesthetic criteria with the street frontage greater than 15 linear feet
- k. Prohibit the use of razor-wire and or barb-wire on properties that elect to utilize electrified fences in accordance with the proposed ordinance.

2. INSTRUCT the LADBS to include low voltage security fences that meet the above mentioned standards on its list of approved products for use in the City.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against: Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on October 8, 2019, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered Motion (Blumenfield - Smith) relative to the use of low voltage electrified security fences in the City that complies with State regulations. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the Motion as amended to instruct LADBS to submit a report not a draft ordinance, including additional restrictions regarding the use of electrified fencing in the City. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HARRIS-DAWSON	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD	YES
PRICE	YES
CEDILLO	YES
LEE	YES

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