

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding a new Article 15 to Chapter 6, Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code establishing a Reinvestment in Accessibility, Infrastructure, and Streetscape Enhancements for Los Angeles (RAISE LA) Fund and amending Article 8.1 of Chapter 6, Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

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

Section 1. A new Article 15 is added to Chapter 6, Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 15

RAISE LA FUND

Sec. 5.121.15. Creation and Administration of the Fund.

(a) There is hereby created and established within the Treasury of the City of Los Angeles a special fund to be known as the **“Reinvestment in Accessibility, Infrastructure, and Streetscape Enhancements for Los Angeles (RAISE LA)” (Fund)**.

(b) Revenues deposited into the Fund shall be used exclusively related to street and transit amenities, as that term is defined in Section 5.121.7 of this Code, including, but not limited to, the following capital improvement categories, with priority being placed upon first/last mile locations:

1. Transit access improvements and transit amenities;
2. Pedestrian access and safety; and
3. Street trees.

(c) During Fiscal Year 2023-24, the first \$6,050,000 of revenues deposited into the Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund together with any accumulated interest.

(d) The Fund shall be administered by the Board of Public Works, or its designee. All interest and other earnings accruing on money in the Fund shall be credited to the Fund and shall be devoted to the purposes of the Fund. Pursuant to Charter Section 344, money in the Fund shall not revert to the Reserve Fund of the City.

(e) Beginning in the fourth quarter of each fiscal year, surplus funds may be transferred from the Fund to the Reserve Fund of the City with the approval of the Council and Mayor.

Sec. 2. Section 5.121.7 of Article 8.1 of Chapter 6, Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 8.1

COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY STREET FURNITURE FUND

Sec. 5.121.7. Creation and Administration of the Fund.

(a) There is hereby created and established within the Treasury of the City of Los Angeles a special fund to be known as the **Council Discretionary Street Furniture Fund (Fund)**. The term “**street furniture**” also referred to as “**transit amenities**” includes, but is not limited to, automated public toilets, transit shelters, newsstands, modular news racks, kiosks, and such other fixtures located on streets, highways, public rights-of-way, and sidewalks. Revenues from advertisements (**Revenues**) placed in or upon street furniture and from any other uses of street furniture shall be deposited into the Fund in the allocation specified in Subsection (b).

(b) The first \$3,000,000 in Revenues, with annual adjustments for inflation determined by the City Administrative Officer, shall be deposited into the Fund to be divided equally among the Council Districts. All Revenues in excess of this amount shall be deposited in the Reinvestment in Accessibility, Infrastructure, and Streetscape Enhancements for Los Angeles (RAISE LA) Fund established in Section 5.121.15 of this Code.

(c) Revenues in the Fund shall be used exclusively for the following purposes:

(1) Funding transit related services, including charter buses, dial-a-ride or other public transit service, and for the payment of any and all expenses relating or incidental thereto, including operating expenses;

(2) Funding the purchase, lease, or rental of transit related equipment, including buses, trucks, transit shelters, and street furniture, and all expenses relating or incidental thereto;

(3) Funding consultant studies, City staff costs, land acquisition, design, or construction of the following: (A) sidewalks, curb improvements, and beautification projects needed to improve conditions for public transit patrons; (B) public safety improvements in the public right-of-way including, but not limited to, speed humps, street resurfacing, traffic lane or pedestrian marking and signage, and acquisition of property to widen the public right-of-way to create safer traffic

flow or to create safer pedestrian routes; and (C) public amenities to improve the quality of life for public transit patrons, residents, and businesses, including, but not limited to, public safety, community and cultural awareness programs; and (D) all expenses related or incidental to those uses; and

(4) The repayment of any money borrowed or advanced from any other fund with the intent that reimbursement be made from the Fund.


(d) The Fund shall be administered by the Director of the Bureau of Street Services, Department of Public Works. The Controller shall create a separate account in the Fund for each Council District. Expenditures from the Fund shall be made from each Council District account, as authorized by the Councilmember representing that Council District and by the City Council. All interest and other earnings accruing on money in the Fund shall be credited to each account in the Fund equally and shall be devoted to the purposes of the Fund. Pursuant to Charter Section 344, money in the Fund shall not revert to the Reserve Fund of the City.

(e) Contracts or agreements for the awarding of money in the Fund to nonprofit agencies in amounts up to and including \$5,000 are not required to be in writing.

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.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____