

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the current process for towing oversized vehicles in violation of posted signs.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Rodriguez – Blumenfield):

DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles Police Department with the assistance of the Police Commission Investigation Division to report in 30 days on the current process for towing oversized vehicles in violation of posted signs with said report to include:

- a. Recommended criteria for distinguishing between abandoned vehicles suitable for towing and vehicles used as dwellings that warrant additional engagement.
- b. Recommended criteria for prioritizing among oversized vehicles that are eligible for towing.
- c. Recommended criteria for areas that need to be subject to tow, such as blocked roadways, walkways, bike lanes, points of ingress/egress, public works projects, environmentally sensitive habitats at risk of pollution.
- d. Recommended procedures for coordinating with the Unified Homelessness Response Center and/or homeless service providers to ensure that homeless individuals are provided access to services and housing prior to towing, in fashion similar to or using the protocols and resources of the Council's recently approved Street Engagement Strategy.
- e. Recommended locations suitable for safe parking and/or safe storage of oversized vehicles.
- f. Evaluation of the performance and capacity of the current heavy duty tow contractor.
- g. Consideration of alternative business models for providing towing services, including towing for relocation instead of impoundment.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On September 21, 2021, your Committee considered a Motion (Rodriguez – Blumenfield) relative to the current process for towing oversized vehicles in violation of posted signs. According to the Motion, California Vehicle Code Section 22507 authorizes cities to

restrict the parking of vehicles, including but not limited to, those vehicles that are six feet or more in height, on identified City streets during certain hours. Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.69.4 allows Council to authorize by resolution, the streets upon which the parking of oversize vehicles shall be restricted between certain times. Areas have experienced public safety issues associated with large vehicles that are parked overnight and block travel lanes, thereby creating hazardous conditions. The LADOT can post signs giving notice of a "tow away, no parking" restriction for oversized vehicles, with the specific hours detailed in the resolutions. It is important to understand the LADOT process for citing and towing oversized vehicles. It is also important to understand the role of the Los Angeles Police Department and Police Commission Investigation Division in this process. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as amended and detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee



COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES
KORETZ: YES
BUSCAINO: YES

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