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For decades, Venice Pier at Venice Beach has been a global destination for local residents, travelers, outdoor enthusiasts and individuals who wish to experience the peace and tranquility of this community asset.

Managed by Los Angeles' Department of Recreation and Parks, the pier is also one of seven piers in Los Angeles County that don't require a fishing license, making it a popular destination for anglers - people who fish with a rod and line - from across our region.

Supporting this recreational activity, while protecting the health of the Santa Monica Bay and our coastal environment, is imperative. If improperly discarded, fishing lines often end up in the ocean, endangering marine life, in addition to fouling boat propellers. Worse, since these lines are not biodegradable, they can remain in our environment for many years. To mitigate this hazard, the City should explore the installation of fishing line recycling containers at Venice Pier.

Not without precedent, a similar program is operated by the California State Parks and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program, which has placed dozens of recycling containers at piers and docks up and down the state.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to report on the feasibility of installing fishing line recycling containers at Venice Pier, including staff, maintenance and installation costs.

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