

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the authority needed for the City of Los Angeles to post No Truck Idling signs and to enforce truck idling parking restrictions.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Buscaino – Koretz):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the City Attorney's office, and other departments, as needed, to report with options that would grant the necessary authority to the City of Los Angeles to post No Truck Idling signs and enforce any truck idling parking restrictions, including those that have been posted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On April 30, 2019, Council considered Motion (Buscaino – Koretz) relative to the authority needed for the City of Los Angeles to post No Truck Idling signs and to enforce truck idling parking restrictions. Motion states idling diesel trucks and buses create toxic air pollution contribute to global warming, increase respiratory health problems, add to traffic congestion, are unsightly, and emit smelly noxious odors. California has enacted rules that prohibit vehicles that weigh more than 10,000 pounds from idling for more than five minutes. These restrictions are enforced by CARB.

Motion goes on to state that near the Port of Los Angeles, signs have been installed to remind truck drivers not to leave their vehicles idling for more than five minutes. Many trucks disregard these instructions, parking and leave their engines idling for lengthy periods of time. The communities near the Port are increasingly experiencing spillover of these trucks onto residential streets along the 110 freeway.

According to Motion movers, the process to submit a complaint to CARB is cumbersome and does not immediately address problem trucks. CARB regulations note that local law enforcement agencies and the California Highway Patrol can also issue citations. Specific local authorization is needed to allow swift and simple enforcement. Motion recommends that Council instruct the CLA to report on the authority required for the City post No Truck Idling signs and to enforce truck idling parking restrictions. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held June 12, 2019, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: YES

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