

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to prohibiting a person required to possess a City permit from obstructing the free passage of pedestrians required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, amending Subsections (j) and (k) to Section 56.08 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit a person required to possess a City permit from obstructing the free passage of pedestrians required under the ADA.
2. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services (BSS), with the assistance of the City Attorney, to develop a simplified handout summarizing the requirements of the ADA regarding the free passage of pedestrians on sidewalks.
3. INSTRUCT the BSS to adopt an “education first, enforcement last” approach to enforcement of LAMC 56.08, and to ensure that citations are issued only to persons who refuse to obey instructions to move to a location that does not prevent the free passage of pedestrians as provided by the ADA, repeatedly violate the ordinance, or engage in similar conduct.
4. INSTRUCT the BSS to report in 6 months regarding enforcement of LAMC 56.08, including the number of Administrative Citation Enforcement Program and misdemeanor violations issued, and the type of activity that created the ADA violation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on May 11, 2022, your Public Works Committee considered a City Attorney report and Ordinance relative to prohibiting a person required to possess a City permit from obstructing the free passage of pedestrians required under the ADA.

An opportunity for public comment was held. After further discussion of the matter, the Committee moved to approve the Ordinance as presented by the City Attorney and additional recommendations made in committee, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
LEE	YES
DE LEÓN	NO
O'FARRELL	ABSENT
WESSON	YES

ME 5/11/22

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