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REQUEST FOR ORDINANCE

On November 12, 2020, the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee considered the following: Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15060 (c)(2), 15378 (a), and 15308, joint report from the Department of City Planning (DCP), Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) and Department of Public Works' (DPW) Office of Community Beautification, relative to a proposed Ordinance adding a preamble to Article 4.4 and amending Sections 14.4.2, 14.4.3, 14.4.4 and 14.4.17 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to clarify regulations pertaining to temporary signs on temporary construction walls and on solid fences surrounding vacant lots.

During the discussion, the PLUM Committee amended the matter and requested the City Attorney, in consultation with the DCP, LADBS, and the Department of Public Works' Office of Community Beautification, to prepare and present the Ordinance, and amend the following instructions contained in the March 3, 2020 PLUM Committee instructions, already uploaded to Council File No, 17-0893, with the following clarifying language/ directives:

1. Instruction 1(c)i.b (March 3, 2020 directives) - Allow LADBS to deny a sign permit if the site had a sign permit that was expired or revoked in the previous year at the time of the submission of application.
2. Instruction 6a (March 3, 2020 directives) - If the required reports or documentation are not submitted to the Office of Community Beautification in a thorough and/or timely

manner as determined by the City Attorney, the temporary sign permit shall be expired and no renewals or new sign permits may be filed on the property for a period of one year.

3. Add the following language to Municipal Code Section 98.0602 (Expiration of Permits), and thereby cross reference Municipal Code Section 14.14.17 (Sign Regulations) as follows: The time limit of validity of permits for temporary signs on temporary construction walls, or for temporary signs on a fence of solid wood or similar material surrounding a vacant lot, issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 14.4.17, shall be as specified in Subsection 14.4.17 C of the LAMC.

4. Expand the Temporary Signs on Temporary Walls program to include the Residential Accessory Services (RAS) Zones, and as part of this Ordinance, inasmuch as the DCP will include RAS Zones in the environmental analysis, and therefore, the RAS Zones can now be included as part of this Ordinance, and does not need a separate Ordinance as previously contemplated.

5. In addition, as requested by Councilmember Blumenfield, to report back as to the limitations on the walls and the linear footage parameter as discussed by the PLUM Committee and to incorporate the additional linear spacing modification into the Ordinance, per the Councilman's request.

Please transmit the requested Ordinance to the City Council, c/o the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Rom 395, and reference Council file No. 17-0893. When this matter is scheduled for Committee consideration, your attendance, or that of your designee, is respectfully requested. If you have questions, please contact me at (213) 978-1078 or via e-mail at Leyla.campos@lacity.org or Rita Moreno at (213) 978-1074 or via e-mail at rita.moreno@lacity.org

Thank you,

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