

PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

MOTION

On June 21, 2013, the City Council adopted the Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) Program Ordinance (Council File 10-0085), and requested that the City Attorney's Office develop an ACE Pilot Program. The ordinance called for the "phased implementation" of a Pilot to begin with the Police Department (LAPD) and the Animal Services Department (DAS), and thereafter added in one department at a time, starting with the Housing Department (LAHD) and Building and Safety Department (LADBS). Additional City departments could be added to the program through the approval of the City Council. On November 5, 2014, the City Council adopted an implementation plan for the Pilot, and as part of that plan, requested the City Attorney report back on a quarterly basis on the status of the program.

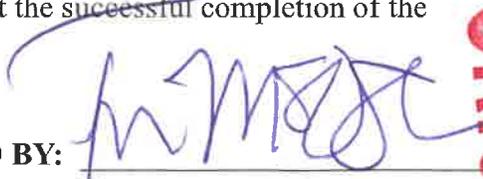
Housed under the Outreach and Restorative Justice Division, ACE has acted as the non-criminal approach to nuisance abatement transgressions through an issuance of citations and subsequent fines for violations of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), rather than criminalization through arrest, and subsequent incarceration. Historically, ACE violators have also been referred to the Neighborhood Justice Program (NJP) as an alternative adjudication to their citation cases. Currently, the NJP operates virtually and also at 12 in-person locations throughout Los Angeles.

Since its introduction as a Pilot almost a decade ago, there have been impediments to the effective implementation of ACE. With the recent adoption of Council File 23-0244, procedures as granted through the City Charter have allowed for the City Attorney to implement citation forms, administrative procedures, and protocols, while also ensuring that appeals continue to occur through an administrative hearing and that the City designate an outside citation processing company to be involved in this process. The City Council also directed the City Attorney to report on a quarterly basis on the geography and specific code related to the issuance of ACE citations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report on all of the areas of the Los Angeles Municipal Code in which violations that qualify under ACE can be cited. The report should include any additional expansion of the code that could be applicable through the adoption of Council File 23-0244.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report on the status of the Neighborhood Justice Program to date and ways to augment the successful completion of the program.

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