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**REPORT RE:**

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE 14.05 TO CHAPTER IV OF  
THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY  
PROTECTION FOR OCCUPANTS OF SELF-SERVICE STORAGE  
FACILITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 20-0472

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration, approved as to form and legality, the enclosed draft ordinance. The draft ordinance adds Article 14.05 to Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to provide temporary protections for occupants of storage space at self-services storage facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pursuant to the City Council's amending motion dated May 13, 2020, the draft ordinance allows an occupant of a storage space at a self-service storage facility who is unable to pay rent or other charges due to circumstances related to COVID-19 to temporarily defer the payment to three months after the expiration of the declaration of local emergency. The draft ordinance requires the occupant to provide written notice to the owner of the facility. The draft ordinance also requires the owner to provide notice of the protections of this ordinance to all occupants and prohibits the owner from taking certain specified actions against an occupant.

Urgency Clause

As requested by the City Council, the draft ordinance contains an urgency clause, which will allow its provisions to go into effect upon publication. As explained in the draft ordinance, an immediate effective date is necessary for the immediate protection of the public peace, health, and safety for the following reasons: the City of Los Angeles and its residents are suffering significant risk to life and property due to the devastating effects of COVID-19, and the protections afforded in this ordinance are vital to mitigate those risks.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, a copy of the draft ordinance was sent to the Chief Legislative Analyst with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Soraya Kelly at (213) 978-2706. She or another member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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