

ENTERTAINMENT AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requiring Farmers Markets in the City to accept Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to include the acceptance of EBT cards as a permit condition for all public right-of-way Farmers Markets.
2. INSTRUCT the BSS to require Farmers Markets to obtain a Food and Nutrition Service number from the United States Department of Agriculture.
3. INSTRUCT the BSS and the Information Technology Agency to report on the feasibility and the cost of receiving complaints through the MyLA311 system.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the BSS, to draft an Ordinance amending Section 41.20 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to include the acceptance of EBT cards as a permit condition for public right-of-way Farmers Markets in the City.
5. REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, to draft an Ordinance to include the acceptance of EBT cards as a permit condition for private Farmers Markets in the City.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BSS reports that there is no impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on May 10, 2016, your Entertainment and Facilities Committee considered BSS and Los Angeles Food Policy Council reports relative to requiring Farmers Markets in the City to accept EBT cards. Initial testimony was provided by staff from the BSS, Los Angeles Food Policy Council, the City Attorney and the Department of Building and Safety. During the discussion of the matter, the Chair requested that City Farmers Markets on private property also accept EBT cards as detailed above. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations presented in the BSS transmittal as modified, as detailed above.

This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENTERTAINMENT AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
RYU:	YES



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