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Council File Number

[04-1187](#)

Title

FINES FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 80.36.1

Subject

Motion - Large commercial trucks driving through the City's residential areas in the City of Los Angeles have especially affected the Harbor area communities of Wilmington and San Pedro. This is largely due to the ever-increasing growth at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, coupled with the increased traffic congestion in and around the Harbor area. Projections indicate that truck traffic around the ports will nearly triple in the next 20 years, from roughly 40,000 truck trips per day to over 121,000 trips per day. Large trucks damage streets, hit curbs, and pose a safety risk to pedestrians and children who live and play in their neighborhood. Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.36.1 makes it unlawful for vehicles over 6,000 pounds to operate on residential streets where the Department of Transportation has determined that large commercial trucks cause traffic congestion, create a hazard to life or property, or detrimentally affect public welfare. This ordinance was designed to protect the citizens of Los Angeles by requiring that oversize vehicles stay on designated streets and out of residential neighborhoods. Currently, the penalty for violating the vehicle weight limit ordinance is a misdemeanor with a \$50 fine. This serves as an ineffective deterrent for trucks that consistently drive through residential streets in order to get to their destinations faster without consideration for the public's safety. THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance to increase the fine for violating Section 80.36.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. For first time offenders, the maximum fine shall be increased from \$50 to \$250, the second offense to be increased from \$100 to a \$250 fine, and third and subsequent offenses be increased to a maximum \$1000 fine. Additionally, the first and second offenses of Section 80.36.1 within a one-year period shall be deemed an infraction, while the third and subsequent offenses shall be deemed misdemeanors.

Last Change Date

02/10/2006

Council District

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Mover

JANICE HAHN

Second

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Archive History

6-18-04 - This day's Council session

6-18-04 - Ref to Transportation Committee

6-18-04 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk

4-27-05 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED to APPROVE communication recommendations from Transportation Committee *as amended to REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to amend Section 80.36.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to provide that:

a. For first time offenders, the maximum fine shall be increased from \$50 to \$250, the second offense to be increased from \$100 to \$250, and the third and subsequent offenses be increased to a maximum \$1,000.

b. The first and second offenses of Section 80.36.1 within a one-year period shall be deemed an infraction, while the third and subsequent offenses shall be deemed misdemeanors.

4-27-05 - Council Action - *Verbal Amending Motion - Hahn Mover 2005 / LaBonge - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Communication from Vice Chair Transportation Committee (Item No. 49, Council File 04-1187) relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), Section 80.36, which makes it unlawful for vehicles over 6,000 pounds to operate on residential

streets, as follows:

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to amend Section 80.36.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to provide that:

a. For the first two offenses the fine shall be a minimum of \$250, and the third and subsequent offenses shall be increased to a minimum of \$1,000.

5-2-05 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk OK

5-3-05 - File in files

11-2-05 - For ref - Communication from the City Attorney R05-0381, dated October 31, 2005, and a draft ordinance relative to amending Section 80.36.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to increase the penalties for violations of the prohibition against operating vehicles in excess of 6,000 pounds over certain residential streets.

11-2-05 - Ref to Transportation Committee

11-2-05 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk

1-10-06 - Council Action - MEETING CANCELED - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 11, 2006

1-11-06 - Council Action - Transportation Committee report ADOPTED, subject to the approval of the Mayor to PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE amending Section 80.36.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to increase the penalties for violations of the prohibition against operating vehicles in excess of 6,000 pounds over certain residential streets - Ordinance Over to JANUARY 18, 2006.

1-18-06 - Council Action - Ordinance ADOPTED

1-24-06 - File to Mayor for signature

2-6-06 - File to Calendar Clerk

2-10-06 - File in files