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Title

CONFISCATION / ICE CREAM TRUCKS / SOURCE OF NUISANCE

Subject

Motion - The ice cream truck business has changed significantly from 1930 to 1950 to the present time when the absence of adequate home refrigeration made ice cream unavailable to many children. Today most children have easy access to refrigeration in their own homes. As a result, in many neighborhoods ice cream trucks have become the purveyors of illicit goods, poisonous lead bearing candies, illegal replica toy guns and other harmful materials which further degrade the quality of life in working class, family oriented communities. The City has for many years taken actions to regulate and control the illicit and offensive behavior of some ice cream truck vendors. However these actions have for the most part been ineffective in reducing or eliminating the nuisance activities of ice cream trucks, and today we have in many neighborhoods ice cream trucks selling toy guns to minors and possibly disseminating illicit materials. Firm action is needed to address this nuisance situation in the same manner as the City has addressed the problem of street car racing and illegal dumping: confiscation of the offending vehicle. THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance which would permit the confiscation of any ice cream truck which is engaged in unlawful sale of unpermitted materials such as sale of replica toy guns to minors, or sale of drugs or other illicit materials, or is otherwise found to be the source of nuisance in a community .

Last Change Date

07/21/2005

Mover/Second Comment

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Archive History

3-1-05 - This day's Council session

3-1-05 - Ref to Public Safety Committee

3-1-05 - File to Public Safety Committee Clerk

6-10-05 - For ref - Communication from the City Attorney R05-0196, dated June 10, 2005, relative to a draft ordinance regulating ice cream trucks selling unpermitted items.

6-13-05 - Ref to Public Safety Committee - to Committee Clerk

6-29-05 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED to APPROVE Public Safety communication recommendations

*as amended, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying Ordinance adding Section 42.00.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to regulate ice cream trucks selling unpermitted items.

2. REQUEST the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report back with recommendations to sponsor State legislation to limit the sale of imitation firearms to minors.

6-29-05 - Council Action - *Verbal Amending Motion - Miscikowski Mover 2005 / Perry - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Communication from Chair and Member Public Safety Committee relative to regulating sales fro ice cream trucks, (Item No. 1 CF 02-2139), as follows:

REQUEST the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to seek State legislation requiring background checks, including fingerprinting for ice cream truck operators.

7-5-05 - File to the Mayor for signature FORTHWITH

7-18-05 - File to Calendar Clerk

7-20-05 - File to Public Safety Committee Clerk OK

7-21-05 - File in files