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**Council File Number**

[04-1474](#)

**Title**

PROBLEM OF PARKED TRAILERS ON STREETS

**Subject**

Motion - The growing proliferation of trailers of all kinds including, but not limited to, semi truck trailers, recreational trailers, advertising trailers and others, parked and detached on public streets is reaching the crisis stage. Across the City, unsightly trailers are creating near blight conditions, are easy targets for vandals and block driver's sight-lines creating a serious traffic safety hazard. The California Vehicle Code, section 22507 provides for local authorities to regulate and restrict the parking of non-motorized vehicles on public streets. However, a state court decision (Superior Court No. 1112384) ruled that this section of state law did not extend such authority to local jurisdictions. In response the City sponsored legislation in Sacramento (AB 1798- Levine) which upon approval would restore such power to local authorities. The Court of Appeal of the State of California, Second Appellate District in Santa Barbara, recently overturned this ruling, restoring the authority to regulate and restrict parking on public streets to the local jurisdictions. (2d Civil No. B169316). Clearly Los Angeles needs to address the growing problem of parked trailers on its streets. THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance amending the appropriate portions of section 80.69 through 80.75, and / or any other appropriate section, of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to prohibit the parking of all types of trailers, as defined in the state vehicle code, on all major highway, secondary highway, collector street and on any local street within 100 feet of an intersection with a major highway, secondary highway, collector street. FURTHER MOVE that semi-trailers, as defined in state law, parked in manufacturing and commercial zones for the purposes of loading and unloading be exempted in the proposed' ordinance. FURTHER MOVE that the proposed ordinance also amend section 80.69.1, or any other appropriate code section, to permit the immediate impounding of semi-trailers parked on public streets in violation of such code section(s).

**Last Change Date**

11/10/2005

**Mover**

DENNIS ZINE

**Second**

ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA

**Archive History**

- 7-23-04 - This day's Council session
  - 7-23-04 - Ref to Transportation Committee
  - 7-23-04 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk
  - 8-5-05 - For ref - Communication from the City Attorney R05-0279, dated August 4, 2005, relative to an ordinance amending Chapter VIII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to regulate the parking of unhitched trailers in the City of Los Angeles.
  - 8-5-05 - Ref to Transportation Committee - to Committee Clerk
  - 10-11-05 - Council Action - Transportation Committee report ADOPTED relative to amending Chapter VIII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to regulate the parking of unhitched trailers in the City. Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Zine - Villaraigosa) and SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:
1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE to amend Sections 80.69.1, 80.76.2 and 89.60 of Chapter VIII of the LAMC to regulate the parking of unhitched trailers in the City.
  2. RESOLVE to include in the City's Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of State legislation to address hitched and unhitched trailers.
  3. DIRECT the Department of Transportation (DOT) to develop administrative policies to provide exceptions to the Ordinance described above in Item No. 1 for film production conducted under City

permit - Ordinance over one week to October 18, 2005  
10-18-05 - Council Action - Ordinance ADOPTED  
10-21-05 - File to Mayor for signature  
10-31-05 - Mayor's message concurred in action of October 11, 2005  
11-1-05 - File to Calendar Clerk  
11-9-05 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk OK  
11-10-05 - File in files