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**Council File Number**

[05-1522](#)

**Title**

REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR SUPERMARKETS / PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS / TRANSITIONAL WORKER RETENTION

**Subject**

Motion - Supermarkets and similar commercial institutions are important magnets for the communities they serve: in any given week thousands of residents pass through these facilities. Supermarkets are, for many communities, the most important venues serving the public. They not only provide essential services to members of the public but play a major role in determining the health of their community. The City has an interest in seeing that these important commercial establishments which serve as an anchor for their communities advance rather than harm the development of the neighborhoods in which they are located. To that end, the City should implement an ordinance that addresses the very concrete way in which grocery stores affect their communities by applying similar permitting standards to them that are applied to other establishments that serve as public venues, including graffiti abatement, surveillance and security, hygiene standards, alcohol control and transportation and public amenities. In order to ensure that these standards remain in place in the event of transfer of any such store from one owner to another, the proposed ordinance likewise should require the new owner to maintain the prior workforce in place for an appropriate transitional period. The ordinance should not interfere with employer's decision making in setting wages or determining staffing levels and need not prevent the employer from releasing unsatisfactory employees at any time. THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance which would extend permitting requirements and standards to supermarkets to address public safety concerns, provide amenities to the public and to maintain quality of life standards in the communities where they are located. The ordinance should also provide for the transitional worker retention to assure the maintenance of these standards when supermarket establishments change ownership.

**Last Change Date**

01/11/2006

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**Archive History**

- 7-22-05 - This day's Council session
- 7-22-05 - Ref to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee
- 7-22-05 - File to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee Clerk
- 8-12-05 - Council Action - Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee report ADOPTED \*AS AMENDED to REQUEST that the City Attorney prepare and present an ordinance which would extend permitting requirements and standards to supermarkets to address public safety concerns, provide amenities to the public, and to maintain quality of life standards in the communities where they are located; and also provide for the transitional worker retention to assure the maintenance of these standards when supermarket establishments change ownership.
- 8-12-05 - Council Action - \*Verbal Amending Motion - Parks Mover 2005 / Garcetti - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee report (Item #4, Council File 05-1522) relative to a proposed ordinance to extend the permitting requirements and standards for supermarkets, and REQUEST the City Attorney to report back on whether the proposed ordinance covers "superstores"; whether it can be extended to include "major retailers"; and require a notification period of 90-180 days of the sale, transfer of ownership, closure or adaptive reuse of the facility.
- 8-23-05 - File to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee Clerk OK

8-24-05 - File in files

12-9-05 - For ref - Communication from the City Attorney R05-0431, dated December 9, 2005, relative to a draft ordinance adding Chapter XVIII to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (Grocery Worker Retention Ordinance).

12-12-05 - Ref to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee

12-12-05 - File to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee Clerk

12-14-05 - Council Action - Verbal Motion - Padilla Mover 2005 / Garcetti - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendation in connection with adding Chapter XVIII to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to require grocery stores to provide transitional worker retention when these establishments change control (Item No. 59, CF 05-1522), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE adding Chapter XVIII to the LAMC to require grocery stores to provide transitional worker retention when these establishments change control. ( Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee waived consideration of the above matter.) - Ordinance Over One Week to DECEMBER 21, 2005

12-21-05 - Council Action - Verbal Motion - Parks Mover 2005 / Smith - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendation in connection with ORDINANCE SECOND

CONSIDERATION adding Chapter XVIII to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require grocery stores to provide transitional worker retention when these establishments change control:

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer to report to the Budget and Finance Committee in one year on the financial impact of this ordinance - Ordinance ADOPTED.

12-22-05 - File to the Mayor for signature FORTHWITH

1-4-06 - File to Calendar Clerk

1-10-06 - File to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee Clerk OK

1-11-06 - File in files