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**Council File Number**

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**Title**

PROHIBIT PARKING IN BIKE LANES

**Subject**

Motion - Bike lanes provide dedicated space for bicyclists, as well as ease of passing for motorists. In order to work effectively, however, motor vehicles, including delivery trucks should not park in bike lanes. Unfortunately, there does not seem to be any specific Los Angeles Municipal Code Section that directly prohibits parking in bike lanes. If an individual does so, traffic officers enforce California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 22500.H (double parking) or (CVC) 22502.A. If a situation warrants, traffic officers may impound the vehicle in both situations under (CVC) Section 22651.B (traffic hazard). It seems that as the City encourages residents to use modes of transportation other than the single occupant vehicles, we should do everything possible to support bicyclists. THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Transportation to report on the need to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to add a section that would explicitly prohibit a motor vehicle from parking in a bike lane in the City of Los Angeles.

**Last Change Date**

05/31/2007

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**Archive History**

- 10-31-06 - This day's Council session
- 10-31-06 - Ref to Transportation Committee
- 10-31-06 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk
- 11-22-06 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED to approve Transportation Committee report recommendation to DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report to Council on the need to amend the LAMC to add a section that would explicitly prohibit a motor vehicle from parking in a bike lane in the City.
- 12-5-06 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk OK
- 12-5-06 - File in files
- 3-23-07 - For ref - Communication from the Department of Transportation, dated March 21, 2007, relative to an ordinance amending the LAMC, to establish civil penalties for blocking bike lanes and violating overnight and overheight parking restrictions.
- 3-29-07 - Ref to Transportation Committee
- 3-29-07 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk
- 4-9-07 - For ref - Communication from the City Attorney R07-0109, dated April 6, 2007, relative to draft ordinance amending Sections 89.76.2 and 89.60 of Chapter VIII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish fines and penalties for violations of Sections 80.54 and 80.69 of this code.
- 4-16-07 - Ref to Transportation Committee - to Committee Clerk
- 5-2-07 - Council Action - Motion ADOPTED to APPROVE Transportation Committee communication recommendations, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:
  1. FIND that there is an urgent need to adopt an Ordinance establishing civil penalties for blocking bike paths and lanes in violation of California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 21211(b), parking vehicles over six feet in height within 100 feet of an intersection in violation of Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.69(d), and parking vehicles without permits in Overnight Parking Districts (OPD) in violation of LAMC Section 80.54, in the interest of traffic safety and the deterrence of public nuisances.
  2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and legality, amending Sections 80.76 and 89.60 of Chapter VIII of the LAMC to add LAMC Section 80.54 to the list of civil penalties and establish penalty provisions for violation of LAMC Section 80.54, LAMC Section 80.69(d), and CVC Section 21211(b).

3. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILED the accompanying ORDINANCE amending Sections 80.76 and 89.60 of Chapter VIII of the LAMC to add LAMC Section 80.54 to the list of civil penalties and establish penalty provisions for violation of LAMC Section 80.54, LAMC Section 80.69(d), and CVC Section 21211(b).
  4. DIRECT the City Clerk to publish the accompanying ORDINANCE, as described above in Recommendation No. 2, in some daily newspaper printed and published in the City of Los Angeles.
  5. DIRECT the Department of Transportation (DOT) to report to Council with an implementation strategy for enforcing the laws applicable to blocking bike paths and bike lanes - Ordinance ADOPTED.
- 5-4-07 - File to Mayor for signature  
5-17-07 - File to Council and Legislative Processing Clerk  
5-30-07 - File to Transportation Committee Clerk OK  
5-31-07 - File in files