

Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT NO. R26-0115
February 19, 2026

REPORT RE:

REVISED DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER I, ARTICLE 7 OF CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER VI, ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER IX, AND ARTICLE 15 OF CHAPTER 1A OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO CORRECT TECHNICAL AND TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS IN THE ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY INCREASE THE CURRENT “ONE-STOP PERMIT CENTER” SURCHARGE FEE PROVISIONS TO CONTINUE TO HELP PAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CITYWIDE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SYSTEM KNOWN AS BUILDLA

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 15-0316

Honorable Members:

This Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration, approved as to form and legality, the enclosed revised draft ordinance, that responds to City Council’s instruction dated July 31, 2024, and now also addresses a requested correction by the City Clerk, along with a needed Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Chapter 1A New Zoning Code amendment.

On November 20, 2025, this Office transmitted a draft ordinance, approved as to form in legality, in response to City Council’s instruction from July 31, 2024, that would amend Article 9 of Chapter I, Article 7 of Chapter V, Article 1 of Chapter VI, and Article 8 of Chapter IX of the LAMC to continue a temporary increase of the current “One-Stop

Permit Center” surcharge fee provisions to help pay for the development and implementation of a citywide development services system known as BuildLA.

Subsequently, the City Clerk’s Office requested a typographical correction to the draft ordinance in order to change a reference from Chapter IV to Chapter V of the LAMC. In addition, our Office noted the need to amend a provision related to the surcharge in the New Zoning Code at Section 15.7.1 of Article 15 of Chapter 1A that is responsive to City Council’s instruction.

The enclosed revised draft ordinance incorporates the request from the City Clerk and the necessary amendment to Article 15 of Chapter 1A.

The discussion and analyses in this Office’s November 20, 2025 report (R25-0589) related to the California Environmental Quality Act Determination, City Charter, and Notice requirements remain applicable to the enclosed revised draft ordinance.

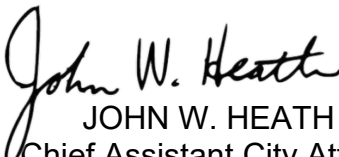
Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, a copy of the revised draft ordinance was sent to the Department of Building and Safety, Department of City Planning, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, and Fire Department, with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney K. Lucy Atwood at (213) 978-8248. A member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Transmittal