

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the establishment of Overnight Parking District (OPD) No. 556 in East Hollywood near the 101 Freeway.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the establishment of OPD No. 556, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.54, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, under Article III.1.a.3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. FIND that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) should have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of the authorized overnight parking restrictions in OPD No. 556, with support from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Parking Enforcement, since the reported problems involve criminal activity.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION establishing OPD No. 556 pursuant to LAMC Section 80.54 to include both sides of:
  - a. Romaine Street between 101 Freeway and Normandie Avenue
  - b. Harvard Boulevard between Romaine Street and 101 Freeway
  - c. Kingsley Drive between Romaine Street and Ardmore Avenue
  - d. Lemon Grove Avenue between Ardmore Avenue and Normandie Avenue
  - e. Ardmore Avenue between Romaine Street and Lemon Grove Avenue
  - f. Ardmore Avenue between Lemon Grove Avenue and 101 Freeway
4. AUTHORIZE permit sales to all residents of OPD No. 556 where posted signs allow parking by permit.
5. AUTHORIZE the No Parking, 2 AM to 6 AM; District No. 556 Permits Exempt parking restriction for use on both sides of the residential portions of the blocks set forth above in Recommendation No. 3, except where parking is already prohibited for traffic flow or for public safety.
6. INSTRUCT the LADOT to initiate the necessary procedures to prepare, issue and collect payments for Overnight Parking Permits from the residents of OPD No. 556 in accordance with Section 80.54 of the LAMC, and to issue permits subject to the following permit limits:
  - a. Maximum of three Resident Permits per dwelling unit at \$15 each per year.
  - b. Maximum of two Visitor Permits per dwelling unit at \$10 each per four months.

- c. Maximum of 25 Guest Permits per dwelling unit per day at \$1 each per day.
  - d. Sales of Guest Permits in excess of 25 per dwelling unit per day require written approval of the Council Office.
7. DIRECT the LADOT to post or remove the authorized OPD No. 556 parking restrictions for any of the street segments within OPD No. 556 in accordance with the criteria set forth in the above recommendations, upon written instructions from the Council Office representing the specific street segment requesting the posting or removal of such signs.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that OPDs with permits for residents and their guests are a special service for which the City is entitled to fully recover all associated costs for the administration, posting, maintaining and enforcing OPD No. 556. Violations of the posted parking restrictions may result in fines to be deposited in the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On September 14, 2016, your Committee considered a September 2, 2016 LADOT report and Resolution relative to the establishment of OPD No. 556 in East Hollywood near the 101 Freeway. According to the LADOT, on March 17, 2015, Councilmember O'Farrell requested the LADOT to establish an OPD which will restrict parking of vehicles without a permit from 2 am to 6 am on the following blocks:

- a. Romaine Street between 101 Freeway and Normandie Avenue
- b. Harvard Boulevard between Romaine Street and 101 Freeway
- c. Kingsley Drive between Romaine Street and Ardmore Avenue
- d. Lemon Grove Avenue between Ardmore Avenue and Normandie Avenue
- e. Ardmore Avenue between Romaine Street and Lemon Grove Avenue
- f. Ardmore Avenue between Lemon Grove Avenue and 101 Freeway

Additionally, Councilmember O'Farrell submitted petitions signed by residents of the blocks in support of the establishment of the OPD, confirmation that the permits were validated, and a letter from the LAPD in support of the establishment of the OPD. The communications from Councilmember O'Farrell and the LAPD identify gang related crime issues, excessive illegal dumping, homeless encampments, and usage of available parking by non-residents as the basis for the OPD request. The utilization of on-street parking by individuals who dwell in their parked vehicles has resulted in criminal activity, blight and limitation of available on-street parking for residents of the aforementioned street segments.

Subsequently, on July 24, 2016, LADOT staff conducted a parking study from 2 AM to 6 AM, in order to confirm the existence of the parking issues indicated in the request for the establishment

of the OPD. The blocks included in the proposal are located in an area developed with single family and multi-family residential dwelling units. LADOT staff confirmed that 100 percent of on-street parking was in use. In addition, staff observed parked vehicles which were possibly being used as overnight dwellings.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the establishment of OPD No. 556. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



**MEMBER VOTE**

BONIN: YES  
KORETZ: YES  
HUIZAR: ABSENT  
MARTINEZ: YES  
RYU: YES

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