

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to harmonize with relevant state laws and legal authorities regarding identification for individuals employed as public officers by the City.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Buscaino - Rodriguez):

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to harmonize LAMC section(s) associated with public officers with relevant state laws and legal authorities regarding identification for individuals employed as public officers by the City.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 13, 2020, your Committee considered a Motion (Buscaino - Rodriguez) relative to amending the LAMC to harmonize with relevant state laws and legal authorities regarding identification for individuals employed as public officers by the City. According to the Motion, individuals employed as Environmental Compliance Inspectors in the Bureau of Sanitation and Street Services Investigators in the Bureau of Street Services are classified as 'public officers' under California state law. These employees are tasked with the enforcement of certain provisions of the City's Municipal Code, and have been specially trained to handle the tasks and responsibilities delegated to them by the Charter and Municipal Code that go beyond what atypical City employee is responsible for. As these public officers have specialized duties, they should be readily identifiable as a City official by the public. State law authorizes specialized identification for public officers, and the relevant sections of the Municipal Code related to these positions should be harmonized with state law in order to increase transparency. After consideration and after having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RYU:	YES
LEE:	YES

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