

MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE

Earlier this year, the City Attorney recommended that per the case, Fitzpatrick v. City of Los Angeles, that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) suspend the enforcement of scofflaw violation by halting both the towing or booting of legally parked vehicles with multiple outstanding citations absent an immediate safety concern or traffic hazard.

Since that time, the debt owed to the City for parking citations has increased substantially and scofflaw behavior has increased, with little repercussions for those that are breaking the law.

In fact, data shows that there has been a 60% increase in the number of habitual violators (motorists owing five or more delinquent citations). These amounts are staggering and will only continue to increase with no effective parking enforcement mechanism for scofflaws.

The City Council received a briefing in closed session by the City Attorney in March 2022. The Council, at that time, requested regular updates on the case from the City Attorney.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney and LADOT report to the City Council, in either/both open or closed session, updates on the following:

- The current status of the case
- The expected timeline for the case and anticipated outcomes
- Policy and legal recommendations for resuming scofflaw enforcement

I FURTHER MOVE that LADOT report within 60 days on the impact of suspending the scofflaw program as it relates to parking violations and debt owed to the City.

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