

MOTION

The Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) has authority to abate properties that constitute a nuisance, including hazardous or substandard conditions. This authority is stated in Division 89 and Division 90 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

In a city as large as Los Angeles there are, unfortunately, many properties which are subject to Division 89 and Division 90 authority. However, the nuisance, hazard or substandard condition may not just be limited to the structure on the property. For example, when properties are deemed a nuisance, hazardous and/or substandard because of the over- accumulation of debris and other materials that occupy the property and exist outside of the structure it is necessary for LADBS to have clear authority to address those conditions.

To carry out property abatement LADBS often requires the assistance of other City departments and City contractors. It is essential for LADBS and the City to be able to properly mitigate properties and to have a clear timeline for abatement to convey to property owners and impacted community members. It is also critical for LADBS to have a process to demolish properties that continue to be nuisance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, to prepare and present an ordinance:

- Amending Division 89, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), including but not limited to LAMC Section 91.8903, to clarify that the Department of Building and Safety may perform abatements under this section with the assistance of any other City department and their contractors, and to clarify language pertaining to the notice of intent, the commencement of work, and administrative appeals;
- Amending Division 90, Article 1, Chapter IX of the LAMC, including but not limited to LAMC Sections 91.9001, 91.9002, and 91.9003, to update references therein to other sections in the LAMC, specifically the Zoning Code, and to provide for a procedure by which properties subject to Division 90 that continue to be a nuisance may be declared a public nuisance by the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners and demolished in similar fashion to the procedures set forth in LAMC Section 91.8904 and 91.8907; and
- Amending any other relevant sections of the LAMC and Los Angeles Administrative Code to facilitate the above.

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