

MOTION

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) is tasked with the maintenance and operation of the City's Park system, ensuring that facilities are clean, safe, and accessible to the public. Runyon Canyon Park, a 160-acre park located in Council District 4, is highly frequented for its panoramic views of Los Angeles, hiking trails, visibility of the Hollywood sign, and designated off-leash areas for dogs. It is estimated that Runyon Canyon Park receives approximately two million visitors a year, including tourists and locals. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section (LAMC) 63.44.14(c), Runyon Canyon Park is mandated to close one hour before Sunset and open one hour before Sunrise. The LAMC also designates Runyon Canyon Park as a park located in a high fire hazard zone.

Runyon Canyon Park's close proximity to densely populated areas and its location in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) creates public safety vulnerabilities that must be addressed. In January 2025, the Sunset Fire erupted in the Hollywood Hills, driven by strong winds, leading to mandatory evacuations and requiring air and ground crews to assist. Subsequently, in July 2025, two fires ignited within a single week, raising fears of a potential wildfire spread. Ensuring this park closure is essential to preventing vandalism, illegal dumping, and other after-hours activities that compromise public safety and damage of City property. Currently, two security officers, procured with one-time funding (CF 25-1433), provide security services at Runyon Canyon Park from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. To ensure the continued enforcement of this closure, a long-term funding source must be identified.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks, to report on an ongoing funding source for daily security services at Runyon Canyon Park from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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