

MOTION

Illegal dumping remains one of the most persistent and visible quality-of-life issues facing the City of Los Angeles. Across neighborhoods in every Council District, residents regularly encounter discarded furniture, construction debris, household trash, hazardous materials, tires, and other waste unlawfully deposited in alleys, vacant lots, sidewalks, and public rights-of-way. These illegal dumping activities degrade neighborhoods, create public health and safety hazards, attract vermin, obstruct access, increase fire risk, and undermine the City's ongoing efforts to keep communities clean and safe.

Illegal dumping also imposes significant financial burdens on the City. Each year, City departments expend substantial resources investigating complaints, removing debris, cleaning impacted areas, and enforcing existing laws. Despite current penalties and enforcement tools, repeat offenders continue to use cars, trucks, vans, trailers, and other vehicles to transport and unlawfully dispose of waste throughout Los Angeles. In many cases, these vehicles serve as the primary instrumentality of the offense.

Expanding enforcement tools to address illegal dumping by authorizing the impoundment of vehicles used in the commission of dumping offenses would provide an effective deterrent, disrupt repeat violators, and strengthen the City's ability to hold bad actors accountable.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.70.3, or any other relevant sections of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to authorize the 30-day impound of any vehicle used in the commission or attempted commission of illegal dumping offenses within the City of Los Angeles, as provided for in California Vehicle Code Section 22659.5.

PRESENTED BY


JOHN S. LEECouncilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY


MAY 01 2026

ORIGINAL