

TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to establishing a process for residents seeking relief from parking-related penalties resulting from extraordinary circumstances.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Jurado – Lee):

1. INSTRUCT the Department of Transportation (DOT) to report on implementing a system for the cancellation of citations given to people who were impacted by "extenuating circumstances" during the Boyle Heights warehouse fire per California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 40215(a). The report should include the status of current programs that are in place that allow for the reduction, waiver, or deferral of citation payments for people who are facing extenuating circumstances in accordance with Assembly Bill 1299 (Bryan) and CVC Sections 40215(a) and 40215(c)(7).
2. INSTRUCT the DOT, in coordination with the City Attorney, to create a definition of what constitutes "extenuating circumstances," for the purpose of this policy; this should include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Any stay-at-home order issued by any City Department.
 - b. A declaration of Local Emergency at the City, County, or State level.
 - c. Financial Hardship due to the crisis affecting them.
3. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to report on the towing operations practiced during the Boyle Heights warehouse fire. The report should include outreach efforts the Departments exercised to contact each owner and how they advised them of their rights under California law.
4. INSTRUCT the DOT, in collaboration with LAPD, to report on the feasibility of initiating a post-storage impound hearing for each affected vehicle owner or, at a minimum, provide written notice offering such a hearing without requiring the owner to request one first, and allow that hearing to be conducted remotely.
5. REQUEST the Chief of Police to issue a Department-wide notice, bulletin, or other written directive to all sworn personnel, advising officers of the proper statutory authority governing the relocation or impoundment of vehicles during emergency incidents. The notice shall clarify the circumstances under which CVC Section 22654(e) authorizes the temporary relocation or storage of lawfully parked vehicles that obstruct emergency services during a disaster or emergency, and distinguish that authority from other impound statutes.

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 August 12, 2026, your Transportation Committee considered a July 1, 2026 Motion (Jurado – Lee) relative to establishing a process for residents seeking relief from parking-related penalties resulting from extraordinary circumstances. According to the Motion, CVC Section 40215(a) authorizes issuing agencies to cancel parking citations where extenuating circumstances make dismissal appropriate in the interest of justice, and Section 40215(c)(7) separately authorizes agencies to reduce, waive, or defer the parking penalty based on financial hardship or other extenuating circumstances relevant to payment. Clear policies for how these authorities are applied during declared emergencies should be established so that residents affected by emergency operations or required to comply with public safety directives are not unfairly penalized. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion recommendations.

Subsequently, on August 12, 2026, your Public Safety Committee considered the matter and, after providing an opportunity for public comment, moved to approve the Motion recommendations.

This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
PADILLA:	ABSENT
NAZARIAN:	ABSENT

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Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
LEE:	YES
PRICE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES
PARK:	ABSENT

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