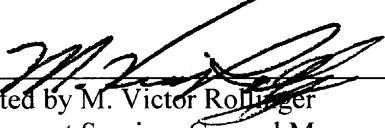




City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

May 9, 2011
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER MODIFYING THE TRUCK PARKING ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF FIGUEROA STREET, SOUTH OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD

Submitted by 
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Approved by 
Interim City Manager

I. SUMMARY

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Davis-Holmes.

A representative of the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts has indicated that motor homes are parking in the 72-hour truck parking zone located on the west side of Figueroa Street, south of Sepulveda Boulevard. People are reportedly living in the motor homes and creating nuisances by urinating and throwing trash in the street and in the adjacent parkway. It has been requested that the City of Carson do something to remedy this problem.

II. RECOMMENDATION

REFER this issue to the City Council Policy Sub-Committee.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The existing 72-hour truck parking zone was implemented on the west side of Figueroa Street, south of Sepulveda Boulevard, in February, 2006. The objective of the zone was to provide a location for truck drivers to park their vehicles overnight or on the weekend while waiting to deliver or pick-up goods. It is illegal to park a truck on a public street in Carson unless the truck is actively being loaded or unloaded, or is being used to provide a service in the immediate vicinity, with the exception that trucks can legally be parked in designated zones that are posted with truck parking signs. The location on Figueroa Street has signs that designate a 72-hour truck parking zone that is 500 feet long.

The truck parking location has been monitored on several occasions and it was observed that two motor homes, and two to four automobiles are routinely parked in the zone at night and during the day. Two semi-trucks and one single-unit panel truck were also observed to be parked in the zone. These vehicles were not creating any traffic safety, visibility, or operational problems. The problems that were reported involved the nuisance and sanitary issues associated with urinating and littering.

It has been suggested that the 72-hour truck parking zone could be eliminated. While this action would make it illegal for trucks to park at this location, the motor homes could continue to legally park at the location because the parking regulations for motor homes are the same as for automobiles. It has also been suggested that the area could be designated as a no parking zone. It is expected that this action would just move the motor homes to another location because there is an abundance of legal parking in this area of Carson along both sides of Figueroa Street, Sepulveda Boulevard, and Main Street. As it is illegal to sleep overnight in a vehicle, urinate in public, or litter, another option would be to conduct focused enforcement activities in this area to try to alleviate the problems or encourage the motor home owners to move to a more acceptable location.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

None.

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Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____
