

COMMITTEE: PH&S Homelessness Committee

TITLE: Support Amendments to LAMC Sec. 41.18 – Support for CF 20-1376-S5 (Park)

PURPOSE: Motion to support [CF 20-1376-S5](#) (Park), which calls for specific amendments to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 and for a report back by the City Attorney on the feasibility of amending 41.18 to prohibit encampments consistent with the [Governor's model ordinance](#).

BACKGROUND:

CF 20-1376-S5, introduced by Councilmember Traci Park, proposes targeted amendments to LAMC Sec. 41.18 in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's *City of Grants Pass v.*

Johnson decision (The *Grants Pass* decision overturned *Martin v. Boise* and confirmed that cities can enforce anti-camping laws that regulate conduct—like sleeping or camping in public—without violating the Eighth Amendment, even if no shelter beds are available) and Governor Gavin Newsom's recently released model encampment ordinance.

The proposed amendments would:

1. Amend LAMC Sections [41.18\(c\)\(1\)](#); [41.18\(c\)\(2\)](#) and [41.18\(c\)\(3\)](#) to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping or storing personal property without Council having to designate such sites via a council resolution;
2. Expand "Sensitive Use" locations to include United States Post Offices, Fire Stations, and Police Stations; and
3. Prohibit encampments within 500 feet of a Fire Hazard Severity Zone, environmentally sensitive area, or critical infrastructure.

Additionally, the motion requests that the City Attorney report back on the feasibility of amending Section 41.18 to incorporate provisions of the Governor's model ordinance, which is designed to address encampments "with urgency and dignity."

THE MOTION:

The PH&S Homelessness Committee:

- Supports CF 20-1376-S5 (Park) and its proposed amendments to LAMC Sec. 41.18 as set forth above; and
- Requests that the City Attorney expedite the requested feasibility report to enable timely consideration and adoption of the proposed changes.

DIRECTED TO:

Letter to:

- Mayor Karen Bass – mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org
- Councilmember Traci Park (CD11) – councilmember.park@lacity.org

- Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky (CD5) – councilmember.yaroslavsky@lacity.org

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

Meeting Date: **August 13, 2025**

Motion Made By: **April Peterson**

Seconded By: **Ian Blue**

Vote Count: Yes **13** No **0** Abstain **0**

Yes: April Peterson, Greg Kopelow, Ian Blue, Charlene Samiley, Carolyn Honda, Andrew Marton, Steve Paddock, Aaron Vanek and 5 stakeholders