

Community Impact Statement Recommendation

To: Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Board
From: Livability Committee
Date Approved by Committee: 03/14/24
For Board Consideration on: 04/09/24

Re: Council File 24-0206: Burnt-Frame RVs / Public Right-of-Way / Remediation Prioritization Protocol

Motion or Recommendation of the committee:

The Livability Committee recommends a vote on CF [24-0206](#).

For	X
For if amended	
Against unless amended	
Against	

Committee Vote Count: Yes (5), No (0), Abstention (0), Absent (1), Recused (0)

Summary:

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City residents are reporting an increase in cases of RVs catching fire and burning in the public right of way. Fortunately, under the current contract with SA Recycling, “a burnt-frame chassis that consists of at least 70 percent recyclable metals by weight shall be accepted free of charge by SA Recycling.” However, in many cases prior to the prompt removal and disposal of the vehicle, the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) must first remediate the burnt-frame RV. LASAN ensures that any excess debris is removed before the vehicle is transported to the disposal facility.

At present, LASAN requires a two-week lead time to undertake remediation in such cases of hazardous, burnt-frame RVs in the public right of way. To ensure that the public is protected from the dangerous conditions posed by burnt-frame RVs, LASAN should review and revise their protocols to address this safety issue immediately.

The Council File instructs the Bureau of Sanitation, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to develop a protocol to prioritize the remediation of burnt-frame RVs in the public right of way and report to Council with recommendations for implementation.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Bureau of Sanitation, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to develop a protocol to prioritize the remediation of burnt-frame RVs in the public right of way and report to Council with recommendations for implementation.

PRESENTED BY: 
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