

MOTION

Whereas, the Los Angeles Municipal Code (öLAMCö) contains the following provisions governing public rights-of-way and City parks:

- **LAMC § 62.61(b)**, which states that öNo person shall í obstruct any public street or right-of-way for any reason without first applying for, in writing, and obtaining a permit from the Board of Public Works,ö and which thereby prohibits any obstruction of a sidewalk or parkway or any portion thereof, regardless the nature or scope of the encroachment without a permit;
- **LAMC § 41.18(a)**, which states that öNo person shall stand in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public way open for pedestrian travel or otherwise occupy any portion thereof in such a manner as to annoy or molest any pedestrian thereon or so as to obstruct or unreasonably interfere with the free passage of pedestrians,ö and which thereby prohibits occupation of any portion of a sidewalk or parkway in a manner that annoys any pedestrian or obstructs the free passage of pedestrians;
- **LAMC § 41.18(d)**, which states that öNo person shall sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public way,ö and which remains fully in effect 24 hours a day despite the Cityö settlement in Jones v. City of Los Angeles, which settlement in any event pertains only to the enforcement by the City of the ordinance between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- **LAMC § 56.11**, which states that öNo person shall leave or permit to remain any merchandise, baggage or any article of personal property upon any parkway or sidewalk,ö and which remains fully in effect notwithstanding the preliminary injunction in Lavan v. City of Los Angeles, which injunction in any event pertains only to öSkid Rowö in downtown Los Angeles.
- **LAMC § 63.44(D)**, which states that öWithin the limits of any park other than beaches, no person shall . . . Camp or lodge, except in locations designated for such purposes,ö and which thereby prohibits any camping on Ocean Front Walk or any other portion of the Venice Beach Recreation Area;

And whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council considers public rights-of-way and City parks ó including sidewalks, parkways, streets, parking lots and public parks ó to be for the shared use of residents and visitors in accordance with the municipal code sections enumerated above, and believes that these areas should not be obstructed or occupied except when specifically authorized under an applicable City ordinance;

And whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council wishes that the Los Angeles Police Department, in enforcing these laws, provide referral to any person in need of services and/or housing who may violate these laws;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the Los Angeles Police Department to consistently enforce the above laws, while offering referrals to those who may need services and housing.