

**Background Information: Motion recommended by  
the WRAC HOC to the WRAC Board –  
Request extension of restriction on camping in LAMC 41.18  
to dwelling in vehicles of all sizes near sensitive uses**

Proposed Motion:

\_\_\_\_\_ NC/CC requests that the restriction in LAMC Sec. 41.18 on camping near sensitive uses be extended to expressly restrict dwelling in vehicles of all sizes within 500 feet of sensitive uses, including libraries, parks, schools and day-care centers, and that Councilmembers representing WRAC Member Councils (CMs Park, Yaroslavsky, Raman and/or Hutt) bring a motion in City Council to amend LAMC 41.18 for this purpose.

Background/justification:

Dwelling in vehicles of all sizes near sensitive uses has negatively impacted communities throughout the Westside of Los Angeles and as such is a regional issue. WRAC Member Council neighborhoods and other neighborhoods throughout the City have been impacted by increased vehicle dwelling near sensitive uses that are frequented by children and families, including libraries, parks, schools and day-care centers.

A prior Citywide ban on vehicle dwelling (LAMC 85.02) expired in January 2020 and has not been extended. In 2022, WRAC adopted a position in support of prior Council File 14-1057-S9 (Buscaino), which called for amendment of LAMC 85.02 to provide for a ban on vehicle dwelling with some exceptions. That CF expired in 2023 with no action taken.

WRAC's 2022 position letter in CF 14-1057-S9 stated: *"In recent years, a complete abdication of responsibility for basic vehicle dwelling regulations has led to a proliferation of RVs and other vehicles permanently parked in areas that have existing parking restrictions. Past ordinances that had reasonable and legal restrictions on locations and times vehicles used for dwelling could park have been left to lapse and in doing so the situation on our residential streets, in our protected wetlands, and in other areas with existing parking restrictions has deteriorated and neither those living in vehicles nor those living, working and recreating in these same areas wins. It is long past time the City revisit basic ordinances that apply equitably to all citizens."*

Although LAMC Sec. 41.18 was passed in 2022, the WRAC HOC is advised that currently, City Council interprets the 41.18 restrictions to apply only to *camping / encampments* in the public right of way near sensitive uses, not to *vehicle dwelling*. As such, there is effectively no protection in or near sensitive use areas from negative impacts of vehicle dwelling in the public right of way.

The WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) therefore recommends that WRAC request that the restriction in LAMC 41.18 on camping near sensitive uses be extended to *expressly restrict dwelling in vehicles of all sizes within 500 feet of sensitive uses*, including libraries, parks, schools and day-care centers, and further, that Councilmembers representing WRAC Member Councils bring a motion in City Council to amend LAMC 41.18 for such purpose.

LAMC Sec. 41.18: [https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los\\_angeles/latest/lamc/0-0-0-128514](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/lamc/0-0-0-128514)  
(see sub-sections (a), (b) & (c) – which City Council currently interprets to restrict only camping/ encampments in the public right of way, and to exclude *vehicle dwelling* from the restriction)

Prior CF 14-1057-S9: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=14-1057-S9>  
Prior WRAC position letter: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WRAC-CF-14-1057-S9.pdf>

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