

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

NOTICE
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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT OF VARIOUS CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE AND LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Notice is to clarify several recent changes the Department has made related to the enforcement of various California Vehicle Code (VC) and Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) sections. Many of these changes were emailed Department-wide through the Department Operations Center; however, as the State of Emergency in California continues to fluctuate, this Notice serves to re-emphasize enforcement changes.

Changes to Parking Citations and Towing of Vehicles

Due to the State of Emergency in California, and in accordance with motions adopted by City Council on March 17, 2020, the Department of Motor Vehicle Law Enforcement Information Memorandum, and directives from the Mayor's Office, the Department directed its personnel to not issue citations or initiate towing for any of the following violations UNLESS the violation is determined to be an immediate threat to health or safety, or other exigent circumstances exist:

1. Registration expired for more than six months pursuant to VC 22651(o);
2. Five or more unpaid parking tickets;
3. Parking in one location for more than 72 hours;
4. Inoperable vehicles under VC 22669 or Admin Code 19.90;
5. A driver's license that has expired in the last six-months;
6. Rush hour parking restrictions;
7. Violations of street sweeping signs in residential areas;
8. Violations of parking limitations around closed schools;
9. Abandoned vehicles and oversize and overnight parking; and,
10. Violations for sleeping in vehicles in the parking lots of temporary homeless shelter locations.

Changes to Enforcement of 56.11 LAMC

A recent vote by the City Council (Amended-Motion-72-P-A) approved temporary changes to the enforcement of 56.11 LAMC. Specifically, the Council action **suspends enforcement**, during the period of the declared emergency of the provision of Section 56.11 requiring tents to be taken down during the hours of 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Importantly, while tents can remain up during these hours, at no time can they impede ADA access, or be erected within 10 feet of an operable driveway.

Officers shall attempt to obtain voluntary compliance for violations.

Note: While the above reflects a change to enforcement under LAMC §56.11, there has been no change to LAMC §63.44, with respect to conduct in City parks - and presently, this Section may continue being enforced. However, in keeping with the spirit of the above changes, officers are encouraged to gain voluntary compliance and to use discretion and good judgement, based on the totality of the circumstances, in its enforcement.

The Department recognizes that the City's homeless population is especially vulnerable to COVID-19 and believes in protecting those that cannot protect themselves. Thank you for your continued professionalism, hard work and diligence in protecting and serving all the citizens of Los Angeles during these unprecedented times.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy, at (213) 486-8730.



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