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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: Amendment to Section 10.04.050 of the Long Beach Municipal Code
Relating to Parking Control Checker Authority (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The City of Long Beach utilizes employees in the Classification of Parking Control Checker to issue notices of violations of the California Vehicle Code and Ordinances of the City of Long Beach pertaining to the parking or standing of vehicles. Section 10.04.050 of the Long Beach Municipal Code specifically grants Parking Control Checkers authority to issue notices of violation. Occasionally, there is a need to utilize employees in classifications other than Parking Control Checker to issue notices of violation. The most common occasion is when employees who have work restrictions due to injury are temporarily unable to work in their assigned classifications. Their medical restrictions, however, typically allow them light-duty work as Parking Control Checkers while they recover. This return-to-work program is one of many "best practices" that has been recommended by Deloitte Consulting in their recent review of the City's Workers Compensation program.

The current language in the Municipal Code limits the authority to issue notices of violation only to employees in the classification of Parking Control Checker. Amending the Code to include the phrase "or other classifications as approved by the appointing authority" will allow other employees such as Motor Sweeper Operators and Refuse Operators to participate in this return-to-work program. In addition to assisting injured employees, this change will also allow the department to staff the Parking Control Unit with other employees in times of peak workload or staff shortages. The Department will properly train all employees prior to any Parking Control assignment.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malstem on May 6, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested at this time to assist the Department in staffing Parking Control Checker positions with alternative classifications.

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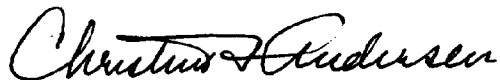
FISCAL IMPACT

None.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Request the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Section 10.04.050 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, to include a provision to allow the appointing authority to approve other classifications.

Respectfully submitted,



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