

SAFE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM (SPPP)

1. The SPPP should operate on publicly and private-owned lots throughout the City.
2. The City has adopted an updated version of Section 85.02 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), which allows for overnight vehicular dwelling between the hours of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. on City streets in non-residential areas of the City.
3. The SPPP must be enabled through an ordinance that allows the operation of a program in compliance with certain land use restrictions and operating conditions.
4. LAHSA and its affiliated service providers should conduct general and targeted outreach to individuals who are dwelling in their vehicles in order to better understand this population and more effectively focus homeless services and resources to vehicle dwellers.
5. The SPPP should run as a pilot that will expire on July 1, 2018, unless extended by ordinance.

LAHSA (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority) is proposing the establishment of a program that will be able to accommodate a total of approximately 25-50 vehicles spread across five lots throughout the City. The capacity of the proposed program is limited due to the need to consolidate resources, the size of the lots, and the identification of lots. The program, however, has the potential to continue to expand in size through the continued identification of lots and dedicated resources.

Public Lots

With regard to the SPPP, the Council may wish to instruct City departments as appropriate to evaluate City-owned lots for use in the SPPP. Evaluation of City-owned lots would explore impacts to revenue potential, use of the lot by the Film Industry, general community purposes, and parking capacity. City staff can also determine cost estimates and vehicular capacity according to each lot's specifications. Our Offices recommend that LAHSA, with the assistance of City staff, begin identifying parking lots to be considered for the SPPP.

Private Lots

In addition to the use of public assets, a SPPP may also include private lots and parcels. Private lots for the operation of a SPPP would include, but not be limited to, faith-based organizations and nonprofit agencies. Private Lot owners would be given discretion as to their program's requirements for participation, rules and regulations, hours of operation, and operational activities/amenities (i.e. access to or provision of bathrooms). The Council could also consider applying the City's Rules and Regulations for the SPPP to private lot operators. When operating a SPPP, private lot owners would also need to comply with certain land use restrictions as outlined by the ordinance, as well as permitted operating conditions. Additionally, private lot owners who wish to participate in a SPPP would need to register on the City's website (www.lacityv.org) and be in compliance with posted regulations.

The answer to homelessness is housing.