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Rule 11

MOTION

The Planning and Zoning code (Los Angeles Municipal Code, Chapter 1) sets forth the land use regulatory controls that govern city planning in the City. The code establishes a height limit of 3 ½ feet for fences in front yards of R zoned properties. LAMC Section 12.22 C.20(f). Fences exceeding the 3 ½ foot height limit require a fence district, variance, or other planning tool to provide relief from the general requirement of the Municipal Code.

East Hollywood Community members who live in zip codes 90004 and 90029 have recently been cited by City inspectors for having fences that exceed the 3 ½ feet limitation. The cited properties owners have indicated their desire to retain their over height fences. They have stated that the current public safety circumstances of their neighborhood support over height fences as a crime deterrent.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, be directed to report with recommendations regarding a fence height district, variance, or such other planning tool as may be appropriate to address the community's desire for higher than normally permitted fences for public safety purposes, within these boundaries: Fountain Avenue on the north, Normandie Avenue on the east, Melrose Avenue on the south, Wilton Place on the west to Santa Monica Boulevard and then running west on Santa Monica Boulevard to Bronson Avenue and then north on Bronson Avenue back to Fountain Avenue, but excluding the Melrose Hill Historic Preservation Overlay Zone.

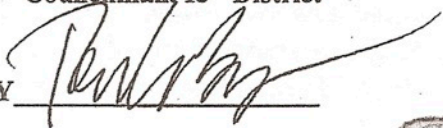
I FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department, with the assistance of the Department of Building and Safety, and in consultation with the City Attorney, be directed to report with recommendations regarding the feasibility of waiving the collection of fees levied and unpaid for over height fences in the front yards located within the boundaries set forth above. Recommendations should include, but not be limited to: (1) pending development of a relief mechanism to permit such over height fences, and waiving such fees upon adoption for properties located within the relief boundaries; and (2) in the alternative, collecting such fees upon the transfer of property title from an existing owner(s) to a new owner(s).

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