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City Council
Sacramento, California 95814

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTIONS 61.06.612 THROUGH 61.06.620 OF
THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE RELATING TO SUMMARY ABATEMENT
OF DANGEROUS VEHICLES FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the item be passed for publication of title, pursuant to City Charter Chapter 61, and continued to January 20, 1998.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: January 13, 1998

SUMMARY:

The Sacramento Police Department proposes the addition of Sections 61.06.612 through 61.06.620 to the Sacramento City Code relating to the summary abatement of dangerous vehicles from private property and the removal of hazardous vehicles. Certain vehicles located on private property which is accessible to the public create a hazardous condition and, in some instances, create an environmental hazard to the community. With the present Sacramento City Codes, the Abatement procedures are very time consuming, leaving the hazard in place for an unacceptable time period. The delay in removal of hazardous vehicles may be dangerous to the public and most certainly prolongs the neighborhood nuisance.

ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTIONS 61.06.612 THROUGH 61.06.620 TO THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO SUMMARY ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS VEHICLES FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1.

Sections 61.06.612 through 61.06.620 of the Sacramento City Code are hereby added to read as follows:

61.06.612 Vehicles in a Dangerous Condition.

The City Council finds and declares that vehicles which are on public or private property and which are in such a condition so as to constitute an imminent danger to the public are a public nuisance and a nuisance *per se* and should be removed by summary abatement to avoid injury to the public. Conditions which warrant summary abatement include, but are not limited to, permitting a vehicle to remain unattended on blocks, jacks or other means of raising the vehicle; broken glass and other sharp objects on the vehicle; flammable or other hazardous substances in or around the vehicle; and other conditions where an unattended vehicle or parts thereof pose an imminent danger to health, safety, or welfare of the public. For purposes of this section, "unattended" is defined as a vehicle upon which work is not actively being performed at the time the condition constituting a danger is observed.

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