

MOTION

Bicycle theft is a continuing problem across the City, with large numbers of bicycles being reported stolen each year, and even more being stolen but not reported to the authorities. Unfortunately, the majority of stolen bicycles are not recovered, due in large part to thieves quickly disassembling them and selling them. Bicycle "chop shops," spaces where individuals take apart stolen bicycles, sell parts and reassembled bicycles, operate across the City, often right in the public right-of-way. Thieves have little or no fear of repercussions, as this activity is not expressly illegal and police do not have the resources to check every bicycle being disassembled in the street against lists of those that have been reported stolen.

The City of Long Beach had similar issues, and in 2018, adopted an ordinance prohibiting the operation of bicycle "chop shops" on public property or within the public right-of-way, with specified exceptions for licensed businesses and for individuals making repairs or present while repairs are being made to their own bicycles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present a draft ordinance to prohibit the assembly, disassembly, sale, offer of sale, distribution of bicycles and bicycle parts on public property or within the public right-of-way, modeled after a similar ordinance in the City of Long Beach.

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