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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
Acting Director of Public Works

**BOARD AGENDA DATE: MARCH 1, 2005**
**REVISED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 16 – HIGHWAYS**
**ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CAMPING**
**IN A VEHICLE PARKED ON A HIGHWAY**

We recently recommended to your Board to amend the Los Angeles County Code (Title 16 - Highways) to prohibit camping, lodging, or sleeping in a vehicle parked on a highway. This amendment is intended to address complaints from residents in the unincorporated County areas regarding vehicles being parked on public roadways, which are being utilized for dwelling purposes.

An ordinance adding Chapter 16.86 was introduced on February 15, 2005. However, this ordinance has been revised to address concerns received from the Sheriff's Department. A copy of the revised ordinance is attached.

With your concurrence, we are requesting that the revised ordinance be reintroduced for your considerations and approval.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Bill Winter of our Traffic and Lighting Division at (626) 300-4700.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel (Mark Yanai)
Executive Office
Sheriff's Department

## ANALYSIS

This ordinance adds Chapter 16.86 to Title 16 - Highways of the Los Angeles County Code to prohibit camping on any highway or in a vehicle parked on a highway.

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By
MARK YANAI
Principal Deputy County Counsel
Public Works Division

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06/01/04 (Requested)
02/24/05 (Revised)

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**ORDINANCE NO. _____**

An ordinance amending Title 16 - Highways of the Los Angeles County Code, to add Chapter 16.86, prohibiting camping on any highway or in a vehicle parked on a highway.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 16.86 is hereby added to Title 16 to read as follows:

## Chapter 16.86

## CAMPING ON HIGHWAYS PROHIBITED

**Section 16.86.010 Purpose.** The public streets and highways within the unincorporated county territory should be readily accessible and available to residents and the public at large. The use of public streets and highways for camping purposes interferes with the rights of others to use these streets and highways for the purposes for which they were intended and degrades the quality of neighborhoods, poses a nuisance to nearby residents, and negatively affects public health and traffic and pedestrian safety. The purpose of this chapter is to maintain the public streets and highways within the unincorporated territory of the county in a clean, safe, and accessible condition.

**Section 16.86.020 Camping Prohibited.** No person shall camp, as defined in Section 16.86.030, on any highway, as defined in Section 16.04.100, which has been accepted into the county road system pursuant to section 941 of the Streets and Highways Code.

**Section 16.86.030 Camping Defined.** For the purposes of this chapter, the meaning of term "camp" includes the use of a location, or of any vehicle parked at such location, for living accommodation or lodging purposes.

**Section 16.86.040 Violation -- Penalty.**

A. Violation of any provision of this chapter is an infraction punishable by: (1) a fine not exceeding $100.00 for a first violation; (2) a fine not exceeding $200.00 for a second violation within one year; and (3) a fine not exceeding $500.00 for each additional violation within one year.

B. A continuation of any violation of this chapter on successive days constitutes a separate offense for each day during any portion of which such violation has occurred.

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