

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 76900 C.M.S.



A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE CITY OF OAKLAND REVISIONS TO STATE LAW TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO IMPOSE 30-DAY IMPOUNDS ON VEHICLES INVOLVED IN SIDESHOW ACTIVITIES THAT IMPERIL PUBLIC SAFETY, SUCH AS "CRUISING", WANTON RECKLESS DRIVING AND ILLEGAL EXHIBITIONS OF SPEED

WHEREAS, cruising activities, a.k.a., "The Sideshow" continues to be a significant problem in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, since 1988 there has been a significant increase in the number of crowd control incidents and criminal activity related to cruising, including speed exhibitions conducted within close proximity to large gatherings of pedestrians, speed exhibitions involving passengers and drivers hanging out of moving vehicles, plus occurrences of reckless driving resulting in property damage and physical injury; and

WHEREAS, the problems associated with cruising activities have resulted in increased redeployment of police resources from other areas of the City, at the expense of the residents of those communities; and

WHEREAS, the costs in police services incurred while addressing cruising and "Sideshow" incidents averages approximately \$30,000 each evening police must be deployed to maintain the public peace at Sideshow events throughout the year and frequently during holidays; and

WHEREAS, the activities involved contribute to a reduction in the quality of life for affected neighborhoods, e.g., excessive noise, litter, public intoxication, indecent exposure, and diminished air quality; and

WHEREAS, the illegal activity associated with these activities has had a negative impact on the business community in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the intentional disruption of major traffic arteries by cruising participants has caused incidents of disruption of public transportation (including traffic going to and from the Oakland International Airport) and the delivery of emergency services including medical and fire services; and

WHEREAS, the problems associated with cruising and other "Sideshow" type activities are a state-wide issue requiring a change to the California Vehicle Code; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby declares its support of the Police Department's proposed legislative efforts to secure changes in the California Vehicle Code in order that Oakland and other California cities may be better able to protect the public peace, health, and safety of their citizenry; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City Manager and the City legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, DEC 18 2001, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:


AYES- BRUNNER, CHANG, MAYNE, NADEL, SPEES, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST:


CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California