

**From:** agalvez2432@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025 11:28 AM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Proposed Ordinance: Regulation of Personal Transport Carts and Luggage on Public Streets

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**Purpose:**

To protect Long Beach's environment, public health, and community aesthetics by minimizing litter and debris generated from overloaded personal transport carts and similar conveyances used by individuals without permanent housing.

**Background:**

Individuals experiencing homelessness frequently rely on wagons, baby carriages, and retail shopping carts to transport belongings. These carts are often overloaded, causing personal items to fall onto sidewalks, streets, and into storm drains. Debris subsequently reaches local beaches and waterways, harming marine life, polluting the coastline, and creating safety hazards for all residents.

**Summary of Proposed Regulation:**

**1. Definitions:**

- **Personal Transport Cart:** Any non-motorized wheeled conveyance including but not limited to wagons, baby carriages, and retail shopping carts.
- **Permitted Carrying Devices:** Backpacks or one-wheeled, commercially manufactured rolling suitcases not exceeding 30 inches in height.

**2. Prohibition:**

- The use of Personal Transport Carts on all public streets, sidewalks, parks, and other municipal properties is prohibited.

**3. Enforcement:**

- Law enforcement officers and authorized city personnel may confiscate any Personal Transport Cart in violation of this ordinance.
- Confiscated items will be inventoried and transported to a secure holding facility.

**4. Redemption Process:**

- Owners may reclaim possessions within 60 calendar days by:
  - a. Demonstrating proof of identity.
  - b. Providing evidence that items will be relocated to permanent housing or an approved self-storage facility.
- After 60 days, unclaimed items will be disposed of by city order.

**Rationale:**

1. **Environmental Protection:** Eliminates the primary source of debris entering storm drains and coastal areas, reducing pollution and protecting marine ecosystems.
2. **Public Safety and Health:** Prevents tripping hazards and exposure to potentially contaminated materials.
3. **Community Appearance:** Enhances the visual appeal of our neighborhoods and public spaces, fostering civic pride.
4. **Equitable Implementation:** Provides a fair redemption process, ensuring individuals have the opportunity to secure their property and transition to stable living arrangements.

**Implementation Plan:**

- **Education Campaign:** Partner with local advocacy and service organizations to inform affected individuals about the new regulation and available support services.
- **Signage:** Post clear notices in high-traffic areas one month prior to enforcement.
- **Support Services Coordination:** Strengthen collaboration with shelters and storage facilities to assist in property transitions.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Costs associated with enforcement, property storage, and disposal are expected to be offset by a reduction in street cleaning and storm drain maintenance expenditures.

**Conclusion:**

This ordinance balances environmental stewardship, public welfare, and the rights of all community members. By limiting the use of oversized personal transport carts and offering a structured redemption process, Long Beach can lead California in innovative, compassionate, and effective urban management.

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Date: 5/20/2025

**From:** MARY ROHAN <meggigelou123@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2025 9:38 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Homeless near Kettering school yard.

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Dear City of Long Beach,

Today I called the nonemergency number at police department to report a homeless person loitering against the school fence of the playground at Kettering Elementary on 7th and Silvera. I had seen him over the last week and he was using one of the building to put his items. When I returned from work at the end of the day he was still there. I called the school who informed me they too also made multiple calls without any resolution. I also called Kristina Duggan's office to voice my concern. I find it very concerning that this is allowed next to a school while kids are present. I would greatly appreciate if you can explain why this situation is allowed and how it can be resolved. The Supreme Court has ruled that this is no longer allowed.

Mary Rohan

**From:** Dan Ornelas <danrnls@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2025 2:35 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Grants Pass vs Johnson.

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Good Afternoon City Clerk De La Garza,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you regarding a recent memo that I read regarding the City of Long Beach's response to the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding homelessness. While I understand the cities desire to combat the homeless issue with compassion and a humanitarian approach, I believe that our city has tried that approach many times to no avail. I have read countless data points with regard the monetary cost the city has already dispensed. While I hope that our city leaders are dispensing the money to legitimate organizations, I do not feel that there are any checks and balances as to how and where those non profits spend the money (Tax Money). There has not been a decrease in our homeless population. Providing vouchers and food assistance has not worked. Furthermore, I would like to see an accounting from all organizations that received tax money from the city. In one memo I read the city received in excess of five million dollars to combat homelessness with little to no oversight. Are these organizations required to provide an accounting and result based after action reports? I want you to know that I want to be an advocate for the home owners and the business owners in our city that would like factual based information in the form of an expenditure outlining where these nonprofit organizations spend the tax payers money? We are entitled to such reports and information under the public information act of 1966. We have taken a hands off approach to the homeless enforcement in this city for years. It's not working! While taking into consideration the rights of the homeless, I believe our city leaders have not only neglected but have forgotten about the tax paying base. We deserve a better quality of life in our communities. The issues with homelessness is not just that they live on the streets, is the trash they leave behind. They defecate on the sidewalks, steal alcohol and merchandise from our local proprietors with impunity. I understand that we have limited police resources in our city. That's not my concern. I was in law enforcement for 34 plus years. The agency that I worked for was severely understaffed. Thats not an excuse. Crime and homelessness needs to be a priority. Because they go almost hand in hand. Yes, we had a district attorney who was much more liberal in his handling of criminal complaints. Once again, that's another excuse. The police department should not be concerned whether a case gets prosecuted or downgraded to a misdemeanor. Their job is to enforce the laws. Even if they don't agree with the fact that person will be prosecuted. We use these tools as a deterrent. I disagree that most of our homeless would be agreeable to alternate housing. Many of our homeless are in their early twenties to their mid thirties begging for a free handout. We need to use the broken window theory. If a window breaks we fix it it. If its broken again, we fix it. Eventually the perpetrator will get tired of breaking that window because whatever point he/she is trying to make will go nowhere. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns about my correspondence.

Respectfully,  
Dan Ornelas



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**From:** MARY ROHAN <meggigelou123@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2025 9:11 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Re: Street maintenance

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I am resending since this is still a problem with no response.  
Mary Rohan

> On Aug 12, 2024, at 10:01 PM, MARY ROHAN <meggigelou123@aol.com> wrote:

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> I have made many calls for several years about the lack of cleanliness of sidewalks. I was told there is no regular maintenance and is by request only which I found shocking. One location in particular is on 7th street south side south of Channel across from Cal State Long Beach all the way to the freeway entrance. The last section is impassable due to weeds, debris and branches. I have still no help or recommendations despite calling my district and public works. Please advise.

> Mary Rohan