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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To: The City Commission for the City of Key West

From: George B. Wallace, Assistant City Attorney

Date: July 14, 2016

RE: Ordinance revision to Sec. 70 of the Code of Ordinances titled "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" to more particularly describe where and when commercial buses traveling to the City of Key West may park, load and unload passengers, providing for enforcement, prohibiting bus tours in the historic district, restricting idling durations for buses, requiring all buses traveling in the historic district use only those streets designated by the City Manager.

Action statement:

A proposed ordinance revision to Sec. 70 requiring all commercial bus operators traveling to Key West and utilizing public roads or rights-of-way to park, load, and unload passengers at the Caroline Street bus parking lot or, if required, another location or locations designated by the City Manager. The ordinance makes it unlawful to conduct bus tours in the historic district. The ordinance regulates the idling of buses when parked. This revision is sponsored by Commissioner Weekley.

Background: Current Sections 70-521, 70-522 and 70-523 enacted in 2001 contain the City's current regulations of bus operators. These sections were enacted after several

versions were proposed or enacted. (Ordinance 00-37 and Ordinance 01-17 are some of the previous versions of the current Ordinance.) Since 2001 the number of day trip buses to the City from other locations has grown exponentially. The need to promote more orderly parking, loading and unloading of these buses has become apparent in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Key West as well as to provide a more pleasant experience for those visitors arriving by bus.

The City is nearing completion of a new parking lot to facilitate these buses at a convenient Caroline Street location.

Options:

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1. Approve the proposed ordinance revision requiring all buses traveling to Key West park, load and unload passengers at the Caroline Street parking lot or an overflow location designated by the City Manager, prohibiting bus tours in the historic district, restricting the idling times permitted for parked buses.
 2. Not to approve the proposed ordinance revision, thus leaving the present haphazard parking, idling, loading and unloading of passengers largely uncontrolled.
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Recommendation:

To approve the proposed ordinance revision.
