



# CITY COUNCIL

## MEETING OF December 8, 2015

Item No. 4 (15-0631) :

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY ADDING CHAPTER 10.52.495, PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PROHIBITED ON CITY STREETS EXCEPT BY PERMIT, TO THE CHULA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE**

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# Introduction

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**The City received complaints from residents and business owners regarding the parking of recreational vehicles on city streets. Concerns cited include:**

- **Traffic safety**
- **Community Safety**
- **Illegal dumping and litter**
- **Community ambiance (curb appeal)**



# Recreational Vehicle Types

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**“Recreational Vehicles” includes, but is not limited to:**

- **Camp trailers (California Vehicle Code Section 242);**
- **Fifth-wheel travel trailers (California Vehicle Code Section 324);**
- **House cars (California Vehicle Code Section 362);**
- **Trailer coaches (California Vehicle Code Section 635);**
- **Mobile homes (California Vehicle Code Section 396);**
- **Boats and/or trailers, including jet skis and/or jet ski trailers;**
- **Dune buggies and off-road or all-terrain vehicles and/or trailers;**
- **Trailers used for the transportation of equipment, vehicles or animals;**
- **Recreational vehicles (California Health & Safety Code Section 18010);**
- **Folding camper trailers;**
- **Any other motorized or towed vehicle designed, maintained or used primarily for recreational purposes.**



# Existing Chula Vista Municipal Code (CVMC)

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## **CVMC 10.84.020 regulates parking of vehicles on portions of private property.**

No vehicle, vacation trailer, camping trailer, boat, boat trailer, camper or recreational vehicle may be parked or placed within the front yard or exterior side yard (i.e., street side of a corner lot) setback, except as follows:

- A. In a garage or carport.
- B. On a paved driveway.
- C. On a dust-free area adjacent to a paved driveway. "Adjacent" shall mean within 10 feet of the edge of the driveway.
- D. When parking is not available under subsections (A) through (C) of this section, then consideration shall be given by the zoning administrator to select a parking area on the opposite side of the lot or other appropriate locations.



# CVMC

## Overheight Vehicles

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**CVMC 10.52.490 addresses prohibitions regarding parking of overheight vehicles.**

- **Overheight Vehicle - any vehicle with a height of six feet or more at any point on the vehicle measured from the roadway.**
- **Pursuant to California Vehicle Code (CVC) 22507 and 21360, the City Engineer may establish locations where parking of overheight vehicles is restricted based on the site obstruction posed by overheight vehicles to vehicles entering the roadway from an intersection the maximum distance of restriction is 100 feet from the curb return.**



# CVMC

## Storage of Vehicles

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**CVMC 10.52.100 addresses storage of vehicles or camper bodies on streets.**

- **No vehicle can park on a street or alley for more than a consecutive period of 72 hours.**
- **No camper body, which has been detached from a motor vehicle shall be left standing on a City street at any time.**



# Impact to the Community

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**Parking or storing of motorized or towed recreational vehicles on city streets can negatively affect traffic safety and quality of life for those who live and work in Chula Vista.**

**Currently, the CVMC does not address some of the residents' and businesses' concerns related to parking and storing recreational vehicles in the community.**

# Traffic Safety Issues

- Impaired motorist visibility of pedestrians





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- Impaired sight distance for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians



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- Impaired access to driveways and cross traffic on narrow residential streets





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- **Reduced travel lane width due to parked, wide recreational vehicles**



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- **Reduced on-street parking for residents and business patrons**





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# Health and Safety Issues

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- **Illegal discharge of wastewater onto streets or the storm water system**



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- **Illegal dumping of trash and litter**



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- **Reduced and blocked views of landscaping and other natural environmental features (community ambiance)**





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- **Parked recreational vehicles with covered windows create security concerns for nearby residents and business owners and patrons**







# Health and Safety Issues





# Cities with RV Parking Permit Ordinances

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City Staff researched existing parking regulations of other municipalities. The cities of Del Mar, El Cajon, San Diego, and Solana Beach all have regulations specific to recreational vehicles, including prohibition of parking on streets except by permit.

Details of the regulations varied widely, but typically addressed:

- Type, weight, or size of vehicles defined as a recreational vehicle
- Streets that were restricted
- Hours of restriction
- Days of restriction



# Benefits of Regulating RV Parking on City Streets

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- Improves visibility and sight distance for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians
- Improves access to driveways and on-street parking for residents and business patrons
- Prevents recreational vehicles from encroaching into the travel lanes
- Reduces the likelihood of recreational vehicles that illegally discharge wastewater onto streets and into storm water systems



# Benefits of Regulating RV Parking on City Streets, Cont.

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- **Reduces likelihood of recreation vehicles illegally disposing of trash on streets and easements**
- **Preserves residential character of neighborhoods by increasing views of landscaping and natural environmental features in the community.**
- **Addresses safety concerns of residents, business owners and patrons related to neighborhood security and parking and storing recreational vehicles on City streets.**



# Proposed Ordinance

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**To balance the needs of recreational vehicle owners while addressing traffic, health, and safety concerns of the community, City staff drafted an ordinance that would require recreational vehicle owners to acquire a permit to park on City streets.**

**\* CVC Section 22507 authorizes local authorities, by resolution or by ordinance, to restrict the parking of certain vehicles on certain streets during all or certain hours of the day, including designating certain streets upon which preferential parking privileges are given to residents adjacent to streets for their use and enjoyment, under which residents are issued permits that exempt them from the parking restriction.**



# Proposed Ordinance

## RV Parking

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**No person shall park any recreational vehicle, whether motorized or not, whether attached to a motorized vehicle or not, at any time upon any highway, street, alley, public way or public place, except as otherwise allowed, in the City of Chula Vista except:**

- **When the registered owner or lessor of a recreational vehicle is in possession of a valid City permit;**
- **While in the process of actively loading or unloading;**
- **When such vehicle or trailer is disabled in such a manner and to such an extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and temporarily parking such vehicle or trailer.**



# Proposed Ordinance RV Parking Permit Process

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**The City Manager has authority to adopt procedural rules and regulations governing the permit process and to issue a parking permit for the parking of a recreational vehicle on a public street or public place to any Chula Vista resident, for the resident's use or for the use of a resident's guest, if:**

- 1) A written application is made to the City Manager including the address of the resident.**
- 2) The appropriate fees are paid.**



# Proposed Ordinance

## RV Parking Permit

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- **The permit shall state the address of the resident and the permit shall be valid only within the same block of the resident's address, or upon a street adjacent to the resident's address, on either side of the street.**
- **The permit shall be displayed on the recreational vehicle in a manner determined by the City Manager.**
- **Proof of residency or tenancy and proof of recreational vehicle ownership or recreational vehicle use or control shall be demonstrated in a manner determined by the City Manager.**





# Proposed Ordinance RV Parking Permit Duration

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- **The duration of the permit shall not exceed 24 hours.**
- **No more than 3 consecutive permits may be issued to any one address for any 72-hour period.**
- **No more than 72 permits may be issued relating to any one address in any one calendar year.**



# Proposed Ordinance RV Parking Permit Fee

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- **Permits will available for purchase at City facilities designated by the City Manager, or if determined feasible by the City Manager permits may be available through the City's website.**
- **The permit fee shall be as set forth in the Master Fee Schedule of the City adopted by resolution of the City Council.**
- **The City Manager shall periodically recommend fees to the City Council reflecting an amount equal to, but not exceeding, the reasonable costs of program administration and sign installation and maintenance.**



# Proposed Ordinance RV Parking Enforcement

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- **The permitted recreational vehicle shall be subject to all applicable parking restrictions in the CVC and CVMC.**
- **A violation of any provision of this ordinance is an infraction, and punishable with a court citation or administrative citation (\$100 fine).**



# Effective Date of Ordinance

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**This Ordinance would become effective and be in force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after its final reading and after signage has been installed.**

**Enforcement could occur once the permit process is operational and public outreach is complete.**



# Recommendation

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**City staff recommends that the City Council adopt the ordinance requiring recreational vehicles owners acquire a permit to park recreational vehicles on City streets.**



# Next Steps Upon Adoption

- **Establish RV parking permit process through City Manager.**
- **Create RV parking permit process through City website.**
- **Establish and approve RV parking permit fee via Resolution.**
- **Install Regulatory Signs at all major entrances into the City.**
- **Develop and implement public awareness plan. The awareness plan could include some of the following elements:**
  - **Press releases**
  - **Public notices in newspapers**
  - **Notices sent to RV related businesses (RV Parks, Marina, etc.)**
  - **Additional signage**
  - **Utility bill inserts**
  - **Flyers to post on RVs during an initial grace period**

**It is estimated to take 60-90 days to complete these items.**



# Questions