

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2005

DEPARTMENT ID NUMBER: PD-05-003

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CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH REQUEST FOR ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

SUBMITTED BY: *Penelope Culbreth Graft*
PENELOPE CULBRETH-GRAFT, City Administrator

PREPARED BY: KENNETH W. SMALL, Chief of Police *KW Small*

SUBJECT: Adopt Ordinance No. *3099* Amending Section 10.44 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code regulating Parking Time Limits of Oversized Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles and Detached Trailers on City Streets

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Statement of Issue, Funding Source, Recommended Action, Alternative Action(s), Analysis, Environmental Status, Attachment(s)

Statement of Issue:

The Police Department receives numerous calls daily from citizens regarding oversized vehicles, recreational vehicles and detached trailers parked on City streets. The general issue is the length of time that these vehicles are parked in the same location on public streets. The complaining residents believe the recreational vehicles parked on the streets negatively impact the quality of life in their neighborhoods, creates a safety hazard, are unsightly and clutter the streets.

The Municipal Code, in its present form, is not only difficult to enforce, but is also time consuming and often times does not resolve the original issue for the complaining resident. This is discouraging for the resident and leaves them believing the Police Department is not adequately responding to their requests in a timely manner. The vagueness of certain aspects of the code results in numerous traffic hearings for those who wish to challenge the citations. The combination of these issues taxes the resources of the Police Department and reduces the time available to focus on other problem areas in the city.

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Funding Source:

Current Statewide Abandoned Vehicle Abatement account 87570209.63100 will be able to absorb any costs for implementation and maintenance related to this ordinance. No general fund monies involved. These funds will purchase computer software as needed to accommodate the issuance and tracking of permits, as well as cover costs of installing or updating existing signage at all entry points into the city.

Recommended Action:

Adopt Ordinance No. 3699, an ordinance amending Chapter 10.44 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code regulating parking time limits of oversized vehicles, recreational vehicles and detached trailer on city streets.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not adopt Ordinance No. 3699, an ordinance amending Chapter 10.44 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code regulating parking time limits of oversized vehicles, recreational vehicles and detached trailer on city streets and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

The Police Department receives numerous calls from community members regarding parking of oversized vehicles, recreational vehicles and detached trailers. Many homeowners believe that the long-term parking of these types of vehicles negatively impacts the quality of life in their neighborhoods by cluttering the streets and create an unsightly condition. The residents also say that due to the size of these vehicles their views are blocked and there is the belief that property values would decline. Often times, the complaints received pertain to vehicles registered outside the neighborhoods in which they are parked.

Chaper 10.44 of the municipal code pertains to the parking time limits for vehicles and detached trailers. The existing code is written in such a way that makes enforcement efforts difficult when parking control officers respond to these types of calls for service. In its existing form, Municipal Code Section 10.44 does not define what constitutes "movement" when a restricted vehicle continues to park on residential streets and exceeds the defined time limits. To verify if the vehicle has been moved, the Parking Control Officer marks the tires and street with chalk and returns after twenty-four hours to check it. In most cases, the vehicle has been moved, but only a few feet. Since the Municipal Code section only requires the vehicle to move, this fulfills the definition. In order to pursue the enforcement of this section, the Parking Control Officer must remark the tires and check it again. This process can continue indefinitely, but does not resolve the original issue from the resident.

This lack of a clear definition as to what constitutes movement does little to resolve the issue for the resident and requires a great deal of effort on the part of the Police Department. Also when a citation is issued under this section it is usually challenged and requires a traffic

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review hearing. The current municipal code section is vague and does not allow for succinct enforcement, which is discouraging to the residents who call about these issues. It is also a time-consuming process, which taxes the resources of the Police Department and reduces the time available to focus on other problem areas within the city.

The Police Department proposes several changes to Section 10.44 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code that restricts the parking of oversized vehicles, recreational vehicles over twenty (20) feet in length, and unattached trailers on public streets or highways in a residential district, yet still provides twenty-four (24) hour permit exemptions, provided certain conditions are met. The recommended changes are as follows:

- **Define Recreational Vehicle as stated in California Health and Safety Code Section 18010 and to include RV's over twenty (20) feet in length.**
- **Prohibit twenty-four (24) hour street parking of Oversized Vehicles and Recreation Vehicles over twenty (20) feet in length, on public streets or highways in a residential district.**
- **Prohibit Parking of Recreational Vehicles on any Public Street or Highway.**
- **Create Short Term RV Temporary Use Permits:**
 1. **Twenty-four (24) hour RV/Unattached Boat and Water Craft Trailer Permits**
 2. **Medical Permits**
 3. **Parking Exemption for Recreational Vehicles Driven on a Daily Basis**
 4. **Forty-Five (45) Day Permit for Services or Repairs to Residential Property**
- **Restrict Commerical District Parking of Oversized Commercial Vehicles to Twenty-four (24) hours.**
- **Provide a definition to the meaning of "Movement" as it applies to parking time limits.**
- **Update Signage as appropriate at all entry points into the city.**

Definition of Recreational Vehicle California Health and Safety Code Section 18010

The proposed definition of a "recreational vehicle" shall have the meaning as set forth in California Health and Safety Code Section 18010, as well as change the existing allowed RV length from over twenty-five (25) feet to twenty (20) feet or less. Section 18010 of the Health and Safety Code defines a recreational vehicle as:

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- (a) A motor home, travel trailer, truck camper, or camping trailer, with or without motive power, designed for human habitation for recreational, emergency, or other occupancy, that meets all of the following criteria:
- (1) It contains less than 320 square feet of internal living room area, excluding built-in equipment, including, but not limited to, wardrobe, closets, cabinets, kitchen units or fixtures, and bath or toilet rooms.
 - (2) It contains 400 square feet or less of gross area measured at maximum horizontal projections.
 - (3) It is built on a single chassis.
 - (4) It is either self-propelled, truck-mounted, or permanently towable on the highways without a permit.

The Police Department believes that the existing defining length of a restricted recreational vehicle at twenty-five feet is both inequitable and severely hampers our enforcement efforts. It is difficult for the complaining resident and officer to make a distinction between a twenty-four and twenty-five foot RV resulting in time consuming enforcement action that may or may not solve the root cause of the complaint. Most RV's exceed the twenty-foot length restriction. In essence, any recreational vehicle, as described in Health and Safety Code 18010, would be restricted from parking on residential streets.

Prohibit twenty-four (24) hour parking of Oversized Vehicles and RV's over twenty (20) feet in length on Public Streets or Highways in a Residential District

The Police Department is recommending the elimination of the twenty-four (24) hour parking time limit for oversized vehicles over twenty-five (25) feet in length; motor vehicles over ninety-six (96) inches wide; any motor vehicle, including buses, motor trucks, trailers, semitrailers, trailer coaches, or truck tractors as defined in the Vehicle Code over ninety (96) inches wide; motor vehicles designed, used or maintained as farm machinery or a special purpose or equipment machine; nonmotorized vehicles such as a semitrailer, trailer, trailer coach, utility trailer, two or more axle camper, or a one-axle camper, which have been detached from their drawing vehicle, as well as recreational vehicles over twenty (20) feet in length, on any public street or highway in a residential district.

The Police Department has routinely experienced oversized vehicles, as described above, being moved back and forth between residential and industrial streets as a method of avoiding storage costs. The existing exceptions for the twenty-four (24) hour limitation for performing or assisting in performing services or repairs on residential properties for oversized motor vehicles would not be changed.

Prohibit Parking of Recreational Vehicles on any Public Street or Highway.

The Police Departments believes that recreational vehicles should be prohibited from parking on any public street or highway in the city unless an approved permits has previously been obtained through the Police Department. Simply restricting RV owners

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from parking in residential districts will result in a significant number of them being parked and stored on streets and highways within our commercial and business districts.

Addition of Short Term Temporary Use Permits

The Police Department believes that this section should allow recreational vehicle, and/or unattached boat or personal water craft trailer owners the temporary use of residential streets, in front of or adjacent to their property, for the purposes of loading, unloading and general pre-trip/post-trip preparations or other appropriate short term use, in addition to other situations that might warrant an exemption:

Twenty-four (24) hour RV Permits

The Police Department would initiate and manage a permit process at no cost to the resident requesting a twenty-four (24) hour permit. The homeowner would need to contact the Police Department, in advance, and obtain a twenty-four (24) hour permit for the recreational vehicle, or unattached boat or personal watercraft trailers to park on the residential street. The permit would be limited to the area in front of the owner's residence, or in reasonable proximity when the front of the residence is not available. The owner of the vehicle would be limited to eight such exemptions per calendar month. Nothing in the ordinance shall be construed to permit sleeping in a vehicle as prohibited by Section 9.54.010 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code.

Medical Permits

Upon submittal of a written statement from a licensed medical doctor, the Chief of Police may issue a temporary medical parking permit providing the justification of the medical necessity requires that the RV must be kept near a residence for medical reasons.

Parking Exemption for Recreational Vehicles Driven on a Daily Basis

The Chief of Police may issue a parking permit exemption, valid for no longer than six months, to a recreational vehicle when used on a daily basis for work and on-premises parking is not reasonably available.

Forty-Five (45) Day Permit for Services or Repairs to Residential Property

Additionally, the Police Department would initiate and manage a permit process authorizing a forty-five (45) day permit for any oversized motor vehicle parked while being used in performing or assisting in performing services or repairs on residential property. This permit would only be issued and renewed upon proof that the vehicle is continuing to be used in performing the services described above.

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The permitted vehicles would be accessible in a database that would be searchable. When residents call about one of these types of issues, and if a permit existed, the resident would be advised. If a permit does not exist, enforcement would be streamlined, consistent, timely and effective.

Twenty-four (24) hour Commerical District Parking of Oversized Vehicles

The Police Department recommends that any oversized commercial vehicle, which includes motor trucks, detached trailers or semitrailers, as deccribed in California Vehicle Code Section 260, be limited to twenty-four (24) consecutive hours of parking in a commercial district for the purposes of loading and/or unloading, or furnishing commercial services or repairs to a business. Presently, these types of vehicles can legally park in commercial districts for up to seventy-two (72) hours, which negatively impacts available on street parking for business owners and clients. Typically, by the time a complaining party calls about one of these vehicles, one or more days has already passed which essentially extends the seventy-two (72) hours out several days.

Addition of the definition of "Movement"

The municipal code does not have a definitive measurement for the term 'movement' of vehicles as it applies to parking ordinances. The Police Department has contacted other cities that have addressed this issue in their municipal code. The distances these cities required to qualify as movement included, but were not limited to, "one block", "five-hundred (500) feet," "one-thousand (1000 feet)," "two tenths (0.2) of a mile", and "two-thousand (2000) feet." The Police Department's recommendation is to provide a definition within our existing statute that states:

"Successive acts of parking within a two-tenths of a mile area shall be presumed to be a single act of parking."

Signage

Enactment of this ordinance will require Public Works to post appropriate signage at all vehicular entry points into the City reflecting these restrictions. Approximately forty (40) signs are impacted. The cost to fabricate and install each sign is \$100.00, for a total estimated cost of \$4,000.00.

It is the position of the Police Department that if Section 10.44 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is amended with the above recommendations, the enforcement strategy would be streamlined, consistent, timely, effective and most importantly, equitable.

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Environmental Status:

Not applicable.

Attachment(s):

City Clerk's Page Number	No.	Description
8	1	An Ordinance of the City of Huntington Beach amending Chapter 10.44 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code.
12	2	Legislative Draft, Chapter 10.44

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ATTACHMENT # 1

ORDINANCE NO. 3699

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
AMENDING CHAPTER 10.44 OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING

The City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 10.44.060 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.44.060 Oversized vehicle parking regulations. Except as herein provided, no person shall park or leave standing upon any public street or highway in a residential district:

- (a) Any motor vehicle over twenty-five (25) feet long measured from the extreme forward point to the extreme rear point, including extensions;
- (b) Any motor vehicle, over ninety-six (96) inches wide, measured at its widest point excluding side-view mirrors or similar extensions, designed, used or maintained for the transportation of property;
- (c) Any motor vehicle, including buses, motor trucks, trailers, semitrailers, trailer coaches, or truck tractors as defined in the Vehicle Code, over ninety-six (96) inches wide, measured at its widest point excluding side-view mirrors or similar extensions, designed, used or maintained for the transportation of property;
- (d) Any motor vehicle which is designed, used or maintained as farm machinery or a special purpose or equipment machine; or
- (e) Any nonmotorized vehicle, such as a semitrailer, trailer, trailer coach, utility trailer, two or more axle camper, or a one-axle camper, which has been detached from its drawing vehicle; or (1935-11/74, 2115-11/76, 2514-12/81, 2855-12/86)
- (f) Any "recreational vehicle (RV)", over twenty (20) feet long measured from the extreme forward point to the extreme rear point, including extensions. The term "recreational vehicle (RV)" shall have the same meaning as set forth in California Health and Safety Code Section 18010 or successor statute.

SECTION 2. Section 10.44.062 is hereby added to the Huntington Beach Municipal Code, said section to read as follows:

10.44.062 Recreational vehicle parking-special permits.

- (a) The Chief of Police may issue a temporary permit for the overnight parking of a recreational vehicle if there is a finding that the vehicle is used on a daily basis for

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work and on-premise parking is not reasonably available. A permit issued based on this finding shall not be valid for longer than six months.

- (b) The Chief of Police may issue a temporary permit to persons who demonstrate by way of written statement from a licensed medical doctor, that the RV must be kept near a residence for medical reasons.

SECTION 3. Section 10.44.065 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.44.065 Exceptions. Section 10.44.060 shall not apply to the following:

- (a) Recreational vehicles, or unattached boat or personal water craft trailer, parked for the purpose of loading, or other short term use, provided that a permit has been issued in advance by the Chief of Police. A permit may be issued for loading, unloading, or other short-term use not to exceed twenty-four hours, provided that no more than eight such periods are allowed in a calendar month. Such parking shall be limited to the area in front of the residence from which the loading or unloading will occur, or in reasonable proximity thereto if the front of the residence is not available for parking.
- (b) Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to permit sleeping in a vehicle prohibited by Section 9.54.010 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code.
- (c) A permit may be issued for any oversized motor vehicle parked while used in performing or assisting in performing services or repairs on residential property. The permit will be valid for 45 days and will be renewed only upon proof that the vehicle is continuing to be used in performing the services described herein.
- (d) Any oversized motor vehicle which is parked for not more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours to make emergency repairs to such vehicle. Nothing herein shall be construed to permit violation of any restriction on vehicle repair elsewhere in the Huntington Beach Municipal Code.
- (e) Any nonmotorized vehicle, such as a semitrailer, trailer, trailer coach, utility trailer, two or more axle camper, or a one-axle camper which has been detached from its drawing vehicle parked for a period not to exceed four (4) hours in any area other than a residential district.
- (f) Successive acts of parking within a two-tenths of a mile area shall be presumed to be a single act of parking for purposes of this ordinance.
- (g) Any oversized commercial vehicle, including motor trucks, detached trailers or semitrailers, as described in California Vehicle Code Section 260, parked for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) consecutive hours in a commercial district for the purposes of loading and/or unloading, or to furnish commercial service or repairs to a business.

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- (h) No vehicle described in this section shall be left standing or parked on any public street or highway except in permitted areas, as described herein

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the _____ day of _____, 200_____.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jennifer M. [Signature]

City Attorney

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REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Penelope Cullin [Signature]

City Administrator

INITIATED AND APPROVED:

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Police Chief

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LEGISLATIVE DRAFT

Chapter 10.44

PARKING--TIME LIMITS

(255-2/33, 276-11/25, 322-1/29, 373-7/34, 533-7/48, 566-11/50, 1155-8/65, 1935-11/74, 2115-11/76, 2177-5/77, 2276-5/78, 2514-12/81, 2644-12/83, 2692-7/84, 2795-10/85, 2855-12/86, 3011-9/89, 3136-5/92, 3257-11/94, 3336-12/96)

Sections:

- 10.44.010 Twenty-four minute maximum
- 10.44.020 Twelve or twenty-four minutes--Violation
- 10.44.030 One-hour parking
- 10.44.040 Two-hour parking
- 10.44.050 Penalty--Continuing violations
- 10.44.060 Oversized vehicle parking regulations
- 10.44.062 Oversized vehicle parking-special permits**
- 10.44.065 Exceptions
- 10.44.070 Arterial highway oversize vehicle parking regulations

10.44.010 Twenty-four minute maximum. Green curb marking shall mean no standing or parking for a period of time longer than twenty-four (24) minutes at any time. (276-11/25, 322-1/29, 533-7/48, 1155-8/65, 3257-11/94)

10.44.020 Twelve or twenty-four minutes--Violation. When authorized signs or curb markings have been determined by the Director of Public Works to be necessary and are in place giving notice thereof, no operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand or park said vehicle adjacent to any such legible curb marking or sign in violation thereof. (276-11/25, 322-1/29, 533-7/48, 1155-8/65)

10.44.030 One-hour parking. When authorized signs or curb markings have been determined by the Director of Public Works to be necessary and are in place giving notice thereof, no operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand or park said vehicle between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. of any day except Sundays and holidays for a period of time longer than one hour. (255-2/23, 566-11/50, 1155-8/65)

10.44.040 Two-hour parking. When authorized signs or curb markings have been determined by the Director of Public Works to be necessary and are in place giving notice thereof, no operator of any vehicle shall stop, stand or park the vehicle between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. of any day except Sundays and holidays for a period of time longer than two hours. (322-1/29, 373-7/34, 1155-8/65)

10.44.050 Penalty--Continuing violations. Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall, upon a conviction thereof, be guilty of an infraction, and punishable by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), provided further that each period of time a vehicle is left parked after the initial violation of such provisions shall be deemed a separate offense, equal to the maximum legal parking time for the particular time zone or parking space as designated in sections setting the maximum legal time. (1155-8/65, 2276-5/78)

10.44.060 Oversized vehicle parking regulations. **Except as herein provided,** No person shall park or leave standing upon any public street or highway in a residential district:

- (a) Any motor vehicle over twenty-five (25) feet long measured from the extreme forward point to the extreme rear point, including extensions;
- (b) Any motor vehicle, over ninety-six (96) inches wide, measured at its widest point excluding side-view mirrors or similar extensions, designed, used or maintained for the transportation of property;

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- (c) Any motor vehicle, including buses, motor trucks, trailers, semitrailers, trailer coaches, or truck tractors as defined in the Vehicle Code, over ninety-six (96) inches wide, measured at its widest point excluding side-view mirrors or similar extensions, designed, used or maintained for the transportation of property;
- (d) Any motor vehicle which is designed, used or maintained as farm machinery or a special purpose or equipment machine; or
- (e) Any nonmotorized vehicle, such as a semitrailer, trailer, trailer coach, utility trailer, two or more axle camper, or a one-axle camper, which has been detached from its drawing vehicle for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours; or. (1935-11/74, 2115-11/76, 2514-12/81, 2855-12/86)
- (f) Any "recreational vehicle (RV)", over twenty (20) feet long measured from the extreme forward point to the extreme rear point, including extensions. The term "recreational vehicle (RV)" shall have the same meaning as set forth in California Health and Safety Code Section 18010 or successor statute.**

10.44.062 Recreational vehicle parking-special permits.

- (a) The Chief of Police may issue a temporary permit for the overnight parking of a recreational vehicle if there is a finding that the vehicle is used on a daily basis for work and on-premise parking is not reasonably available. A permit issued based on this finding shall not be valid for longer than six months.**
- (b) The Chief of Police may issue a temporary permit to persons who demonstrate by way of written statement from a licensed medical doctor, that the RV must be kept near a residence for medical reasons.**

10.44.065 Exceptions. Section 10.44.060 shall not apply to the following:

- ~~(a) Any oversized recreational motor vehicle, as defined by California Health and Safety Code section 18010 or any amendments thereto, while parked or standing for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or property for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24); (3136-5/92)~~ **Recreational vehicles, or unattached boat or personal water craft trailer, parked for the purpose of loading, or other short term use, provided that a permit has been issued in advance by the Chief of Police. A permit may be issued for loading, unloading, or other short-term use not to exceed twenty-four hours, provided that no more than eight such periods are allowed in a calendar month. Such parking shall be limited to the area in front of the residence from which the loading or unloading will occur, or in reasonable proximity thereto if the front of the residence is not available for parking.**
- (b) Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to permit sleeping in a vehicle prohibited by Section 9.54.010 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code.**
- ~~(b)(c)~~ **A permit may be issued for Aany oversized motor vehicle parked while used in performing or assisting in performing services or repairs on residential property. The permit will be valid for 45 days and will be renewed only upon proof that the vehicle is continuing to be used in performing the services described herein.**

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- (e)(d) Any oversized motor vehicle which is parked for not more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours to make emergency repairs to such vehicle. ~~and~~ **Nothing herein shall be construed to permit violation of any restriction on vehicle repair elsewhere in the Huntington Beach Municipal Code.**
- (d)(e) Any nonmotorized vehicle, such as a semitrailer, trailer, trailer coach, utility trailer, two or more axle camper, or a one-axle camper which has been detached from its drawing vehicle parked for a period not to exceed four (4) hours in any area other than a residential district.
- (f) **Successive acts of parking within a two-tenths of a mile area shall be presumed to be a single act of parking for purposes of this ordinance.**
- (g) **Any oversized commercial vehicle, including motor trucks, detached trailers or semitrailers, as described in California Vehicle Code Section 260, parked for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) consecutive hours in a commercial district for the purposes of loading and/or unloading, or to furnish commercial service or repairs to a business.**
- (h) **No vehicle described in this section shall be left standing or parked on any public street or highway except in permitted areas, as described herein**

10.44.070 Arterial highway oversize vehicle parking regulations.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and (c) hereof, no person shall park or leave standing upon any arterial highway between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., or for longer than two (2) hours at any other time, any motor vehicle over eighty-four (84) inches high, measured from the surface of the roadway to its highest point, or over eighty-four (84) inches wide, measured from its widest point, excluding side view mirrors or similar extensions on any of the following highways in the City of Huntington Beach:

Adams Avenue	Edinger Avenue	McFadden Avenue
Algonquin Street	Edwards Street	Newland Street
Argosy Avenue	Ellis Avenue	Pacific Coast Highway
Atlanta Avenue	Garfield Avenue	Seventeenth Street
Banning Avenue	Goldenwest Street	Slater Avenue
Beach Boulevard	Gothard Street	Springdale Street
Bolsa Avenue	Graham Street	Talbert Avenue
Bolsa Chica Street	Hamilton Avenue	Ward Street
Brookhurst Street	Heil Avenue	Warner Avenue
Bushard Street	Indianapolis Avenue	Yorktown Avenue
Center Avenue	Magnolia Street	

(2177-5/77, 2644-12/83, 2692-7/84, 2795-10/85, 2855-12/86, 3011-9/89, 3336-12/96)

- (b) In case of emergency, oversize vehicles shall be removed immediately if between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., otherwise they may park on the highways listed in this section provided that such vehicles shall be removed within four (4) hours. Emergency parking is defined to mean any vehicle left standing at the roadside because of mechanical breakdown or because of driver's physical incapacity to proceed. (3336-12/96)

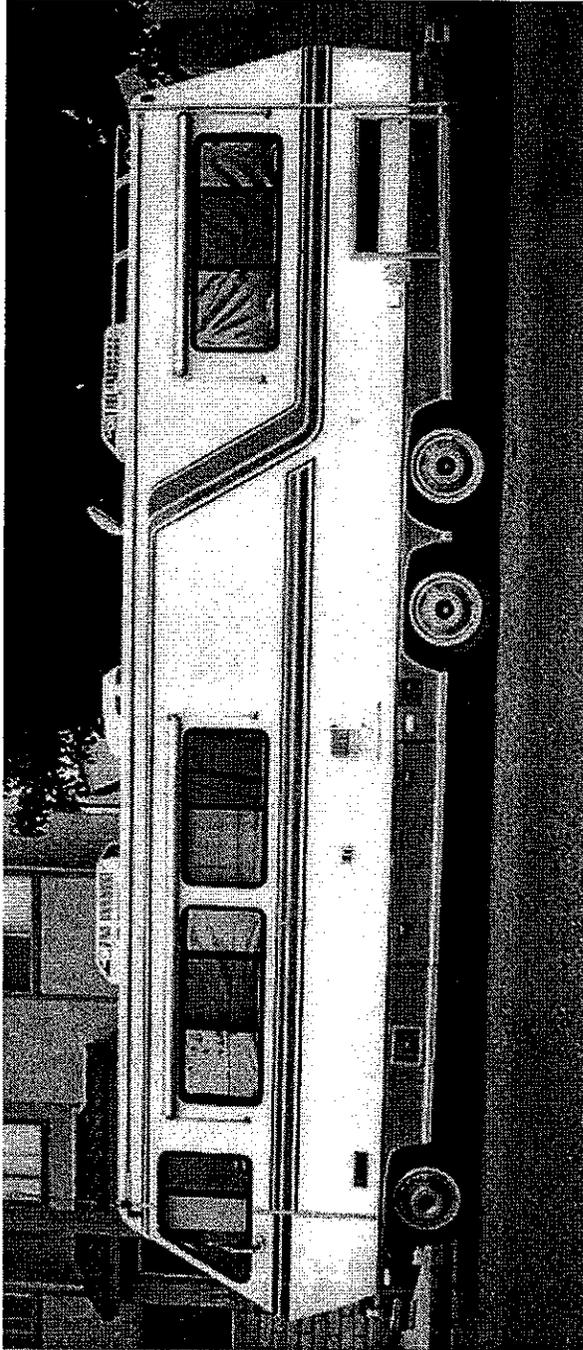
- (c) Notwithstanding the prohibition contained in this section, wherever highway markings clearly indicate legal on-street parking in front of residential property facing any arterial highway set out in subsection (a) hereof, an oversized vehicle may park or stand in front of such residential property for not more than eight (8) consecutive hours to load or unload passengers or property, or to furnish commercial services or repairs to the premises. (3336-12/96)

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Why amend the ordinance?

- ✓ City streets are being used for long term storage of RVs, boats and trailers
- ✓ Current ordinance is confusing and difficult to enforce
- ✓ Many RV owners do not support "strict" enforcement of current ordinance

History

- ✓ Proposed ordinance 2003
- ✓ Community Meeting
- ✓ Enforcement of "current law" with increased fine (\$76)
- ✓ Proposed ordinance August 2004
(Public information only)
- ✓ Community Meeting September 2004
- ✓ Continued input and revisions
- ✓ Current proposed ordinance

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Our Goal?

- ✓ Develop best possible ordinance for City of Huntington Beach
- ✓ Get ideas and suggestions from as many sources as possible
 - Letters, emails, individual and group meetings
- ✓ Committees formed and provided input
- ✓ Resolve as many issues as possible before council meeting

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Current Ordinance

- ✓ Residential areas
- ✓ Over 25' "no parking"
 - Exception RVs 24 hours for loading and unloading
- ✓ 25' and under 72 hours
- ✓ Unattached trailers 24 hours
- ✓ Enforcement Problems?
 - Delayed complaints
 - Vehicles moved when marked
 - Out of city/neighborhood vehicles

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Draft Ordinance

(August 2004)

- ✓ Applies to RVs as defined in Health & Safety code 20' and over, boats and personal watercraft
- ✓ Allows four 48 hour permits per month for each "residence"
- ✓ Permits can be used for residents or guests
- ✓ Reasonable proximity to residence
- ✓ Permit process

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Draft Ordinance

(February 2005 changes)

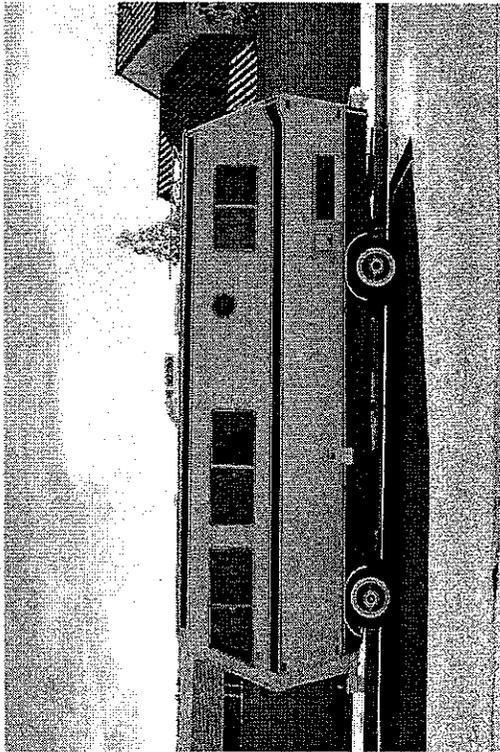
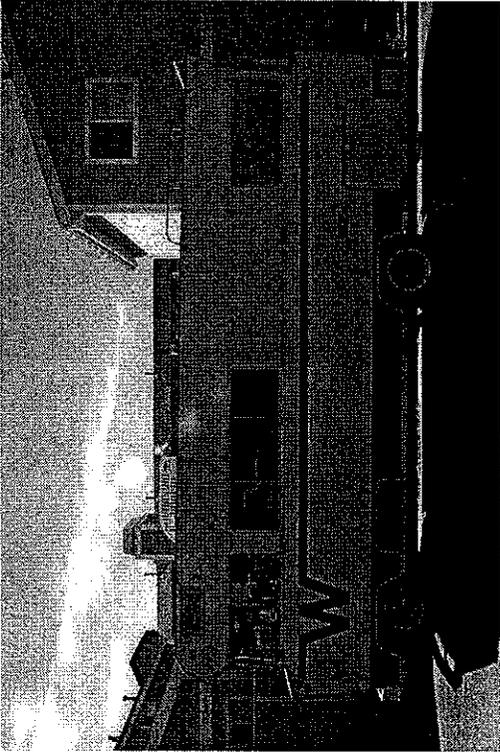
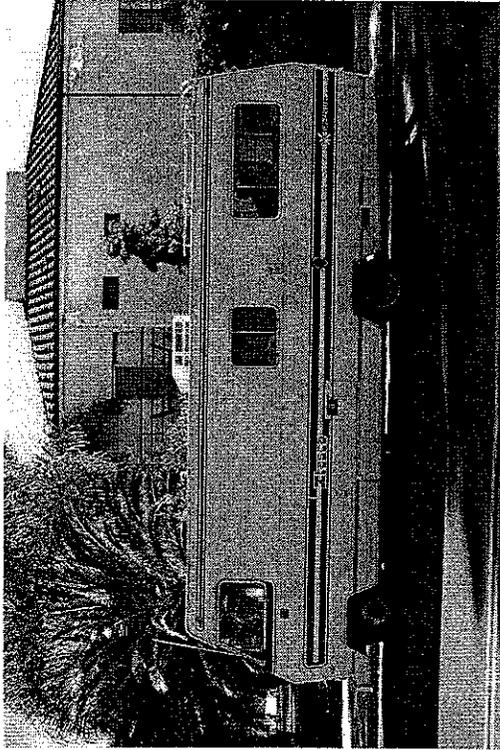
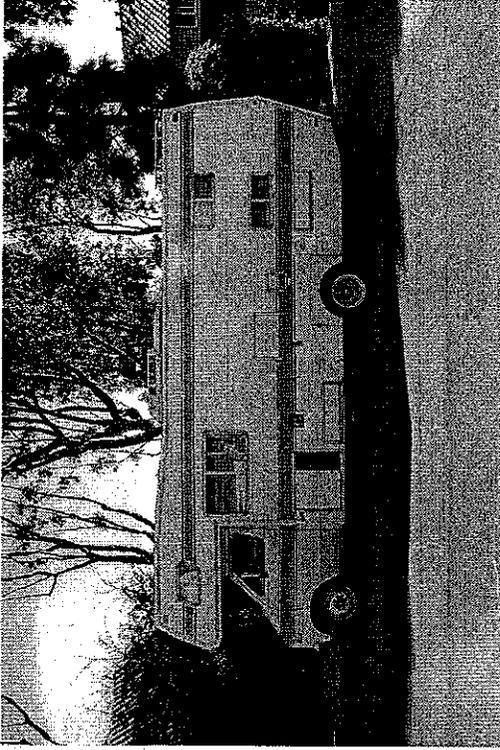
- ✓ Allows eight 24 hour permits per month for each "residence"
- ✓ Includes medical exemption
- ✓ Includes exemption for daily use (work related?)
- ✓ Expanded citywide and addresses commercial vehicle parking
- ✓ Includes exemption for service and repair vehicles

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G-2a.)

Unresolved Issues

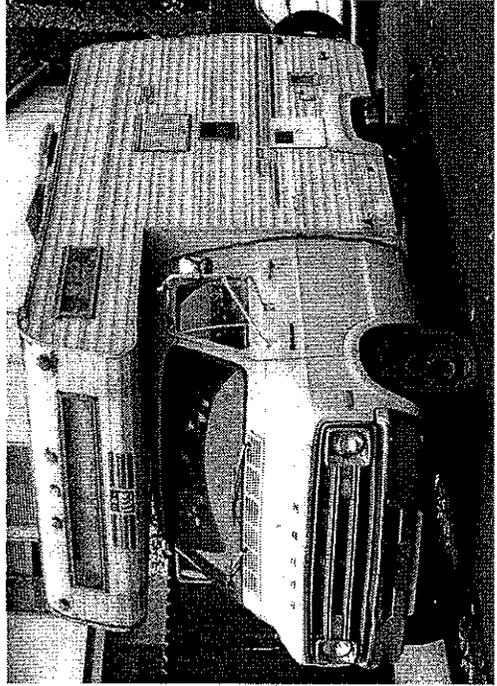
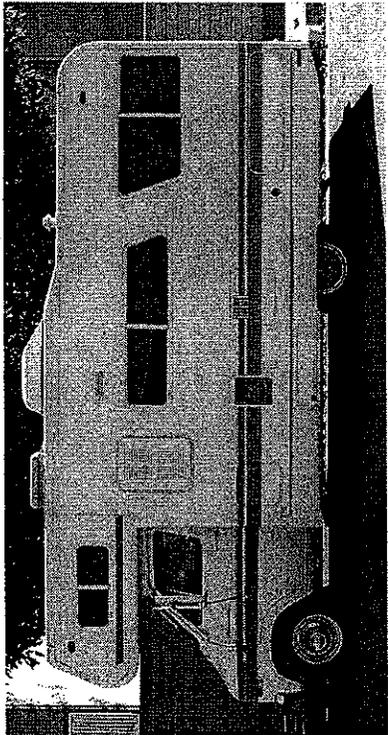
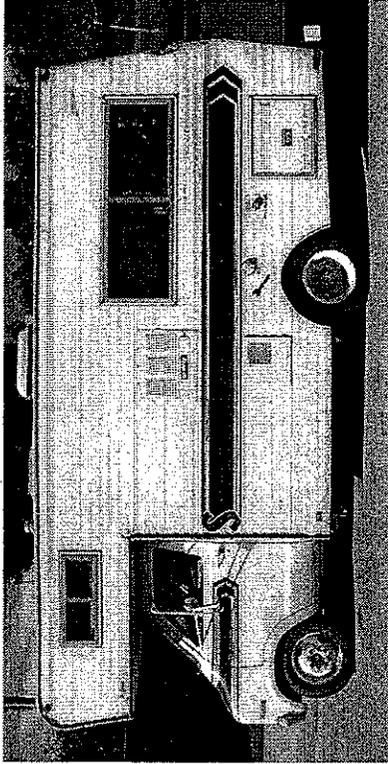
- ✓ Close proximity to residence
- ✓ 16 eight-hour periods?
- ✓ Permits per vehicle instead of per residence?
- ✓ 25 feet versus 20 feet



Can you identify the 25 ft RV?

G-2a.8

Additional RVs



G-29.9

Support in Drafting Ordinance

- Traffic Bureau (Lieutenant Lindsey and Karen Peterson)
- City Attorney's Office (Sarah Sutton)
- Residents and RV owners

Questions?

G-29.10

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