

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Parking and Public Improvements Commission

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**DATE:** July 22, 2010

**SUBJECT: Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance and Parking Permit Program**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) conduct a public meeting and provide direction to the City Council regarding the proposed ordinances to:

1. Prohibit parking of non-motorized vehicles on City streets,
2. Prohibit parking of oversized vehicles on City streets, and the establishment of an oversized vehicle parking permit program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Council, Police Department, and other members of City staff receive complaints about traffic and parking each year. The presence of oversized/recreational vehicles (including motorhomes, campers, boats, commercial trucks, and trailers) is a recurring issue among these complaints. Concerns include safety issues, reducing visibility of drivers when backing out of driveways and entering intersections, child safety in reference to oversized vehicles parked near schools, visual blight and loss of multiple parking spaces.

As part of the City Council Work Plan for FY 2009/2010, Council requested that staff study the feasibility and impact of prohibiting parking for "oversized vehicles" including RVs, trailers and boats throughout the City. On March 2, 2010, City Council directed staff to work with the PPIC to develop the details of an oversized vehicle ordinance and permit program and to return to City Council with final recommendations.

On April 22, 2010, staff presented the PPIC with an overview of oversized vehicles parking in Manhattan Beach, including the results of an informal drive-around survey of oversized vehicles parking on Manhattan Beach streets. Various types of permit programs and ordinances from other jurisdictions were discussed. The PPIC directed staff to return with sample draft ordinances for non-motorized vehicles and oversized vehicles and to provide more information regarding the possible parameters of a permit program. The PPIC directed that the proposed ordinances and permit program should enhance the Police Department's ability to enforce parking restrictions, without becoming burdensome. The staff report and minutes from the April 22, 2010 meeting are attached as Exhibit C.

## **DISCUSSION:**

According to California Vehicle Code 22507, "local authorities may, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit or restrict the stopping, parking, or standing of vehicles...on certain streets or highways, or portions thereof, during all or certain hours of the day." Several cities in the Los Angeles area have implemented stricter regulations for oversized vehicles, including implementation of permit programs.

The proposed ordinances (Exhibits A and B) are anticipated to overcome the shortcomings of the City's existing 72-hour parking restriction. Manhattan Beach Municipal Code 14.36.060 titled, "Use of streets for storage of vehicles prohibited" states that "no person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle shall park such vehicle upon any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two (72) hours." The movement of vehicles every 72 hours is currently an endless cycle which allows vehicle owners trying to avoid a parking citation or vehicle impound a way to circumvent the City's 72-hour parking restrictions by moving their vehicle within the 72-hour period, causing the 72-hour monitoring period to reset. This results in repeated inspections by Police staff, only to discover the vehicle has been moved within that time period, sometimes only a few feet, and other times to the opposite side of the street or around the corner, thereby avoiding police action.

The Police Department conducted a survey of oversized vehicle parking restrictions implemented by other Los Angeles County cities. Of the 42 respondents, 22 have implemented an oversized vehicle parking permit program (Torrance, Rancho Palos Verdes, Lakewood, Temple City, South Pasadena, Signal Hill, Culver City, Hawthorne, Calabasas, Santa Clarita, Montebello, Lawndale, Bradbury, La Cañada Flintridge, Santa Monica, Los Angeles, Bellflower, Glendora, San Marino, Alhambra, Claremont, San Dimas).

To provide additional opportunity for public input, a notice regarding oversized vehicle parking and the July 22, 2010 PPIC meeting was distributed to residents and businesses in Manhattan Beach as a utility bill insert (Exhibit D), and announced at the Planning Commission and City Council televised meetings. This notice was also placed at the Police Department front desk and the Finance and Community Development Department counters at City Hall.

As of July 14, 2010, 30 written comments were received by City staff on this topic (Exhibit E). Twenty-five (25) were in support of a permit program, three (3) voiced general concerns about the availability of parking without specific opinions about oversized vehicles, and two (2) were opposed to oversized vehicle parking regulations/permit program.

### **Proposed Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance/Permit Program**

Based on feedback from residents, City Council, and PPIC, staff drafted proposed ordinances and outlined a basic permit program for the Commission's consideration and feedback. At the request of the PPIC, the issue of oversized vehicles will be handled with two separate ordinances—one expressly for the non-motorized vehicles (trailers, boats, etc.) and one for oversized motor vehicles.

#### ***Parking of non-motorized vehicles prohibited on City streets (Exhibit A)***

The proposed non-motorized vehicle ordinance is modeled after the cities of Thousand Oaks and Downey and prohibits all non-motorized vehicles (such as travel trailers, utility trailers, boats,

and inoperable cars), regardless of their size, from parking on City streets unless the non-motorized vehicle is attached to a motor vehicle capable of providing the motive power for moving the non-motorized vehicle upon the highway, street, alley, public way or public place. Exceptions may be allowed for loading/unloading or emergency repairs for up to eight hours.

***Parking of oversized vehicles prohibited on City streets (Exhibit B)***

The proposed oversized vehicle parking permit program is modeled after successful programs operated in other local cities, and closely resembles that of the City of Torrance, who implemented their oversized vehicle parking permit program in September 2006.

In the proposed ordinance, oversized vehicles are defined by size (any vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds 20 feet in length, 7 feet in width, or 8 feet in height). Exceptions are made for pickups and sport utility vehicles less than 25 feet long and 82 inches high.

Residents would be required to register their oversized vehicle with the City of Manhattan Beach by filling out the application, submitting proof of residency (i.e. California Driver License, utility bill, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance), and a one-time registration fee of \$25 per oversized vehicle. Residents will receive a vehicle registration sticker to display in their window.

In addition to registering the oversized vehicle, daily paperless parking permits must be purchased from the Finance Department. Daily permits, if purchased in bundles of 24 or more, cost less than \$1.00 per day and do not expire. Residents who wish to temporarily park their oversized vehicle on the street may do so directly in front of their home and adjacent to the curb of their own property (or to the side of the property if it is corner lot), and may do so for up to three (3) consecutive days by activating their pre-purchased daily paperless parking pass by calling the Police Department and providing their registration information and the date(s) they will be parked in front of their home. Residents may use up to 96 daily paperless parking permits each calendar year.

The ordinance also includes provisions for guests of Manhattan Beach residents who may need to park their oversized vehicle on City streets for a short period of time.

The ordinance includes provisions for residents who are handicapped, or who qualify with the City as a low-income family, or who can prove that the oversized vehicle is their primary mode of transportation on a daily basis. All other California Vehicle Code and Manhattan Beach Municipal Code laws still apply; i.e. the 72-hour rule, street sweeping signs, etc.

***Parking Adjacent to Schools***

Residents have voiced concerns about oversized vehicles parked adjacent to schools due to concerns about visibility and safety, and it is a point that City Council requested be addressed as part of the oversized vehicle parking ordinance. The new ordinance will prohibit oversized vehicles from parking anywhere, other than directly in front of the resident's home, thereby eliminating any opportunity for an oversized vehicle owner to park in front of a school or community center without being in violation of the ordinance.

***Oversized Vehicle Storage Options***

Residents raised concerns about finding suitable locations to store their oversized vehicles away from their residence, as well as the additional expense. Selecting a storage facility is a personal

choice, as many factors are taken into consideration. Price, location, security, and services provided are a few variables. Staff contacted ten storage businesses in the South Bay and found six had vacancies at present (locations in Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne, and Gardena). Most storage yards are outdoors, and range in price depending on the size of the space and services desired. Prices started at around \$130 to store a 26" vehicle.

### ***Enforcement and Fines***

The Police Department would enforce the new ordinances on a complaint basis and would exercise a common sense approach as to whether a reported vehicle is legitimately parked on a street versus one that is being "stored." Police staff has needed a tool to overcome the limitations of the 72-hour parking restriction and its related safety issues while allowing for flexibility for those legitimately using street parking for its intended short term purpose.

Under the new oversized vehicle ordinance, an RV parked on City streets without a permit would be in violation of the ordinance, and each day the vehicle was parked on city streets without a permit, it could be cited or towed. Some cities have chosen to keep the oversized vehicle parking citations at their normal parking citation fine amount. In Manhattan Beach, parking citations are \$45. Some other cities have increased the citation amount to increase the effectiveness of their enforcement efforts, and we have seen fines up to \$130.

Staff would use a variety of methods to notify the public of the adopted ordinances, including posting information on the City website, printing information in the City newsletter, and including an insert in utility bills.

### ***Cost to Implement the Program***

In order to enforce the provisions of the new ordinances in compliance with the California Vehicle Code, staff will need to post appropriate signs at all entrances to the City. The estimated cost for sign materials is anticipated to be less than \$5,000. Cost of staff time and initial registration stickers will be covered by the registration fees and daily paperless parking passes. Replacement registration stickers (in case of loss, theft, excessive fading, etc.) will be charged to the vehicle owner at cost (around \$5). All new fees and fines relating to the program will be established by resolution of the City Council.

### **Next Steps**

Once a recommendation is made by the PPIC, the Police Department will work with the City Attorney's Office, Community Development Department, Public Works Department, and the Finance Department to bring the ordinances and permit program to City Council for approval.

### **Exhibits:**

- A. Draft Detached Trailer Parking Ordinance
- B. Draft Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance
- C. Staff Report and Approved Minutes from the April 22, 2010 PPIC Meeting
- D. Public Notice - Utility Bill Insert
- E. Public Comments Received

**Proposed Ordinance - Detached Trailer Parking:**

**Parking of non-motorized vehicles prohibited on City streets**

No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any non-motorized vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, shall park such vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer upon any street, alley, public way or public place, unless such vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, at all such times it is so parked, is attached to a motor vehicle capable of providing the motive power for moving the vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer upon the highway, street, alley, public right of way or public place.

This subsection shall not prohibit the parking of a trailer or semi-trailer in the process of being loaded or unloaded, nor of a vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer which is disabled in such a manner and to such an extent that it requires some vehicle or facility other than its normal means of motivation to move the same along said highway, street, alley, public way or public place; provided, however, such vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer so disabled may remain so parked while unattached to the motor vehicle described in this subsection only for the time necessary for the vehicle or facility to be provided for its removal, and in no event longer than eight (8) hours.

Any person who violates any provision in this Article is guilty of an infraction and will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

## **Proposed Ordinance - Oversized Vehicle Parking:**

### **Parking of oversized vehicles and trailers prohibited on City streets**

#### **Section \_\_\_ Definitions**

The following definitions will govern the construction of the words and phrases used in this Article:

'Oversized Vehicle' shall mean any vehicle, as defined by Section 670 of the California Vehicle Code, or combination of vehicles, which exceeds twenty feet in length, seven feet in width, or eight feet in height, exclusive of projecting lights or devices allowed by Section 35109 or 35110 of the California Vehicle Code, as may be amended. Oversized Vehicle does not include pickup trucks or sport utility vehicles, which are less than twenty-five feet in length and eighty-two inches in height.

'Trailer' shall mean a trailer, semitrailer, camp trailer (including tent trailers), unmounted camper, or trailer coach as defined in Sections 242, 243, 550, 630, 635, and 636 of the California Vehicle Code, or fifth-wheel travel trailer, as defined in Section 324 of the Vehicle Code.

#### **Section \_\_\_ Parking of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers**

- (a) No person shall park or leave standing any Oversized Vehicle upon any public street or highway in the City.
- (b) No person shall park or leave standing any Trailer, regardless of length or width, upon any public street or highway in the City.

#### **Section \_\_\_ Exceptions**

The prohibitions contained in Section \_\_\_ shall not apply to any of the following:

- (a) Oversized Vehicles or Trailers for which an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit has been issued for a resident or an out-of-town visitor, in accordance with Section \_\_\_\_\_;
- (b) Any Oversized Vehicle or Trailers displaying a valid Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit issued pursuant to Section \_\_\_\_\_;
- (c) Oversized Vehicles or Trailers parked or left standing as a result of a mechanical breakdown so as to allow the performance of emergency repairs on the vehicle for a period not to exceed seventy-two hours;
- (d) Commercial vehicles making pickups or delivery of goods, wares or merchandise, or while providing services to a residence, including, but not limited to yard maintenance, pool care and maintenance, repair and construction services;
- (e) Tow trucks and similar vehicles that are in the course of providing services;
- (f) Public or utility vehicles and trailers that are in the course of providing services;
- (g) Any public emergency vehicle.

#### **Section \_\_\_ Registration of Oversized Vehicles or Trailers**

- (a) Each person registering an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer with the City must file with the City a completed application containing the following:
  - (1) The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
  - (2) The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the permit;

a. Acceptable proof of residency must be current and must include the following: California Driver's License or California Identification Card and one of the following: Property Tax Bill or Public Utility Bill (telephone bills are not acceptable).

(4) The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that shows the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer is registered in the City of Manhattan Beach;

(5) The license number, make, and model of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;

(6) Additional information the Police Department may require; The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.

(b) The City will issue Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers to people who meet the requirements listed above. The Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers will be displayed in the front-most side window on the street side of the oversized vehicle so it is clearly visible from the street, which is usually the left side.

### **Section 61.12.037 Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers – Fees**

Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers will be issued upon payment of a fee that will be set by Resolution of the City Council.

### **Section 61.12.040 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits**

(a) The purpose of authorizing the issuance of Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits is to give owners of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers the opportunity, for a limited time, to park the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway directly in front of their residence and adjacent to the curb of their own property (or to the side of the property if it is corner lot), and to allow an out-of-town visitor who owns an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer to park on a public street or highway directly in front of and adjacent to the curb of that property (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) of the residence which the out-of-town visitor is visiting for a limited time period.

(b) A resident with an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit who does not park their Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway directly in front of and adjacent to the curb of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) their residence will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

(c) An out-of-town visitor with an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit who does not park their Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway directly in front of and adjacent to the curb of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) the residence which the out-of-town visitor is visiting will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

### **Section \_\_\_ Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits**

(a) This subsection shall apply to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are registered with the City of Manhattan Beach.

(1) The Police Chief or designee, is authorized to issue Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits, pursuant to the following:

a. Each person desiring an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit shall file with the Manhattan Beach Police Department a completed City application form containing the following:

1. The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
2. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the permit;
3. Proof of residency

(1) Acceptable proof of residency must be current and must include the following: California Driver's License or California Identification Card and

one of the following: Property Tax Bill or Public Utility Bill (telephone bills are not acceptable).

4. The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that shows the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer is registered in the City of Manhattan Beach;
5. The license number, make, and model of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
6. The dates for which the permit is requested;
7. The dates and duration of any and all Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued to the applicant within the immediately preceding ninety day period;
8. Additional information the Police Department may require;
9. The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.

(2) Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued and approved by the Police Department shall include the license plate number of the designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer, the date of issuance, and the day of its expiration.

(3) The Police Chief or his designee is authorized to set up an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit call-in phone number or internet processing system.

(b) This subsection shall apply to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are not registered with the City (Out-of-Town Visitor Permits)

(1) The Police Chief or designee, is authorized to issue Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits, pursuant to the following:

(2) Each person desiring an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit shall file with the Manhattan Beach Police Department a completed City application form containing the following:

- A. The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
- B. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the permit;
- C. The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, or equivalent agency in another state, for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
- D. The name, address, and phone number of the resident that is being visited;
- E. The license number, make, and model of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
- F. The dates for which the permit is requested;
- G. The dates and duration of any and all Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued to the applicant during the current calendar year;
- H. The dates and duration of any and all Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued to the resident being visited during the current calendar year;
- I. Additional information the Police Department may require;
- J. The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.
- K. Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued and approved by the Police Department shall include the license plate number of the designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer, the date of issuance, and the day of its expiration.

(3) Permits shall be displayed in the front-most side window on the street side of the oversized vehicle so it is clearly visible from the street, which is usually the left side. Permits shall be displayed on the side of the Trailer for which it has been issued so that it is visible from the street, which is usually the left side of the Trailer.

(4) The Police Chief or his designee is authorized to set up an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit call-in phone number or internet processing system.



### **Section 61.12.060 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Duration**

(a) For Oversized Vehicles and Trailers registered with the City:

(1) An Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed 24 hours. An Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit will be valid from 12:00 p.m. one day until 11:59 a.m. the next day. Upon expiration of the permit, the applicant may apply for and be granted additional Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth in this Article. An applicant may request no more than 3 consecutive Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits (a total of 72 hours of parking to load and unload) at one time. In no event shall any person residence and/or designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer be issued more than 96 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits in any calendar year.

(b) For Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are not registered with the City under subsection (a) above (Out-of-Town Visitor Permits)

(1) An Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed 24 hours. An Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit will be valid from 12:00 p.m. one day until 11:59 a.m. the next day. Upon expiration of the permit, the applicant may apply for and be granted additional Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth in this Article. The Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit (Out-of-Town Visitor Permits) will be tied to the residence being visited. An applicant may request no more than 14 consecutive Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits at one time. In no event shall any person, residence and/or designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer be issued more than 30 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits in any calendar year.

### **Section \_\_\_ Oversized Vehicle Parking on Public Streets**

No person shall run electrical cords, extension cords, hoses, cables, or other items across, above or on the parkway or sidewalk from a residential or commercial property to an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer parked on a public street.

### **Section \_\_\_ Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Fees**

Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits will be issued upon payment of a fee that will be set by Resolution of the City Council.

### **Section \_\_\_ Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits**

(a) Purpose. The purpose of authorizing the issuance of Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits is to allow a handicapped person to park a designated oversized vehicle on a street/highway directly in front of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) and adjacent to the curb of their residence.

(b) Requirements. In order to be eligible to receive an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit, the following requirements must be met:

(1) The applicant must be entitled to receive a handicapped placard or license plate pursuant to the provisions of the California Vehicle Code;

(2) The oversized vehicle is the only vehicle owned by the resident and is required to meet the daily transportation needs of the resident.

### **Section \_\_\_ Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits**

(a) The Police Chief or designee, is authorized to issue Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits, pursuant to the following:

(1) Each person desiring an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit shall file with the Manhattan Beach Police Department a completed City application form containing the following:

- (A) The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner and applicant of designated Oversized Vehicle;
  - (B) The license number, make, and model of designated oversized vehicle;
  - (C) The year for which the permit is requested;
  - (D) The years of any and all previous Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits issued to the applicant;
  - (E) Additional information the Police Department may require;
  - (F) The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.
- (2) Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits issued and approved by the Police Department shall include the license plate number of the designated Oversized Vehicle, the date of issuance and the day of its expiration.
- (3) Permits shall be displayed in the front-most side window on the street side of the oversized vehicle so it is clearly visible from the street, which is usually the left side.

### **Section \_\_\_\_ Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits - Duration**

Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits shall be valid for a period of one year, so long as the holder thereof meets the requirements of this section relating to such permits. Permits may be renewed on an annual basis.

### **Section \_\_\_\_ Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Fees**

Oversized Vehicle Handicap Permits shall be issued without any fees.

### **Section \_\_\_\_ Permit Denial**

A permit must be denied if the Police Chief or designee finds that:

- (a) The applicant or the person the applicant is visiting is not a bona fide city resident;
- (b) The proposed location is not on a street directly in front of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) and adjacent to the curb of the residence of the applicant or the person the applicant is visiting;
- (c) The out-of-town visitor is not a guest of the resident;
- (d) Information submitted by the applicant is materially false; or
- (e) If the application is for an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Permit
  - 1. The applicant is not entitled to receive a handicap placard or license plate under the California Vehicle Code; or
  - 2. The Oversized Vehicle is not the applicant's only vehicle.

### **Section \_\_\_\_ Violation of Article**

- (a) Any person who violates any provision in this Article is guilty of an infraction and will be subject to citation, towing, or both.
- (b) Every person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit or Permit number with the intent to avoid compliance with this Article is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (c) Every person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit or Permit number with the intent to avoid compliance with this Article is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(d) Every person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Sticker with the intent to avoid compliance with this Article is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(e) Every person who forges, alters, or counterfeits an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit, an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit, or an Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Sticker is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(f) Every person who parks or leaves standing an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway without a valid Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit or a valid Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit is guilty of an infraction and will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

(g) Every person who parks or leaves standing an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway without a valid City of Manhattan Beach Resident Registration Sticker, except visitors with a valid Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit, is guilty of an infraction and will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

### **Section \_\_\_\_ State of Emergency**

The prohibitions in this Article shall not apply to the parking of any oversized vehicle during the pendency of any state of emergency declared to exist within the City of Manhattan Beach by the City Council.

### **Section \_\_\_\_ Application of Regulations**

The prohibitions in this Article will apply at all times, or at those times specified, except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device.

The time limitations on standing or parking in this Article will not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of the California Vehicle Code or the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code prohibiting or limiting the standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

Nothing in this Article will be construed to permit vehicle habitation on a public street as prohibited by Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code.”

**EXHIBIT**  
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**DATE:** April 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** **Consideration of City Wide Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance and Parking Permit Program.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) conduct a public meeting and make a recommendation to City Council regarding creation of a City wide oversized vehicle parking ordinance and a parking permit program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Council, Police Department, and other members of City staff receive complaints about traffic and parking each year. The presence of oversized/recreational vehicles (including motorhomes, campers, boats, and trailers) is a recurring issue among these complaints. Concerns include safety issues, reduced visibility of drivers when backing out of driveways and entering intersections, child safety in reference to oversized vehicles parked near schools, loss of multiple parking spaces, and visual blight.

As part of the City Council Work Plan for FY 2009/2010, Council requested that staff study the feasibility and impact of prohibiting parking for "oversized vehicles" including RVs, trailers and boats throughout the City.

On March 2, 2010, staff presented City Council with a brief overview of actions taken by other cities to manage oversized vehicle parking and provided results of an informal drive-around survey of oversized vehicle parking on Manhattan Beach streets. City Council approved referring the concept of creating an Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance and Permit Program to PPIC for review and recommendation.

A public notice was published in the April 15, 2010 edition of *The Beach Reporter* (Exhibit D) to ensure that interested parties would receive notification of this public meeting and be able to discuss this matter and provide comments.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Existing Conditions**

Currently, existing Manhattan Beach Municipal Code (MBMC) regulations provide the City with the following enforcement capabilities regarding the parking of oversized/recreational vehicles and non-motorized vehicles upon City streets.

- MBMC 14.36.060 prohibits the use of streets for storage of vehicles; no vehicle shall be parked on any street or alley for more than 72 consecutive hours.
- MBMC 14.36.160 prohibits overnight camping; it is unlawful for a person to use or occupy any vehicle for human habitation, including but not limited to sleeping or eating on any street, alley, or parking lot between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- MBMC 5.28.130 prohibits trailers and camp cars from being parked on City streets for more than 24 consecutive hours. Camp car and/or trailer is defined as a unit used for living, sleeping, or business purposes which is equipped with wheels or similar devices used for the purpose of transporting the unit from place to place.

These municipal codes are difficult to enforce and require constant monitoring by Police staff to ensure that the vehicles are not exceeding the designated time limits. Vehicle owners are often aware of the 72-hour grace period and move the vehicle within that time period, sometimes only a few feet, and other times to the opposite side of the street or around the corner.

**Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions Adopted by Other Cities**

According to California Vehicle Code 22507, "local authorities may, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit or restrict the stopping, parking, or standing of vehicles...on certain streets or highways, or portions thereof, during all or certain hours of the day." Several cities in the Los Angeles area have implemented stricter regulations for oversized vehicles, including implementation of permit programs.

To gain a better understanding of the programs currently in place across the County, the Police Department conducted a survey of oversized vehicle parking restrictions implemented by other Los Angeles County cities. Of the 42 respondents, 30 cities have a way of preventing RV storage on city streets that goes beyond the code prohibiting seventy-two hour consecutive street parking. Of those 30 cities, 22 have implemented some form of RV parking permit programs, 7 do not allow overnight RV parking (typically from 2:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m.) with very few exceptions, and one city limits RV street parking to only two hours.

<b>Cities With RV Parking Permit Programs</b>	
Absolutely No RV Parking At Any Time Without a Permit	Torrance, Rancho Palos Verdes, Lakewood, Temple City, South Pasadena, Signal Hill
RV Loading/Unloading Allowed for Limited Period of Time Without Permit, Parking for Longer Period of Time Requires a Permit	Culver City, Hawthorne, Calabasas, Santa Clarita, Montebello, Lawndale, Bradbury, La Cañada Flintridge
Daytime RV parking Allowed Without a Permit, Permit Required for Overnight RV Parking	Santa Monica, Los Angeles, Bellflower, Glendora, San Marino, Alhambra, Claremont, San Dimas

<b>Cities With Parking Restrictions that Impact RVs, But No RV Permit Program</b>	
Daytime RV Parking Allowed, Absolutely No Overnight RV Parking	Beverly Hills, La Mirada, San Gabriel, Duarte, Whittier, Cerritos, Sierra Madre
RV Parking Allowed for Limited Time	Inglewood

The remaining respondents (El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, La Verne, Downey, Rosemead, South El Monte, Monrovia, Compton, Artesia, Norwalk, and Palmdale) do not have ordinances prohibiting parking beyond the typical 72-hour restriction.

### **Oversized Vehicles in Manhattan Beach**

According to the State Department of Motor Vehicles, there are 166 Motorhomes registered to Manhattan Beach addresses. An informal study conducted by Police Department personnel and volunteers indicate that there are typically approximately 30+ Motorhomes/RVs and Boats parked on Manhattan Beach streets, primarily in the areas of Pacific School, Grand View School/Sand Dune Park, Parkview Avenue/Marriot Golf Course, Live Oak Park and Liberty Village. Of the 30+ RVs found on City streets during the informal drive-by survey, all but two were registered to Manhattan Beach addresses (the two not registered in Manhattan Beach appeared to be out-of-town guests).

### **Issues for Consideration**

It is recommended that PPIC discuss the issue of oversized vehicle parking within the community, review the attached oversized vehicle parking ordinances from Torrance, Rancho Palos Verdes, and Lakewood (Exhibits A, B, & C), provide recommendations for a Manhattan Beach Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit Program, and forward recommendations to City Council for approval. The PPIC should seek community input and consider the following issues in making their recommendations:

- How will the City define an "oversized" vehicle (i.e. determined by height, width, or length, or by vehicle classification - motorhome, trailer, boat, camper, etc.)
- What parking time limits for oversized vehicles should be considered (including the possibility of overnight restrictions)
- If implementing an oversized vehicle permit program, what information will be required to obtain a permit (i.e. owner information, proof of residency, emergency contact, proof of current vehicle insurance, etc.)
- Will there be fees associated with the permit program, to subsidize the program
- Will there be a maximum number of days allowed for oversized vehicle parking
- Will permit require parking in proximity to one's residence
- Will stricter oversized vehicle parking restrictions be imposed in designated areas (i.e. around schools, or near intersections)

- How will guests with oversized vehicles be accommodated (i.e. temporary parking permits for visitors)
- What are the expected impacts to residents who own oversized/recreational vehicles
- Non-motorized vehicles should be included in the ordinance (i.e. recreational or utility trailers or boats attached or not to a motorized vehicle) regarding temporary parking
- Enforcement actions to be taken by the Police Department when an oversized vehicle, trailer or boat is found parked in violation of the ordinance. The enforcement action should include an immediate parking citation and/or the immediate removal if a Police Officer or Parking Officer determines the oversized vehicle or trailer is posing an immediate danger to the public health and safety.

### **Next Steps**

PPIC's recommendation related to the proposed Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit program will be forwarded to the City Council for approval and further direction. The Police Department will coordinate the establishment of the permit program and will solicit feedback from the City Attorney's Office, Community Development Department, Public Works Department, and the Finance Department, as needed.

### **Exhibits:**

- A. Copy of the oversized vehicle ordinance from the City of Torrance
- B. Copy of the oversized vehicle ordinance from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes
- C. Copy of the oversized vehicle ordinance from the City of Lakewood
- D. Public Notice

Chairman Gross announced a brief recess at 8:34 p.m.  
The meeting was reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

**04/22/10-4 Consideration of City Wide Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance and Parking Permit Program**

Management Analyst Madrid introduced the item.

Lieutenant Andy Harrod presented this item to the Commission. He noted that there had been concerns brought to City Council and the Police Department addressing the parking of oversized vehicles, trailers, RV's and boats on City streets. Folks are concerned about safety, visibility, child safety, loss of parking around the schools for parents (there seems to be quite a number of RV's parked around the schools) and visual blight as some of these vehicles are unsightly.

Lieutenant Harrod stated that this was an item that Council had brought up at the 2009-2010 Work Plan Meeting. A presentation was provided to Council at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting showing an overview of what other cities are doing to mitigate this problem. City Council had requested that other cities be surveyed in Los Angeles County, three cities (out of the 42 surveyed) and the ordinances they had adopted were included in the report.

At the present time there are three ordinances in the City's tool box that can be used to enforce the parking of oversize vehicles on the City streets;

- 72 hour parking limit
- Prohibition of overnight camping from 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.
- Prohibition of campers parking for 24 consecutive hours.

Lieutenant Harrod recommended a permit program that would allow the City to track the number of RV, unattached trailers, boats, etc. in the City, limit time they can park on the street, perhaps designate areas where they can park and restrict areas where they would prohibit parking due to safety concerns such as parking near schools and intersections. A permit system would also provide the police with information such as the name of owner, contact information, insurance information, etc.

Lieutenant Harrod also pointed out that there has not been any type of significant crime reported regarding these RV's parked on the street. Presently he stated that there are 166 registered RV's in the City, (this doesn't include boats or trailers) and 30 that are routinely parked on the street.

There was some discussion among the Commissioners and Lieutenant Harrod as to if and where there may be some area in the City that could be designated as RV parking. Perhaps a place where the City can charge a fee for RV owners to park their vehicles.



Commissioner Stabile recommended that the City pass an ordinance regarding parking RV's, trailers, oversized vehicles and boats on the streets which the police could enforce and therefore resolve the existing problems.

Lieutenant Harrod would like to see an ordinance drafted that would be fair to all.

Commissioner Adami suggested that the parking lot off Peck at the Manhattan Beach Unified School District could be used and a fee charged that the schools could benefit from.

More discussion followed among the Commissioners and Lieutenant Harrod about the size of the vehicles. Currently Torrance considers any vehicle over 20 feet long, seven feet wide and eight feet high to be oversized.

Commissioner Gross would like the intent of the ordinance to limit parking of RV's on the street to two hours for loading and unloading.

### **Audience Participation**

Chair Gross opened the item to public comment at 9:22 p.m. The Following person spoke on this item:

**Steve De Baets, 1350 18<sup>th</sup> Street**, shared his opposition to the permit program, he feels that he already pays a registration fee to the State that allows him to park his RV on the street for two consecutive days to load and unload his vehicle. He currently stores his RV but he and his wife use it a couple times a month and would not want to be fined for parking it on the street those couple days while he prepares or returns from a trip. Mr. De Baets also expressed his confusion as to why police is unable to enforce the laws and keep the RV's from parking on the street continuously.

**Aileen Martin, Hermosa Beach**, spoke of her opposition to RV parking on City streets. She had safety concerns for children and lack of visibility as well as taking up valuable parking space. Ms. Martin opposes the permit program.

Lieutenant Harrod elaborated on the permit program that the City of Torrance adopted.

- RV owners are permitted to park on City streets 96 times per year. There is a \$25 yearly registration fee, and permits cost \$20 for 24 one day parking permits, which can be used to load and unload your vehicle.
- Allows guest vehicles to stay for 14 consecutive days.

Commissioner Stabile would like to know the cost to the City to implement a permit process.

**Steven Robins, 1805 Herrin Avenue**, thanked Commissioner Silverman for his efforts to be fair to RV owners.

**Stephanie Monash, 1805 Herrin Avenue**, an RV owner who currently parks their RV in front of their home. In an effort to be courteous to their neighbors they have approached them about their RV being parked on the street and have yet to have a neighbor complain. She is not opposed to a permit program but doesn't want to have to give up their RV which would happen if they were forced to pay storage fees amounting to more than \$1200 annually.

**Joana Gallo Marsteller, 758 26<sup>th</sup> Street**, is concerned about the RV's that park in front of her home as they cause a safety issue, blocking visibility while exiting or entering her drive way. Palos Verdes has an ordinance which requires RV owners to have their neighbors sign off on their parking their RV in front of their home.

Chair Gross closed public comments at 9:50 p.m.

A discussion among Commissioners followed public comment. Commissioner Silverman said it only takes one bad guy to ruin it for the rest. He stated that the responsible RV owners shouldn't be penalized. He would like to try and find a way that would teach those who violate their neighbors how to be more respectful and considerate.

Commissioner Adami asked if limousines were included in the oversized vehicle category.

Commissioner Stabile had a number of concerns about the issues with oversized vehicles parking on City streets. He would like Staff to create an ordinance that was fair. He is opposed to the banning of RV's completely in the City as Torrance has done. Commissioner Stabile would like to address the long term parking of boats, trailers, RV's etc. parked on the City streets. He would like to investigate the complexities of City permits, the cost of implementing the program and the cost imposed on residents. He feels the City is not in a position financially to take on a program that would increase costs to the City. Commissioner Stabile admitted to having a difficult time reconciling the issue of those RV owners who are respectful of their neighbors and those who are not. He also expressed his concern over the difficulty of crafting an ordinance that would permit ease of enforcement by the Police Department and one that would be fair to RV owners.

Chair Gross pointed out that there was less than a quarter of registered RV owners who were the cause of the complaints received by City Council and the police department. (166 registered owners and 30 vehicles that consistently park on the street.) He expressed an interest in the permit program but had several questions as to what it might include such as:

- Would it require owners of oversized vehicles to store their vehicles as opposed to parking them on the street?
- How many days per year would it permit oversized vehicles to park on the street.
- Would a permit program assist in enforcing an ordinance?
- Safety and visibility issues need to be addressed.
- Would 5<sup>th</sup> wheelers be classified in this group?
- What would the restrictions be on vehicles parked awaiting repairs?
- How long could visiting RV's park on the street?
- What about rented RV's; couldn't be registered, how long could you park on street to load and unload?
- How do you distinguish between commercial vehicles and recreational vehicles?

Commissioner Adami understands that Council would like to see two issues addressed; parking oversized vehicles on streets and a permit program. He feels that the streets west of Sepulveda are narrower than those east of Sepulveda. He is OK with the 72 hour parking restriction and again mentioned the use of the parking lot on Peck at the Manhattan Beach Unified School District.

The commission agreed that the items discussed in the Staff report would not be resolved with a permit program alone. They would like to see required actions that would lessen the burden on our Police Department to enforce the rules.

The commission recommended for staff to report back with a more detailed report and sample draft ordinance addressing the following items:

- Draft an ordinance prohibiting parking of unattached trailers on all City street
- Define and address the size of vehicles to be classified in the oversized vehicle category
- Do we want to restrict where RV's are allowed to park?
- Do we want to restrict RV's from parking in front of schools?
- Do we want to provide the police with a tool that allows them to cite oversized vehicles that obstruct visibility or sticks out prohibiting safe passage?
- Provide options on a permit program
- Which restrictions would allow ease of enforcement for the Police Department and which would not?
- Define parking exceptions for emergency repairs for oversized vehicles
- Feasibility of creating an opt-in program by streets or a City wide ordinance

## **F. COMMISSION ITEMS**

1. None.

Public Notice - Utility Bill Insert



**COMMUNITY**  
**WORKSHOP**

**Oversized Vehicle Parking  
on City Streets**

Do you own an oversized vehicle  
such as a motorhome or trailer, or  
have you had a concern with a  
motorhome and/or trailer  
parked in your neighborhood?

The City of Manhattan Beach is considering an ordinance to regulate the parking of oversized vehicles and trailers on City streets. Further discussion of this subject is scheduled for the upcoming Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting (PPIC).

When: July 22, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Council Chambers, City Hall  
1400 Highland Ave, Manhattan Beach

Residents are encouraged to attend the PPIC Meeting or to send their comments by mail or e-mail to Lt. Andy Harrod:

Lt. Andy Harrod  
Manhattan Beach Police Dept.  
420 15th Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
(310) 802-5165  
[aharrod@cityymb.info](mailto:aharrod@cityymb.info)

The Staff Report will be available at  
[www.cityymb.info](http://www.cityymb.info) on July 16 after 5:00 p.m.



Public Comments Received

**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** Julie Dahlgren  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2010 6:25 PM  
**To:** Julie Dahlgren

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**From:** Joana Gallo Marsteller [mailto:jcgallo.marsteller1@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2010 4:42 PM  
**To:** Nhung Madrid  
**Subject:** Oversized Vehicle & RV Ordinance

Dear Ms. Madrid,

Thank you so very much for all your efforts to respond to my inquiries regarding the oversized vehicle (OV)/RV that is being parked in front of my home, which is at 758- 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

I plan to attend the meeting on 4/22/10, regarding the drafting of an ordinance addressing the parking of OVs and RVs in Manhattan Beach. We hope that you will share our situation and concerns with the Parking and Public Improvements Commission, which will be making their recommendation to the City Council.

We moved to our property in June of 1980 and have occasionally experienced problems with boats and OVs being parked on our block, but these were short-termed and the vehicles were eventually moved by the owners. However, since Fall 2009, we have had difficulty with an OV/RV being parked in front of our home, on the west side of our property. The owner of the OV/RV, intends to keep this vehicle parked there as long as he owns it, even though it creates a safety hazard by blocking both our vision and the vision of oncoming, east-bound traffic, when we are exiting our driveway. For example, between 1/1/10 and 2/15/10 we were involved in 5 separate incidents of near-miss auto accidents as we attempted to exit our driveway. The current lack of an ordinance dealing with the parking of OVs and RVs on our city's streets leave us without recourse to address this dangerous situation.

Our street does not have curbs, sidewalks nor consistent setbacks from the street. Therefore, we are at the mercy of OV and RV owners to be considerate of their neighbors and conscientious about the visibility and safety issues that their vehicles create. But again, those of us who suffer from the choices of the OV/RV owners' decisions about where to park, are left with no recourse to address the safety issues that are created.

We are also experiencing another offshoot of the OV/RV owner's decision to park in front of our property. Our arborist advised us that the lack of sunlight and free flow of breeze, is damaging and may lead to the death of one of our 20 year old acacia trees. We finally have a tree replacement ordinance, which we strongly support, in the 'Tree Section', and again, without an ordinance prohibiting the

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parking of OV's and RV's on the streets of Manhattan Beach, we are without recourse to alleviating this situation and may have to replace a gorgeous planting, at significant personal expense.

We understand that numerous cities throughout southern California have ordinances that prohibit the parking of OV's and RV's on city streets and require that such vehicles be **PARKED ON THE PROPERTY OF THE OWNER**, and kept covered. I hope that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission will prohibit the parking of OV's and RV's on our city's streets. If however, the PPIC chooses to recommend that street parking be continued then I respectfully request that the ordinance state that the: **OV/RV MUST BE PARKED WITHIN THE EXTENDED PROPERTY LINES OF THE OV/RV OWNER'S PROPERTY ONLY, AND MUST NOT EXTEND INTO THE AREA WITHIN THE EXTENDED PROPERTY LINES OF NEIGHBORS.** Only then will issues of inconvenience to neighbors and traffic safety be addressed.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,  
Joana Gallo Marsteller  
John E. Marsteller

**Julie Dahlgren**  
**Police Management Analyst**  
P: (310) 802-5118  
E: jdahlgren@citymb.info



Please consider the environment before printing this email.

**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** Mike Griffith [gmichaelgriffith@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2010 5:38 PM  
**To:** Julie Dahlgren; Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** Opposition to Consideration of MB City Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance

Dear Ms. Julie Dahlgren, Mr. Andy Harrod, and PPIC,

We currently own a Recreation Vehicle and comply with current Manhattan Beach Parking Ordinances. Fortunately, we live on a corner so we have plenty of adjacent parking area and we do not park in front of neighbors. We are lifelong residents of the South Bay and 10 year homeowners in MB. We have owned our RV for 5 years.

We are thankful that current MB Parking Ordinances have accommodated our RV. We appreciate the convenience of having it adjacent our property. This convenience has enhanced the quality of life for us in MB. We have made many valuable childhood memories for our 3 boys in our RV.

We are concerned in MB, with 30,000 plus residents, this issue of 30 parked RV's is being taken out of proportion and our limited taxpayer resources could be better served on issues that are more important.

We understand from Ms. Dahlgren there have been about 2 documented complaints from years past regarding RV's, and some other undocumented verbal complaints that are not of public record. The 4/22/10 staff report states concerns that RV's may present. What documentation is available of actual accidents caused by a parked RV in Manhattan Beach? Are there any factual cases to support this?

Currently I am unemployed and it would not make financial sense for us to pay for RV storage. At my prior employer, I was able to store our RV free and did not park our RV adjacent our home.

This considered new MB Parking Ordinance would negatively impact our family. We would likely be forced to sell our RV, verses pay storage fees, and we would have to tell our family "no more RV camping trips and outings".

We are not available to attend the 4/22/10 public hearing due to volunteering at MB Little League snack stand duty in support of our 3 boys.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,  
Mike and Lynn Griffith  
1408 Harkness Street

7/15/2010



**Freda and Lamar Baker**

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**From:** "Freda and Lamar Baker" <lamarfreda@roadrunner.com>  
**To:** <aharrod@cityb.info>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 5:17 PM  
**Subject:** Street parking & oversized vehicles

Dear Lt. Harrod,

I think street parking, in general, is a problem. My family moved to Manhattan Beach in late 1973, and since then the number of vehicles of all types parked in the street has become not only a problem but a downright nuisance. Two cars cannot even pass on many of our residential streets because of vehicles parked on either side. It always reminds me of driving on the one-lane roads in Scotland; one car has to pull off the road to allow the other to pass.

Not long after moving here, The Beach Reporter ran an article stating that residents were to park their car in the garage, use their driveway for company, and leave the street for overflow parking, such as games, school meetings, etc. Boy, have things changed since those days! In my daughter's Florida neighborhood, people are not even allowed to *leave* a car on the street past a certain hour of the night.

I am sympathetic to people who own motor homes, boats, etc., who would have to pay a rental fee to park their equipment if they couldn't park them in front of their home. So I am not voting on that issue one way or the other; I merely want to bring the general parking problem to the forefront. I think that if the city urged it's residents to clear the junk out their garages, and use them for at least two of their vehicles, it would help make our streets more passable, more pleasant, and safer.

Freda Baker  
Manhattan Beach

*P.S. I got your email down wrong and did not want to rewrite this, so I decided to mail it.*

**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** Michael Friedlander [jmfriedlander5@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 5:12 PM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** Oversized Vehicle/RV Parking Situation  
**Attachments:** Harkness RV.jpg; Harkness RV2.jpg; Faymont RV.jpg

To Lt. Andy Harrod

I am writing in regards to the current RV parking situation in Manhattan Beach. I recieved a notice in my water bill this month about the concern in the community about RVs parking long-term, blocking the sight of drivers and pedestrians, and the fact that many of them are eyesores.

I wanted to add my voice to this discussion. I live in the Liberty Village area on Faymont Ave. Sunday I took a walk around one city block, from Faymont to 15th, north on Harkness and then turning on 19th back to my street. In this short stroll, I observed 3 RVs that are CONTINUOUSLY in those locations. It has been this way since I moved here in May 2008. One RV that is usually on 19th tends to move back and forth to bypass the 72-hour rule. The other RV is always there.

The Airstream that is pictured is on my street moves only when parking enforcement comes by or they take it on a short trip. Then it comes back and blocks our street. The other day, my five year-old daughter had to cross our street to get to a friend's house. She and I had to stand in the MIDDLE of the street in order to view any oncoming traffic. At that point, we were in danger. Our neighborhood streets are NOT parking lots for giant RVs.

My suggestion is that permits be issued for a 2-day maximum before a trip so that RV owners can take one day to pick up their RV and the other day to prep and clean. On the return, the owner can get a permit for another 2 days for the same purpose. The maximum number of permits would be 4 per month. Another suggestion is having one 6-day pass per month, with the owner specifically stating which days they would need to park on the street. A \$500 fine for any violation.

Thank you for caring enough to regulate this problem in our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Friedlander and Family

**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** Judy Jakemer [judyjakemer@roadrunner.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2010 10:10 AM

**To:** Andrew Harrod

**Subject:** Parking on City Streets

Lt. Andy Harrod

I live on [REDACTED] and I get to look at an old motorhome that has not been driven for several years and is parked on my street. Once in a while it is moved for street sweeping. Down the street is a 5th wheeler that almost blocks our narrow street. I certainly hope that something is done so the people in this tract can enjoy this beautiful area without all of the eye-sores we now have to tolerate.

A concerned resident

**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** Phillip Skornia [osensei1@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, June 12, 2010 1:05 PM

**To:** Andrew Harrod

**Subject:** oversize vehicle parking

Dear Lt. Andy Harrod,

I have been a Manhattan Beach resident for 40 years. I own a 32-foot HitchHiker 5th wheel trailer. I store it out of South Bay, but I need to park it in front of my house for a few days before a trip for cleaning and restocking. I also charge the batteries at that time. My trailer fits perfectly along the curb in front of my home, blocking no one.

A 3-day parking limit seems reasonable. I cannot do what I need to do while it is in storage. And, I have to store it 80 miles away because of storage costs. Common sense should prevail for residents who own RVs. There is no mess involved when cleaning because I have my regular trash cans. I also prefer to put my own home water in the tanks.

I will be unavailable on July 22, 2010, when you have the meeting. Please consider my input when considering this new ordinance.

Thank you,  
Dr. Phillip M. Skornia  
1 (310) 379-3136

**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 13, 2010 11:43 AM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** Motorhome parking

Dear Lt Harrod,  
regarding the upcoming hearing July 22nd on oversized vehicle and trailer parking, I don't know what the current time limits are (if any), but we do have a large motorhome parked on our street for 4 or 5 days at a time several times a year. One day is reasonable for packing up, but beyond that it becomes an eyesore. That's my opinion on the matter...  
Confidentially,  
a neighbor of a motorhome owner.

**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** Robert Shafton [rshafton@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 20, 2010 9:42 AM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** city parking

**SALLY AND BOB SHAFTON  
1912 THE STRAND  
MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90266  
(310) 545-2815 TELEPHONE  
(310) 545-0244 FAX  
rshafton@earthlink.net**

Dear Lt. Harrod,

We have no problem with oversized parking on the city streets, but we do have a major problem with the perpendicular parking, particularly on Manhattan Ave. north of Marine, and on Marine, so of Highland right off of Ocean. These folks , in their need to leave the sidewalks clear are parking out much too far for safety into the middle of the narrow streeets. Particularly on Manhattan Ave. there are many times that I am forced to go over the middle line onto oncoming traffic, in order to avoid hitting those cars parked parpendiculary to the curb. How that kind of parking in this area was justified by the city if beyond me and opens up many safety problems. Would appreciate hearing from you on this matter. Thanks so much for all you do for this great little city.

Sincerely, Sally Shafton

7/7/2010

**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** John Randolph [johnrando@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2010 8:03 PM

**To:** Andrew Harrod

**Subject:** Oversize Vehicle Comment

I am concerned with oversized vehicles, which tend to be eyesores. My issue is that in order to avoid complaints from their own neighbors, I've seen oversized vehicle owners park on a different block or street every few days, which makes a problem for a few owners a whole neighborhood's issue. Please have your potential legislation address that. My preference would be a ban if you can't park it in your own driveway. Costs come with owning that type of vehicle and one is parking/storage. Thanks. John

[johnrando@verizon.net](mailto:johnrando@verizon.net)

Liberty Village

6-21-10

Hi Lt. Fry -

Enclosed is a letter that we sent two years ago and you were kind enough to follow up on the issue.

This week we received an advisory regarding oversized vehicle parking on our streets. Yes! There should be an ordinance. We hope it passes along with no vehicles on sidewalks as on both sides of Manhattan Ave - 1st to 8-9th streets. Look at 201 for example. What an eyesore in this great city. Everyone likes to make their own rules. You have our input. Thank you for your time to listen, once again.

Sincerely,  
Virginia F. Rossard  
135 Third St.  
Tel. 310-3748620



April 28, 2008

Dear Mr. Aldinger,

This letter is a long time in coming. As residents of Manhattan Beach, and property owners for as long, we find this issue very timely to address.

↓ FIFTY YEARS

As one walks down most streets, Manhattan Ave., being nearest to us..we are amazed that this situation has not been nipped in the bud a long time ago without the escalation that has occurred. Parking on the sidewalks seems to be an acceptable option for everyone these days. Not just parallel to the walk driveways but on the sidewalks, not just inches but feet. At one time we recall that warnings would be put on the windshields of these vehicles but now not even a ticket is issued. It certainly doesn't have a great visual appeal as one walks or drives through our neighborhoods, but even walking is quite an experience. We have seen people in wheel-chairs have to move into the streets to get around these cars/trucks/SUVS.

Can you explain why this situation has not been addressed? We have matarmaids, police, etc. Why has this become such a lax oversight? We have had conversations with many folks in the area and all feel the same way. So we decided to write to our mayor first to see if you have any answers or solutions to offer. It really is an appeal from many of us. Are there any cages to rattle? We would appreciate your attention in this matter. Thank You !!!!

Sincerely,

Virginia & Ted Gossard

Virginia & Ted Gossard  
125 Third St.  
Manhattan Beach, Ca. 90266  
Tel. #310-3748620

ILY - DANGEROUS  
SIDES OF STREET

(FOR GROSSER)  
SOURCE: CALL FROM TRAFFIC Lt. ANDY HARROD 310-802-5165

ALDINGER CALLED 310-3748620 FOLLOWUP  
HAD CALLED RE CITATIONS & CONTINUED FOLLOWUP

Lt. Andy Harrod. June 22-10

I am a resident of Manhattan Beach since 1955. My husband & I had Don's Jewellers in downtown Manhattan Beach for 39 years. We opened in 1952 and sold in 1990.

I am a property owner of my home and a Commercial Building.

We always felt that boats and RV's made a neighborhood look really "tacky" when left on the street. I used to resent seeing mobile homes parked across from Lise Oak Park for months at a time.

I feel if you can afford these items then

you can pay for rental storage space for them. Most yards are too small to accommodate them.

I feel we need an ordinance to prohibit them from streets, not only for the looks but for safety and cleanliness of the area.

I hope the Committee can accomplish ~~an~~ an ordinance to prohibit in all areas of Manhattan Beach.

Bette Deziel  
3212 Laurel Ave.  
310-545-8151

**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** Ron Symmes [ronsymmes@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2010 9:59 AM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Cc:** Francesca Symmes  
**Subject:** Manhattan Beach RV/oversized vehicles  
**Attachments:** Letter to MB regarding RVs.docx

June 22, 2010

Andy,

Below and attached is a letter from me regarding the RV and oversized vehicle discussion going on in Manhattan Beach. I hope you find it to be constructive. Please let me know if you got this and if I can help in any way. Thanks!

Ron Symmes

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Lt. Andy Harrod  
Manhattan Beach Police Dept.  
420 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
310-802-5165  
[aharrod@citymb.info](mailto:aharrod@citymb.info)

Dear Sir,

I had a very good telephone call with you in May regarding RV/oversized vehicle (RVs, boats, trailers, large trucks, etc.) parking and you asked me to write a letter to you with my ideas after I got back from my recent RV trip. I am a long term resident of Manhattan Beach since 1980 and a responsible RV owner. There are many RV owners in Manhattan Beach, most of them very responsible and respectful of other Manhattan Beach residents. I am writing this letter on behalf of responsible RV owners who are very concerned that RV parking may be banned or severely restricted because of a very few badly behaved RV and oversized vehicle owners. I understand the problems resulting from this bad behavior, and that the issue needs to be addressed and regulations be put in place to change behavior. RV owners who park in front of other's homes, block driveways, park next to school

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yards, or use the streets as cheap storage for "eye-sore vehicles" are a real and valid concern. My concern is that these new regulations will punish those who are responsible RV owners because of a few irresponsible residents, assuming they are all residents.

There are many Manhattan Beach residents that belong to RV "clubs", who are retired and/or on fixed incomes, who are RV responsible owners, and who use their RVs for vacations, recreation, and plain old family fun. These owners may have the ability to park their RV on their property but most either park on the street in front of their house or store their RV at considerable expense in a commercial storage site. Many cannot afford to pay \$150 to \$250 a month for storage and local storage is almost impossible to find.

I consider myself to be a very responsible long term RV owner. I have parked on the street in front of my house or have received permission from my neighbors to park on the side street next to their house. In fact, my neighbor watches over my RV at times, and we each watch over one another's house during vacations. I have talked to most all of my neighbors about what they prefer, that I park my RV in front of my house or on a side street. They are all happy that I asked and generally say that they have no preference. My point - I worked with my neighbors to have an acceptable solution. I live in a great neighborhood with wonderful neighbors.

That's enough of the background material. I would like to suggest a few possible solutions to the problem other than banning RVs and penalizing the responsible RV owners. Here are a few ideas for your consideration:

- 1) Require Manhattan Beach resident RV owners to register with the city, providing their name, address, vehicle plate number, contact information, and any other information the police department may want to contact the owner. Do not allow non-residents to park in Manhattan Beach without pre-requested permission from a resident, for example when guest RV owners come into town for a few days. Require a Manhattan Beach RV registration sticker with registration number be placed in the front or street side window of the vehicle. This would allow police and residents to identify the vehicle for appropriate action.
- 2) Ban RVs from parking next to school properties. Post signs on the perimeter of all school properties prohibiting RV oversized vehicle parking, and identify that fines/tickets will be imposed. This would address any perceived child safety issues associated with RVs parked near or next to schools.
- 3) In addition to items 1) and 2), impose an escalating parking ticket fine that increases significantly for each ticket within a twelve (12) month period. This would allow parking for responsible owners and at the same time discourage non-residents and habitual parking violators from parking on Manhattan Beach streets while not penalizing responsible RV owners.
- 4) In addition to items 1), 2) and 3), require RV owners to post a bond to insure all tickets and fines are paid. This would discourage repeat offenders and "eye-sore vehicles" from abusing the system.

It is my hope that only items 1) and 2) would be needed. Implementation of items 1), 2) and 3) would make reasonable sense. I would hope that item 4) would not be needed.

Please consider the above as constructive input. My goal is to participate in developing a solution to the problem that does not penalize all RV owners and yet resolves the problem in a pragmatic and easily implemented way.

Please contact me anytime at the phone or email address below. I would like to actively participate in any teams or commissions (PPIC, etc.) that are working on this issue. Thanks for your support!

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**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** Mark Tucker [progdawg@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2010 2:23 PM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Cc:** progdawg@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Streets / Parking

Lt. Harrod:

Having received the flier re: oversized vehicle parking in MB, I have a few thoughts:

\* I'm not sure why it was ever allowed in the first place, as the narrow streets of the city argue the idea as being rather dotty. On my side of Sepulveda (east), especially the streets on the incline to the Sepulveda crest are a problem. With parking allowed on both sides of the already far too narrow pavement, I've encountered more than a few times when I could not get my tiny Pontiac Grand Am past behemoths parked opposite one another in those zones. I had to back up and take other streets.

\* Even Hawthorne knows better than this and disallows both-sides residential street parking (or did when last I was there) on narrow streets (and always has; I was raised in Hawthorne).

\* MB residents have a well-noted aversion to using their garages as garages, these usually serving as rumpus room, storage area, fitness training depot, etc. I've lived here 20 years and am always amused at the variety of non-garage innovations...with which, by the way, I have no real complaint: it's their property. People quite frequently do not use their driveways as well, preferring to park in the streets.

\* I am for the expansion of rights as much as possible, and have many times so stated in local papers (as well as the L.A. Times, Orange County Register, etc.), but there's a fundamental problem here: the streets are paid for by all citizens of California and are thus open to them as their paid-for property, everywhere they go (except privately paid-for streets) in the state. This is just basic law (which I've studied). Whenever some start using streets as their storage area, this greatly infringes on the general rights, denying fair use to all others. It's bad enough when people expand their "right" by capturing street space as their personal property for the parking of cars just because they don't want to stain their spotless driveways or have converted their garages and rendered them thus useless for vehicles, but using the streets as storage space transgresses too far.

\* Mostly, it should be noted, this practice is employed in order to avoid storage fees at storage yards...which, granted, are slowly disappearing.

\* We have a situation on our street with a non-powered large "small home on wheels" (in the 50s and 60s, these were called 'Airstreams' or somesuch) that is parked in the street at least half the month every month, sometimes a good deal longer. No one complains, the street is very harmonious, but this is nonetheless, as far as I know, against regulations, and a blind eye is turned. Fine, as far as it goes, but this begins what is called 'a slippery slope', as I'm sure I don't have to tell you.

Thus, my sentiment is that this last practice should not be allowed at all in order to preserve the streets to their legal purpose: parking, not storing. The commencement point, in my mind, would address non-powered "vehicles" as fully illegal on the streets (what would next be allowed? Storage boxes and tents?) and then make strict size limits. How that would be done, I have no idea, but it seems to me that anything larger than a Hummer should be prohibited.

That would make certain problems for RV-using vacationers visiting friends, but there is

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always the main thoroughfares, which are large enough to accommodate such vehicles, troubling visitors with only a walk of a few blocks to see their friends. And if we then wish to say that such vehicles would be problematic on the main streets, and they may well be, then we surely cannot say that they would not be problematic on the much smaller residential streets. Hence, the argument is therein made that they should not park there.

An exemption, of course, would apply to vehicles needed for housing construction and renovation.

Well, those are my thoughts. My apologies for the prolixity, but responses were solicited, and I like to do my part when I can.

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**From:** dkelles@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2010 7:14 PM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** re: Oversize Vehicle Parking Issue

This is a very important issue especially for the future. Auto/vehicle parking congestion on the main roads, side streets and alleys is or has reached critical mass. The issues are:

1. No control or time limits on curb parking. Thus outside of community "storage" parking does occur.
2. Trailers, boats, oversized vehicles could benefit from a local temporary storage yard.
3. True oversize vehicles should be prohibited without City Hall Parking Permits.
4. Existing alley/street parking should be "strictly" enforced. Currently many violations require a call-in which puts "complaint" on the parking ticket and pits neighbor against neighbor.
5. Residential garages should be mandated to be used for vehicles, not storage and/or extra rooms.
6. Limit some of streets near beach, possibly back to green belt to Valley Drive as a 1 hour parking. Allow for residential parking permits similar to Hermosa Beach on Monterey Road.

Thanks for giving thought to the parking congestion issue.

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## Julie Dahlgren

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**From:** Fred Stanger [fredlee@roadrunner.com]

**Sent:** Sunday, June 27, 2010 8:42 AM

**To:** Andrew Harrod

**Subject:** Parking of Trailers, RVs, and Boats

The parking of Trailers, RVs, and Boats have increased 3 fold since I have moved to Manhattan Beach in 1993. I lived at 108 Morningside Dr and have had a trailer parked across the street for over one year. It only moves when they take it out to use. Also on 2nd street and Ingleside there is a boat parked right at the intersection, leaving no visibility when you cross 2nd street. I almost lost my dog last year when I was crossing that intersection. This boat has been there now for over 3 years.

I have called community services on numerous occasion but to no avail.

My daughter lives in Huntington Beach and if you drive around that city, you will see no trailers, RVs, or Boats parked there at night. They not only are unsightly, but dangerous since they impede visibility. Huntington Beach allows no overnight parking of Boats, Trailers or RVs and it is rigidly enforced, with heavy fines.

The streets here in Manhattan Beach are to narrow and as you know the width of these Boats, Trailers, and RVs are about 12 inches wider than normal automobiles.

This City is very much behind other cities in proper enforcement.

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**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** DENNIS SCOVEL [dscovel@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 27, 2010 5:10 PM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** Oversized Vehicle Parkiing on City Streets

I think that this topic applies to two types of oversized vehicles: (1) Humongous (Hummers and a few other brand/models) personal vehicles that the owner can't or won't park in their own garage or driveway; (2) Large commercial vehicles owned by an individual operating a business out of their residence (perhaps without a proper permit) or driven home to their residence as a matter of personal convenience. They improperly use the street for overnight parking without regard or consideration for anyone else or because they are unwilling to pay commercial vehicle parking lot fees. I am not referring to standard size vehicles, personal or commercial.

This problem is particularly egregious and dangerous for several blocks in all directions around Meadows Elementary School. In the morning when many parents are driving their children to school (and simultaneously talking on their cell phones) on often narrow streets, the parked oversized vehicles present safety problems because of their impairment of visibility to both drivers and pedestrians. Little elementary school children walking to school are not highly visible to begin with, and the parked oversized vehicles make the situation worse. Also, because of the excessive width of these oversize vehicles, cars going in opposite directions cannot physically pass each other when they otherwise would be able to do so.

The city should ban on-the-street parking of such oversized vehicles before we have avoidable accidents, injuries, or deaths. The fine for violation of such a ban should be sufficiently high to make a lasting impression on the violators.

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**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** David Wehrly [dwehrly@wedgewood-inc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2010 5:17 PM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Cc:** Lisa Wehrly  
**Subject:** Oversized vehicles

Lt. Harrod, we live at 416 2nd street. There is an Airstream trailer, often hooked up to power from a local residence that sits between 1st and 2nd on Morningside. Another block away in the 500 block of 2nd street a guy parks his boat trailer and boat on a regular basis as did the guy who lived at about 360 2nd street. These types of uses take away parking for the residents, make driving a bit more challenging and do not look good. I am in favor of a reasonable restriction on these say a 48 hour limit within a 5 block radius of the initial tagging by parking control.

Thank you for your time.

David Wehrly



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**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** The Racketts [rackett@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2010 3:42 AM

**To:** Andrew Harrod

**Subject:** Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Streets

It would be safer if oversized vehicles were regulated to park on the middle of the block but not at a corner. Large vehicles parked at the corner impede the visibility of a 4 way stop given our narrow streets and could cause an accident.

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**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** BKCWALDRON@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 01, 2010 4:04 PM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** Oversized Vehicle Parking

Lt. Andy Harrod:

thank you for the notice about the community workshop on parking oversized vehicles on city streets. We will not be able to attend the meeting but would like to express our input about prohibiting oversized vehicles from parking on city streets. Many of the streets in Manhattan Beach are narrow which does not allow much room for parking normal size cars and driving. Parking RV's, boats, trailers & other oversized vehicles makes it even more difficult to drive and see. In addition, they block one's view when backing out of driveways and that creates extra danger and risk of accidents. Oversized vehicles should be stored off the street or in storage facilities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we hope the outcome is the prohibition of oversized vehicle parking on city streets.

Bob & Kyra Waldron  
2307 John St, MB

**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** McPeak, Charles [Charles.McPeak@pepperdine.edu]

**Sent:** Saturday, July 03, 2010 1:45 PM

**To:** Andrew Harrod

**Subject:** Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Streets

Greetings Lt. Harrod,

I support an ordinance to regulate the parking of oversized vehicles and trailers on City streets. These vehicles/trailers are an eyesore. In addition they take up scarce parking spaces.

Best regards,

Charles McPeak

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## Julie Dahlgren

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**From:** Frederick Krull [fjkrull@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 05, 2010 6:09 PM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Cc:** Krull Fred & Joan  
**Subject:** Community WoOversized Vehicle

Dear Lt. Harrod -

Thank you for the opportunity to comment with respect to oversized vehicles on city streets. As a person who oftens walks and drives throughout the "Tree" section and a parent of Pacific School 4th graders, I have become increasingly concerned about these vehicles. I have observed the following situations where I have a concern: There seem to be several vehicles parked next to the Pacific School playground on John Street. While I do not walk or drive by on a daily basis, the vehicles are there on a consistent basis.

Sometimes there are these vehicles on 17th next to the school as well, however not as often as the John Street parking.

There is generally a large Winnabago parked on Bell next to the Laidlaw annex of Grandview School. I do observe this vehilce on a fairly regular basis.

At one point last summer there was a large Winnebago parked on Laurel next to American Martyrs parking lot. The vehicle, while parked in a legal spot, was parked such that if someone was driving south on Laurel they could not have seen the stop sign at 14th and the AM parking lot.

Not only are these vehicles an eyesore, but I often wonder about child predators hanging out in these vehicles especially around schools. In addition, you cannot see around these vehicles which creates issues as the kids going to and from school are not often paying attention regardless and the vehicles create additional sight line issues. We are fortunate that we do not have any vehicles that park on our street. If one were to show up I would not be pleased as the streets are too tight for such huge vehicles.

My suggestions would be as follows:

Ban the parking of any such vehicle from a reasonable proximity of any school.

Require a permit with a limit (such as 72 hours) on parking these vehicles in residential areas.

In general I would try to restrict the parking of these vehicles on private property in front of homes. I realize this may be a legal hurdle, but regardless of the eyesore, they often are parked such that they block the view of drivers.

My comments have been primarily directed at residential type vehicles and not related to boats or other trailers. While there are boats parked on the city streets (I often see a boat parked on 14th Street between Laurel and Pacific) they do not seem to have the same impact on sight lines and generally people cannot "hang out" on a boat without being observed by others.

Please call me at 310-795-8472 if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Fred Krull

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**From:** Pratt, William E [MSB-PVTC] [william.e.pratt@morganstanleysmithbarney.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2010 8:14 AM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** Oversized Vehicle Parking.

Lt. Harrod,

Please get these vehicles off of our streets. Our two lane residential streets have been turned into one lane streets because of these oversized vehicles and parked cars. Another item of concern to me are the cars that park facing the wrong direction. Is there anything that can be done about this? My son is learning to drive and he thinks it is ok to get lazy and park wherever.

Thank You

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 06, 2010 4:23 PM

**To:** Andrew Harrod

**Subject:** Community Workshop

Hello Lt. Harrod,

I will be out of town during the upcoming oversized vehicle parking meeting so I wanted to voice my view here now. I would like the city to regulate these vehicles on city streets as I believe it reduces the visual aesthetic and charm of our city. An example of this can be seen on 33rd Street at the corner of Crest and 33rd Street.

Thank you for addressing this and for all that you do for our city,  
Rick Lopez

## Julie Dahlgren

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**From:** Andrew Harrod  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 07, 2010 6:30 PM  
**To:** Julie Dahlgren  
**Subject:** FW: parking

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Subject: parking

Dear Lt. Harrod -

I definitely support a regulation on oversized vehicles but think we should discuss even more parking regulations.

Many people in MB use their garages for storage, an extra room or a ping pong table and instead keep their cars on the street, virtually eliminating street parking. If you have a service truck or want to host a book club, there is no place to park. Some people keep third cars for their children who are nowhere near driving age.

The people across from me built their house and have NEVER used their garage, parking their two cars, the nanny's car and their employees' cars on the street. One day they coned off a space for guests! Now they have an ugly moving pod in their front yard which has been there for two months while they remodel their garage as a playroom for their son. I called Code Enforcement and the residents were required to get a parking permit and move the pod by July 22.

My suggestion is that we have a two hour parking limit and people who use up street parking can buy permits, like in Hermosa Beach, except they should be expensive, at least \$500 per car annually. Maybe that would encourage people to park in their garages, and at least it would raise revenue. Many people I have talked to, obviously the people who do park in their garages, would like to see something done.

Grandview didn't have any street sweeping signs and it was lined with rusty cars and extra cars that never had to move. I got a petition signed by residents, signs were installed and the ugly cars have disappeared.

The city would also make more revenue if the illegally parked cars on Vista were cited.

~ Victoria Peters  
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## Julie Dahlgren

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**From:** Andrew Harrod  
**Sent:** Friday, July 09, 2010 2:22 PM  
**To:** Julie Dahlgren  
**Subject:** FW: Oversized vehicles and trailers

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**From:** Geoffrey Hale [mailto:geoff\_hale@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 08, 2010 5:36 PM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** Oversized vehicles and trailers

Dear Lt. Andy Harrod,  
I've noticed R/Vs parked alongside the street bordering Pacific School on the east side near Manhattan Beach Blvd. It seems like the same vehicles are parked there year round, and they are moved only occasionally when their owners fire them up to keep the motor running or avoid street sweeping. They are pretty unsightly really. Not clear why those are allowed to be parked there indefinitely.

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**Julie Dahlgren**

**From:** Andrew Harrod  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 8:32 AM  
**To:** Julie Dahlgren  
**Subject:** FW: Oversized Vehicles

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**From:** Cindy Zielinski [mailto:cindy@cindyzielinski.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 09, 2010 6:26 PM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** Oversized Vehicles

My family has owned a home in the tree section for the past 3 years. Oversized vehicles have become more of a problem in the past year as people do not want to pay to store their vehicles and decide to park them on the street instead. On the street they become an eyesore and a safety hazard. There should be more restrictions since even Lawndale prohibits oversized vehicles from being parked on their city streets. We moved to Manhattan Beach from the Westside where there is a huge problem of people living in their campers on the streets. This is in a beach area with multi-million dollar homes. We do not want to have that problem in Manhattan Beach, but it could happen if the laws are not changed. Requiring oversized vehicles to move a foot or two a week is not enough and it is not even enforced here. It will not matter whether people are using the street for storage or as a place of residence – if you allow one you have to allow the other as long as they move their vehicles.

There are two specific issues that my family is concerned about:

- Our child attends Pacific Elementary where there are 3 large campers that use the street as a storage facility. I spoke to the principal's office since I was concerned that there were homeless people living in trailers parked right outside of an elementary school. I was told that the campers belong to neighbors who leave them there all year round. These campers take up several parking spaces right next to the school, plus are a safety hazard – with several campers parked on John and 14<sup>th</sup> st, this could possibly attract others who actually live in their trailers. The trailers are moved the required footage every week, but they should not be allowed to park right next to an elementary school just because they do not want to pay for a proper storage facility.
- We live on 27<sup>th</sup> st. near Poinsettia and Ardmore. About 4 months ago, someone with a construction business moved into 2616 N. Poinsettia and proceeded to use the street as their storage facility for their dilapidated construction pick-up truck and trailer. Both are filled with trash and look like abandoned vehicles. Besides being a huge eyesore for the neighborhood, they are a traffic hazard since they are parked on a blind turn at Poinsettia, Ardmore and 27<sup>th</sup> at a 4 way stop sign. This is an accident waiting to happen, and since this is a major pedestrian thorough fare for people walking to the greenbelt, I am concerned that someone will get hit by a car, since the truck and trailer block a driver's view of the street (and there are no sidewalks). I complained to the city a month ago and someone must have told the owner to move it, but that

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was the only time he did it and it hasn't moved it since.

We pay a huge premium to own a home in Manhattan Beach for a reason and we would like to see it stay that way. Thank you for your consideration.

Cindy Zielinski and Ed Zobrist  
925 27<sup>th</sup> St.  
Manhattan Beach

## Julie Dahlgren

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**From:** Andrew Harrod  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 8:30 AM  
**To:** Julie Dahlgren  
**Subject:** FW: Oversized Vehicle Parking

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**From:** Michelle Kissman [mailto:thekissmans@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 10, 2010 3:22 PM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** Oversized Vehicle Parking

Dear Lt.,

I am writing because we own a 22' camper trailer and am concerned about proposed regulations on city streets. Currently, we park our trailer in the parking space immediately outside our door. We specifically purchased this size of trailer so that we could park near our home and avoid expense storage fees and vandalism. Any ordinance regulating these types of vehicles should take into consideration that people have made investments given the current laws. I believe that most of us who have these types of vehicles try to be respectful of our neighbors and shouldn't be penalized because a small minority of people misbehave or because some groups of homeowners are not going to be happy about any type of parking arrangement for these kinds of vehicles.

Thanks,

Michelle Kissman

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**Julie Dahlgren**

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**From:** Andrew Harrod  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 11:05 AM  
**To:** Julie Dahlgren  
**Subject:** FW: Oversize Vehicle Parking

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**From:** Dennis White [mailto:summrof69@ymail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 11:03 AM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** Oversize Vehicle Parking

I am pleased the issue of boats and motorhomes on city streets has come up for consideration.

I am strongly opposed to trailered boats and RV's being parked/stored on our city streets and residential neighborhoods.

They are eyesores that detract from the beauty of our city by blocking views of lovely homes and landscaped yards. Many times motorhomes are parked near intersections blocking views of oncoming traffic or of children playing near the street creating a safety hazard.

Recreational vehicle storage yards were created to keep people's property secure and to keep the visual blight off the streets.

Many other cities in Los Angeles County have workable regulations keeping RV's off the streets and **on private property behind gates and fences** to eliminate visual blight.

Owners of Recreational Vehicles which include motorhomes, trailered boats and off-road dune buggies should be given the **choice** of storing them on their property behind fences and gates or in commercial storage lots.

These vehicles should not be stored on city streets.

Thank you for considering this issue.

Dennis White

Note: At this time of the year many of these vehicles are on the road or lakes for family recreation but are stored on the streets between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

7/15/2010



## Julie Dahlgren

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**From:** Andrew Harrod  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 10:11 AM  
**To:** Julie Dahlgren  
**Subject:** FW: oversized vehicle parking

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**From:** Maria Wohlmuth [mailto:mpwohlmuth@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 8:37 AM  
**To:** Andrew Harrod  
**Subject:** oversized vehicle parking

Dear Lieutenant Harrod,

I am writing in response to the insert in our recent MB trash.water bill concerning a possible ordinance for parked oversized vehicles in our city. Our former next door neighbor had a boat and trailer which he parked on the street for several years. Because I live 3 doors in from a corner, cars would veer around the boat only to be met by another car turning the corner. It reduced visibility as we drove out our driveway. I believe that having these vehicles parked on the street creates unsafe conditions ie decreased visibility, especially as many streets on the west side of MB are narrow. I would support some regulations ie perhaps limit the amount of time such a vehicle is on the street so as to allow owners to load/unload for a day or two both before and after a vacation.

Thank you.

Maria Wohlmuth  
2709 Maple Ave.

PS I never called on my neighbor b/c I was trying to be "nice." (I also know he had a handgun in his house and didn't want to cross him.) Eventually, a neighbor who lived on Maple near 35th called b/c he had the same situation near his home.