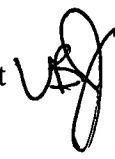


**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: Parking and Public Improvements Commission

FROM: Rod Uyeda, Chief of Police
Laurie Jester, Acting Director of Community Development
Derrick Abell, Captain
Andy Harrod, Lieutenant
Julie Dahlgren, Management Analyst



DATE: August 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance and Permit Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) continue discussion regarding the proposed ordinance to prohibit parking of oversized vehicles on City streets, and develop guidelines for the establishment of an oversized vehicle parking permit program.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the City Council Work Plan for FY 2009/2010, Council requested that staff study the feasibility and potential 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. 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.

On July 22, 2010, staff returned to the PPIC with a possible ordinance for detached trailers and non motorized vehicles, which the PPIC unanimously approved. Staff also presented a draft oversized vehicle and trailer ordinance and the PPIC made recommendations for revisions. Based on feedback from the PPIC, staff revised the draft oversized vehicle ordinance and further refined the permit program for the Commission's consideration, outlined below.

DISCUSSION:

Proposed Ordinance and Permit Program

The proposed ordinance prohibits oversized vehicles (OV), defined as a vehicle greater than 20 feet long or 7 feet wide or 8 feet high, except pick-up trucks less than 22 feet long and eight feet high, from parking on City streets. Exceptions will be made for oversized vehicle (OV) owners/renters/visitors who obtain a daily parking permit and for commercial vehicles actively engaged in making deliveries or providing services. In addition, signs will be posted prohibiting

OV parking on the sections of public streets immediately adjacent to schools, community centers, and parks at all times.

Daily Permits for Registered OVs

Residents would register their oversized vehicle annually with the City by filling out an application and submitting proof of residency, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance. Residents will receive a numbered vehicle registration sticker to display in their OV window each year.

Registered vehicles must display their registration sticker and activate a daily parking permit in order to park on City streets. Daily parking permits may be purchased from the Police Department or Finance Department and will likely cost \$1.00 per day and can be purchased in bundles of 24. Permits, if not used, will not expire from year to year. Residents who wish to park their oversized vehicle on the street may do so for up to two (2) consecutive days in a 72-hour period 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 on the street. Residents may use up to 72 daily paperless parking permits each calendar year.

Daily Permits for Visitors (Including Rental OVs)

The ordinance also includes provisions for daily visitor permits, which are suitable for either OVs of guests or residents, as well as OVs rented by Manhattan Beach residents. No more than two visitor permits can be used on consecutive days, with a maximum of 30 daily visitor permits in a calendar year. Daily visitor permits will likely cost \$5 per day and will likely need to be purchased and activated by the resident in person at the Police Department.

Other Terms and Conditions

An OV parked on City streets without a daily permit would be in violation of the ordinance, and for each day the vehicle was parked on city streets without a permit, it could be cited or towed. In Manhattan Beach, parking citations are \$45.

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. Signs will also be posted around schools, parks, and community centers to prohibit parking of vehicles over seven feet in height. The estimated cost for sign materials is anticipated to be around \$5,000.

If the City is to fully recover the cost to implement the program, a first-year vehicle registration fee of \$35 and a renewal fee of \$15 is anticipated to cover the cost of installing signage, processing the annual paperwork, and performing routine sign maintenance and replacement. Cost of staff time to administer day-to-day operations of the program is anticipated to be covered by the fees for daily resident and visitor 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 fees and fines relating to the program will be established by resolution of the City Council.

Parking enforcement does not have the resources to drive up and down every street every day to ensure that every oversized vehicle is in compliance; however, Parking Enforcement Officers will be directed to confirm valid daily parking passes when they come across an OV and are not en route to an urgent call. They will follow up with any complaint calls received from residents. Parking enforcement officers will be directed to monitor areas where parking is expressly prohibited.

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. There will be a grace period for two months to allow RV owners time to find adequate off-street storage and acclimate to the OV parking permit process.

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 oversized vehicle ordinance to City Council for approval.

Exhibits:

- A. Draft Oversized Vehicle and Trailer Ordinance
- B. Staff Report from July 22, 2010 PPIC Meeting, including Public Correspondence from April 21 to July 14, 2010
- C. Public Correspondence Received from July 15 to August 19, 2010
- D. Staff Report and Approved Minutes from April 22, 2010 PPIC Meeting
- E. Public Notice - Beach Reporter Ad

Proposed Ordinance:

Chapter 14.46 Parking of oversized vehicles and trailers prohibited on City streets

14.46.010 Definitions.

'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 or 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. Oversized Vehicle does not include pickup trucks, which are less than twenty-two feet in length and eight feet 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, regardless of trailer length.

14.46.020 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.

14.46.030 Exceptions.

The prohibitions contained in Chapter 14.46 shall not apply to any of the following:

- A. Oversized Vehicles or Trailers for which an Oversized Vehicle Daily Parking Permit has been issued for a resident or guest of a resident, in accordance with Section 14.46.050; and Section 14.36.180 (Detached Trailer Parking).
- B. 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 eight hours;
- C. 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;
- D. Tow trucks and similar vehicles that are in the course of providing services;
- E. Public or utility vehicles and trailers that are in the course of providing services, pursuant to Section 14.08.080 (Exemption of Certain Vehicles).
- F. Any public emergency vehicle.

14.46.040 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 Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - 2. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the permit;
 - 3. Proof of Manhattan Beach residency.
 - 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 valid registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that shows the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer is currently 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;
 7. The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.
- B. The City will issue Oversized Vehicle Registration Stickers for applications that meet the requirements listed above. The Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers must be displayed in the front-most window on the street side of the vehicle so it is clearly visible from the street, which is usually the left side.
- C. Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers will be issued upon payment of a fee that will be set by Resolution of the City Council; registration is valid for one year.

14.46.050 Oversized Vehicle Daily Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits.

- A. This subsection shall apply to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are registered with the City of Manhattan Beach. The Police Chief or designee is authorized to issue Oversized Vehicle Daily Parking Permits, pursuant to the following:
1. Daily Parking Permits issued and approved by the Police Department shall include the registration number and license plate number of the designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer, the date of issuance, and the day of its expiration.
 2. An Oversized Vehicle Daily Parking Permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed 24 hours. An Oversized Vehicle Daily 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 Daily Parking Permits if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth in this Chapter. No more than 2 consecutive Oversized Vehicle Daily Parking Permits shall be issued during any 72 hour period. In no event shall any person, residence, and/or designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer be issued more than 72 Oversized Vehicle Daily Parking Permits in any calendar year.
 3. Oversized Vehicle Daily Parking Permits will be issued upon payment of a fee set by Resolution of the City Council.
 4. The Police Chief or designee is authorized to set up an Oversized Vehicle Daily 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 (Visitor Permits). The Police Chief or designee is authorized to issue Oversized Vehicle Daily Visitor Parking Permits, pursuant to the following:
1. Each resident desiring an Oversized Vehicle Daily Visitor Parking Permit (Visitor 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 Manhattan Beach residence that is being visited;
 - b. Proof of Manhattan Beach residency.
 - c. The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - d. The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, or equivalent agency in another state, for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - e. The license number, make, and model of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - f. The dates for which the permit is requested;
 - g. Additional information the Police Department may require;
 - h. The resident must sign the application under penalty of perjury.

2. An Oversized Vehicle Daily Visitor Parking Permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed 24 hours. An Oversized Vehicle Daily Visitor 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 Daily Visitor Parking Permits if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth in this Chapter. The Oversized Vehicle Daily Visitor Parking Permit will be tied to the residence being visited. No more than 2 consecutive Oversized Vehicle Daily Visitor Parking Permits shall be issued during any 72 hour period. In no event shall any residence be issued more than 30 Oversized Vehicle Daily Visitor Parking Permits for visitors in any calendar year.
3. Oversized Vehicle Daily Visitor Parking Permits will be issued upon payment of a fee that will be set by Resolution of the City Council.
4. Visitor Permit must be displayed in the front-most side window on the street side of the oversized vehicle or trailer so it is clearly visible from the street, which is usually the left side.
5. The Police Chief or designee is authorized to set up an Oversized Vehicle Daily Visitor Parking Permit call-in phone number or internet processing system.

14.46.060 Oversized Vehicle Hook-Ups.

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.

14.46.070 Restricted Oversized Vehicle Parking Areas:

The Police Chief may designate and the City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to erect signs indicating no oversized vehicle parking upon that side of the street adjacent to any school property or City-owned park or community center, or anywhere oversized vehicle parking would, in his opinion, interfere with traffic or create a hazardous situation. When signs are erected prohibiting oversized parking on a particular portion of a street, no oversized vehicle shall park in such a designated place, regardless of whether the oversized vehicle has obtained a daily oversized vehicle parking permit.

14.46.080 Permit Denial and Revocation.

A permit shall be denied or revoked for any of the following reasons:

- A. The applicant or the person the applicant is visiting is not a bona fide city resident;
- B. The out-of-town visitor is not a guest of the resident; or
- C. Information submitted by the applicant is materially false.

14.46.090 Violation of Chapter.

- A. Any person or vehicle in violation of any provision in this Chapter is guilty of an infraction and the vehicle in violation will be subject to citation, towing, or both.
- B. Any person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Sticker with the intent to avoid compliance with this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- C. Any person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Daily Parking Permit or Permit number with the intent to avoid compliance with this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- D. Any person who forges, alters, or counterfeits an Oversized Vehicle Daily Parking Permit or an Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Sticker is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- E. Any person who parks or leaves standing an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway without a valid Oversized Vehicle Daily Parking Permit is guilty of an infraction and will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

F. Any person who parks or leaves standing an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a portion of public street where signs are erected that prohibits oversized vehicle parking is guilty of an infraction and will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

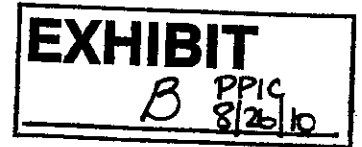
14.46.100 Application of Regulations.

The prohibitions in this Chapter 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 Chapter 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 Chapter will be construed to permit vehicle habitation on a public street as prohibited by Section 14.36.160 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code.

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
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TO: Parking and Public Improvements Commission

FROM: Rod Uyeda, Chief of Police
Laurie Jester, Acting Director of Community Development
Derrick Abell, Captain
Andy Harrod, Lieutenant
Julie Dahlgren, Management Analyst



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

Julie Dahlgren

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

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- 26th 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,
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Please consider the environment before printing this email.

From: Mike Griffith [mailto: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

From: Joe Leonardi [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 6:57 PM
To: Bernadette Gradney
Subject: Re: R.V. and Oversize Vehicle Restrictions

For Redondo Beach:

1. No.
2. We tried to copy and enhance Torrance's ordinance, and the City Council would not pass it.

Joe

W. Joseph Leonardi
Chief of Police
(310) 379-2477 x 1-2650

>>> "Bernadette Gradney" <bgradney@citymb.info> 11/10/2009 3:12 PM >>>
The Manhattan Beach Police Department is conducting a survey of all LA County Cities. Please take a moment to answer the following questions. Your response would be greatly appreciated.

- 1. Does your city currently have an ordinance restricting recreational or oversize vehicle parking?**
- 2. Is your City ordinance available electronically? If so, would you please attach a copy to your response?**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Captain Derrick G. Abell
Manhattan Beach Police Department
Field Operations Division
(310) 802-5177**

Julie Dahlgren

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

April 24, 2010

Parking and Public Improvement Commission
1400 Highland Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA. 90266

Commissioners;

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the April 22, 2010 PPIC meeting with regard to RV parking. I mentioned my wife and I own a RV that we travel in once or twice a month. The RV is not parked on the street when not in use. When we do park on city streets we park at the side of our house for the purpose of preparation, loading or unloading and the RV is across our driveway and does not take additional parking spaces or impose on other property.

If I could, I would like to restate my position and make 3 points I had to make the night of the meeting:

1. Why I believe a registration type of permit program is unfair, onerous and unworkable
2. Suggest a 3 Tier "No Street Storage Program"
3. Suggest a permit program for short use of RVs for visiting Family or Friends

1, I am against any permit program registering and restricting RV's in Manhattan Beach. I believe the current municipal code or the '72 hour rule' is an appropriate time restriction for all types of vehicles including RVs. I am against any blanket permit program for RVs.

Based on the Police report there are 166 registered RV owners in Manhattan Beach and 30 RV type vehicles were found on the streets of Manhattan Beach on the day Lt Harrod did a drive/fly around. *It was not stated if all 30 vehicles on Manhattan Beach streets were in violation of the '72 hour rule'*. Based on these numbers 80% of RV owners are abiding by the current law and not generating complaints from residents.

Any new law or regulation should address a specific problem with a specific solution. Creating new laws, regulations and a permit programs directed toward law abiding residents does not effectively address the specific problem.

A permit program directed at all RVs is not fair. It is inconvenient. People whether RV owner or not travel at the last minute. We quite often will read about or see on TV a story about a fair or event that sounds interesting and we'll say 'lets go'. We'll bring our RV out of storage and leave either that night or the next morning. Our freedom to travel would be stifled if we were required to get a permit from the city each time we wanted to travel. The unnecessary additional cost to the RV owner who is using some form of legal off street parking does not specifically address the problem it only adds additional cost to the law abiding RV owner. Issuing 166 RV permits each time a RV wants to travel would be a huge burden on city staff. I would suggest that most RV owners travel with their family between June and August. Most people leave for vacation on Friday or Saturday. So in practice there is the potential of 166 RV owners coming to City Hall for permits Monday-Thursday during a 12 week period. That's 3.5 people per day taking city staff

time for an unnecessary permit. Enforcement of a permit program on 166 RVs would be very time consuming for the Police Department. In the letter from the Police Department to the PPIC dated April 22, 2010 on page 2 in part it states 'The 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'. It would seem to me that it would be much easier to enforce existing municipal codes on 30 vehicles rather the adding a permit program that would require constant monitoring of 166 vehicles.

The safety issue is not an effective argument. The Police dept has no reports of unlawful activities of any kind related to RVs and no personal or property damage, other than a bent parking sign, was reported by the Police dept.

The City has always welcomed input from citizens when new laws, programs or changes are suggested. In future postings in the Beach Reporter I would suggest that the heading should read, PROPOSED RV PARKING ORDINANCE AND POSSIBLE RV PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM. The use of the word OVERSIZE indicates large delivery trucks and tractor trailers.

I have a few suggestions that may advance the conversation forward. As with all laws there is *selective enforcement*. In the case of the '72 hour rule' the city doesn't mark every car in the city each day to see if the vehicle is following the law. That would be impossible and unreasonable. The rule is enforced when there is a complaint from a resident.

Lt. Harrod indicated that the Police dept was looking for 'tools' to use to enforce the '72 hour rule' and eliminate complaints from citizens. The current code reads, 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 hours.

2. To deal with the problem of on street storage, may I suggest that the following be added to the code: Any vehicle with more than thirty (30) 72 hour warnings in a 6 month period will be automatically enrolled in the NO STREET STORAGE program. Vehicles can only be placed on the NO STREET STORAGE program based on residents complaints who reside within 100 feet of the subject vehicle or if deemed a serious safety issue by the Police dept.

NO STREET STORAGE PROGRAM

Tier 1. Any Tier 1 vehicle with more than five (5) 72 hour warnings on any street in Manhattan Beach in a 30 day period will be issued a \$ ticket and may be subject to towing. Automatic enrollment in Tier 2.

Tier 2. Any Tier 2 vehicle with more than two (2) 72 hour warnings on any street in Manhattan Beach in a 30 day period will be issued a \$ ticket and may be subject to towing. Automatic enrollment in Tier 3.

Tier 3. Any Tier 3 vehicle parked more than 4 hours on any street in Manhattan Beach will be issued a \$ ticket and will be subject to towing.

Each tier restriction would remain in force for 60 days. Thus, passage of 60 days would remove a tier.

This program would rather quickly eliminate resident complaints and remove vehicles using city streets for storage without imposing additional cost on law abiding residents or on residents who park responsibly in front of their own home without complaints from neighbors. The initial time needed to enforce these codes would be far shorter than enforcing an on going RV permit program on 166 RVs. This change would also eliminate complaints from residents and allow our Police to perform more important duties. The numbers used in this option can be adjusted based on resident, PPIC, Police, staff or City Council input.

3. Suggestion for visiting family or friends: The permit program I would support would be for limited long use issues like family or friends visiting from out of the area and wishing to stay in an RV at the permit holders residence for a short period of time. The permit would allow for up to 30 day stay within the extended property lines of the resident or with written approval from neighbors to extend beyond the property lines. The permit would show graphically and verbally where the RV would be parked and would allow for input from neighbors or city staff with regard to safety or access issues. The details could be worked out on an individual basis. I don't see this being an on going issue of more than one maybe two requests per year and in most cases could be handled within City Hall in a few minutes. Residents could be limited to the number of permits allowed per year. There are other considerations that would need to be fine tuned but again this doesn't put further restrictions on law abiding residents. There is the possibility that the RV permit could be incorporated into or modeled after the existing code as it relates to moving/storage PODS or construction containers placed on city streets.

I believe the goal is to resolve current and future legitimate resident complaints about street storage of vehicles. The above suggestions would be a reasonable starting point which is fair to all residents.

I look forward to any comments from the Commission and would be willing to help write a reasonable ordinance that does not impose additional restrictions or fees on RV owners.

Respectfully;

Steve and Jeri De Baets
1350 18th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
310-545-0914

Freda and Lamar Baker

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

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

From: [REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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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 streets. 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 perpendicular to the curb. How that kind of parking in this area was justified by the city is 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

Julie Dahlgren

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

Liberty Village

6-21-7

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 supervised vehicle parking for our street, 4th! There should be an ordinance. We hope it passes along with no vehicles on sidewalks as on both sides of Manhattan Fr - 1st to 8-9th streets. Look at 201 for example. What an expense 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. J. Ross
125-4th 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 wheelchairs 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 metermaids, 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.
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Tel. #310-3748620

WALK - DANGEROUS
SIDES OF STREET

(Resident)
CALL FROM TRAFFIC Lt. ANDY HARROD 310-802-5162

ALDINGER, BOB - 310-374-8620 FOLLOWUP

BOB CALLED RE QUOTATIONS & CONTINUED FOLLOWUP

Lt. Andy Harrod. June 22-10

I am a resident of Manhattan Beach since 1955. My husband & I had Dora'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 Pine 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 Dezil
3212 Laurel Ave.
310-545-8151

Julie Dahlgren

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

Lt. Andy Harrod
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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

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.

Mark S. Tucker
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Julie Dahlgren

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 curbside parking. Thus outside of community "storage" parking does occur.
2. Trailers, boats, oversized vehicles could benefit from a local temporary storage yard.
3. True oversized 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.

Doanld A Sellek
320 1st Place
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

Julie Dahlgren

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.

Fred Stanger
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Julie Dahlgren

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

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

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.

Julie Dahlgren

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

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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Manhattan Beach CA 90266

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Julie Dahlgren

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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Julie Dahlgren

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

William E. Pratt
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From: Lopez, Richard J [richard.j.lopez2@boeing.com]

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

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Julie Dahlgren

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

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City of Manhattan Beach, CA

-----Original Message-----

From: Victoria Peters [mailto:petersvictoria55@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 5:52 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Cc: List - City Council; Nhung Madrid
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
445 28th St.
545-8118 home
545-0303 cell

Julie Dahlgren

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.

Geoffrey Hale
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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 14th 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 27th 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 27th 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 27th St.
Manhattan Beach

Julie Dahlgren

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

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.

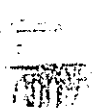
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Julie Dahlgren

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.

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Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 12:05 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Trailer Parking
Attachments: IMG_1433.JPG

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From: Buck Trippel [mailto:BuckTrippel@Verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2010 12:47 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Trailer Parking

Hi,

After speaking with you, curiosity caused me to dig up an assessor's map which shows that the alley behind my house (23rd pl. at Blanche) is not the 15-1/2' that it appears to be but is actually 20'. You were absolutely correct that the technical width of the street's right of way is wider than the street's pavement. (If the alley is symmetrical, the trailer would "trespass" about 2 feet or 25% of the trailer's width.

Attached is a picture of our trailer being unloaded out at Willow Springs raceway. This trailer is a potential offender of the proposed ordinance.

We own the trailer to haul the car to races. The trailer has made several trips as far as the east coast and countless up and down with west coast. As I mentioned, we had two trailers stolen from a locked yard in Lawndale off Hawthorne Blvd. This prompted me to start keeping it on the bricks off the side of the 23rd pl. alley. That ended the theft my problems.

thanks for your time,

Buck Trippel


Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 12:04 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: RV Ordinance- please implement

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From: Andreas Koch [mailto:andreas@maxflax.com]
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2010 2:29 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: RV Ordinance- please implement

Hello Andy Harrod.

Upon learning about the new RV ordinance, I could not be in more favor of this. This will solve the many abuses that occur with RV and boat/trailer owners that store their vehicles on streets.

There currently is someone storing a boat, trailer hitched to an old van that parks in our neighborhood. He manipulates the system by moving it a few yards to avoid a ticket. He's been doing this for months. This needs to stop. I'm sure the new ordinance will address this.

Thank you,

Andy
M.B. resident.

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 12:04 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Staff Report for Community Workshop on oversized vehicle parking

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From: J&F [mailto:frandy2@adelphia.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2010 10:29 AM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Staff Report for Community Workshop on oversized vehicle parking

Dear Lt. Harrod,

The flyer announcing Thursday's *Community Workshop on Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Streets* said that "The Staff Report would be available at www.citymb.info on July 16 after 5:00pm." We looked today, and found a staff report dated March 2, 2010.

We have several questions:

- Is this the staff report that was to be posted? It seems quite old. Is there a later staff report yet to be posted?
- Is the workshop part of the PPIC "further study" recommended in the staff report? Or does the workshop follow completion of that study? If the latter, when will the report of that study be posted?
- We assume from the title of the workshop that none of the regulations under consideration apply to off-street parking, such as parking in a resident's driveway. Please confirm that regulations under consideration refer at most to streets, alleys and parking lots (as do the current regulations).

We have some quick input:

- We think residents should be allowed to park their own (or their guests') oversized vehicles at curbs of their own property, subject to the existing 72 hour limit (except in specific cases in which it can be shown to be a traffic hazard).
- We think that any regulation of oversized vehicle parking should be limited to streets and alleys.

Thanks,
Frank Belz and Judy Kerner

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 12:03 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Problem with Proposed RV Parking

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From: GKB101RED@aol.com [mailto:GKB101RED@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 1:56 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Problem with Proposed RV Parking

Dear Lt. Harrod,

The proposed RV parking restrictions as currently written would make it impossible for me to legally park my RV at any time because I live on Redondo Ave which does not allow parking on the west side of the street (the front of my home). So what about all streets like this in Manhattan beach? We would need the day parking permits that would allow us to park in any legal space close to our home. The proposed law said you must park in front of your home with the day permit.

Also, I think a better description is needed for the twenty foot length. Is that bumper to bumper? Many vehicles have carriers and/or hitches that extend their length. Do these count in accessing length?

Also, is this parking issue mostly from a specific area in Manhattan Beach? Do you have a map showing the area you get most complaints from? Would it be possible to zone the problem areas?

Also, it's obvious that us retired home owners are now forced to store our motor homes which is another unanticipated expense. Will there be any consideration for senior citizens?

Regards
Gary K. Barber
101 So. Redondo Ave.
M.B., CA 90266
Phone & FAX: (310)372-1551

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 12:02 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized Vehicle Parking

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From: Ron [mailto:poipoo@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 2:13 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized Vehicle Parking

I'm glad something may finally be done about oversized vehicles and trailers being parked on our streets of Manhattan Beach. I am a resident and support any ordinance that will regulate the parking of oversized vehicles and trailers our City streets. It's an eyesore, safety hazard, and health risk as it encourages overnight lodging.

Ron Ching
628 36th Street
MB 90266

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 11:59 AM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: The issue of oversized vehicle parking on Manhattan Beach city streets -- a comment

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From: Jeri O'Donnell [mailto:wordwright@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 1:48 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Cc: Don Spradlin
Subject: The issue of oversized vehicle parking on Manhattan Beach city streets -- a comment

Dear Lt. Harrod:

I'd like to see an ordinance passed that gets people to move their oversized vehicles (including RVs, boats on trailers, etc.) off the city's streets. Many of these vehicles are essentially being stored — at no expense to their owners — in our neighborhoods. For example, an RV has been parked in the 600 block of 26th Street, just west of Flournoy, for months and months at a time, if not years. This RV is equivalent to a permanent structure in the street, one that steals short-term parking (a commodity in short supply already), detracts from the beauty of our neighborhood, and blocks the views of both residents and drivers. The oversized vehicles can also create dangerous situations when they are near intersections (as the RV on 26th Street is), because drivers often cannot see around/over them.

Perhaps a policy of no overnight parking would alleviate the problem? I know that approach has worked in other cities.

Thanks for listening.

Jeri
Jeri O'Donnell
656 27th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
310.545.9406

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 11:58 AM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: No to oversized vehicles

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant

P: (310) 802-5165
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From: Ed Skebe [mailto:edskebe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 2:16 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: No to oversized vehicles

Lt. Harrod,

Over sized vehicles are an eye-sore and occupy limited space for neighbors. Additionally, the RV's parked by Pacific School and Live Oak Park may well be individuals with bad intent.

RV's etc belong in storage lots not our streets.

Regards,
Ed Skebe
Manhattan Beach

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 11:58 AM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: oversized vehicle parking on city streets
Attachments: image001.gif

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From: Rae Yan [mailto:craeay@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 2:19 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: oversized vehicle parking on city streets

Dear Lt. Andy Harrod,

I am writing to you in support of regulating parking of oversized vehicles and trailers on city streets. I live on Duncan Ave, and consistently see a motor home parked in close proximity to my home. I feel that if I owned a motor home or trailer, I should park it on my premises or else move it to a rented facility and park it there.

Many Thanks for taking the time to read my email. I hope that my comment will positively influence the regulation of parking oversized vehicles and trailers on city streets.

Thanks and Regards,

Rae Yan
939 Duncan Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 11:53 AM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized Vehicles

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From: Janetlee586@aol.com [mailto:Janetlee586@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 9:03 AM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized Vehicles

Please adopt an ordinance to regulate the parking of these humongous vehicles. You cannot see around them or through them. They are unsightly to look at and to many owners of these vehicles use our streets as a storage unit. Bell Avenue is used too often to store peoples oversized motor homes or work trailers. And they take up valuable parking spaces not to mention the people who actually sleep in them on public streets.

Thank You

Janet & Bob Bradfield

586 29th Street

Manhattan Beach

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 3:45 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: WorkshopRV

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From: James L Gere [mailto:anniegere@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 2:48 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: WorkshopRV

I own a 21ft. motorhome, but I also pay \$115 per mmonth for private storage space. This is just part of the expense and obligation of owning a recreactional vehicle.

When preparing for a trip I must drive the RV to my home where I can clean and load it. This usually takes two to three days and the vehicle is parked in front of my home. I am nnot aware that any of my neighbors object to this routine. I would hate to lose this convenience.

I believe the problem is the difference between parking on the street and the attempt to avoid paying for storage. The game of storing the RV on a public street until tagged allows another 72 hrs. before moving to another location. This practice shoould be stopped!

No solution will be perfect, but this situation crys for resolution.

Jim Gere
119 S. Dianthus St., M.B.

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Andrew Harrod

From: M Millar [mbmillars@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 4:01 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Fw: Oversized vehicles

--- On **Thu, 7/22/10**, M Millar <mbmillars@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: M Millar <mbmillars@yahoo.com>
Subject: Oversized vehicles
To: aharrod@citymb.info
Cc: mbmillars@yahoo.com
Date: Thursday, July 22, 2010, 3:55 PM

Dear Andy,

Please get them off our streets! We have been having a problem with an RV for years. It is being used as a warehouse for someone in the clothing buisness. In spite of my efforts they always got it moved before it could be towed or they got a ticket as it could be left in a spot for a week. We live on 10th St. above Highview and also have a parking problem that has gotten worse since the parking regulations went into effect below Highview. It seems that a lot of those people just moved up a block. Between that and the construction not to mention the special events it can get pretty bad. Any help will be appreciated.

Sincerely,
MaryAnn Millar

PS We worked together years ago when my kids were at Pacific school. I won't mention how many years ago that was but college for them is becoming a distant memory.

Andrew Harrod

From: R&B Barch [vzfmii@beachnet.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 4:09 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Comments on RV Parking

Hi, Lt. Andy,

Dick and I have read the proposed RV parking regulations and have a couple of comments. As RV owners, we have a vested interest in these, although our RV is a van which fits in our driveway and is smaller than the defined RV size in the regulations.

1. Some streets have parking on only one side, so some residents cannot park "directly in front of and adjacent to the curb of their residence" as stated in the proposed regulations.

These residents should be allowed to park as close as possible to their residence, such as across the street.

2. There is no provision for rental RVs. We have several friends who rent a couple times a year. They need to park at home to load/unload, but don't have registration/license information in advance of picking up the vehicle.

The proposed regulation states that vehicle registration information must be provided in advance to get a parking permit. Wording should be added to provide for rentals.

I'm sorry the city is considering going beyond the 72-hour regulation for this small group of residents, but if it's going to happen, at least it should be done so that people can still park for loading/unloading to enjoy their hobby.

Sincerely,
Betty Barch, N6VZF
Dick Barch, W1MII

Andrew Harrod

From: Jacqueline Zuanich-Ferrell [jacquelinez_f@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 4:51 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Reading of Proposed Rules for Oversized Vehicles on Streets in M.B.

Sir,

My husband and I co-own an RV but it is registered in Ventura County where our co-owner lives. It is stored in an RV storage lot in the city of Ventura.

When we would need to bring the RV into M.B. to pack and depart for a trip, it seems we could obtain an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit for an out-of-town visitor. However, on our street, the 1000 block of Duncan Avenue, we have 1 hour parking M-F, 9 am to 5 pm, primarily due to employees of neighboring businesses using our curbed street for parking their vehicles while they are working. Unless the parking of our RV occurs on a weekend, we would have to locate our RV on the closest neighboring street, Dianthus Avenue. How would the Police Dep't handle this situation?

In general, RV owners complaining that they cannot afford or locate storage is bogus. It is the responsibility of the RV owner(s) to store their oversized vehicles in a proper facility, no matter how inconvenient.

Thank you for soliciting public comment.
Jackie and Joe Ferrell
1018 Duncan Avenue

Andrew Harrod

From: Soheil & Noura Samimi [snsamimi@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 5:24 PM

To: Andrew Harrod

Subject: Fw: Re: Oversized Vehicle Parking

Dear Lt. Andy Harrod,

I am writing to express my ultimate dissatisfaction with oversized vehicle parking in the city of Manhattan Beach. I am afraid I cannot attend the meeting tonight but I want to let you know that I believe these oversized vehicles make our streets look extremely ugly and driving somewhat difficult.

Our neighbor apparently is in the business of selling cars from out of State. Every month or two, he parks a HUGE commercial trailer, which holds several cars in it, in front of our house and tends to these cars for two to three weeks. During these times our street becomes like a mechanic shop and a car dealership not to mention the fact that all the parking spots get taken by these cars.

We will be very happy if the city will consider some kind of ordinances to regulate the parking of these oversized vehicles and trailers.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Noura Samimi

234 N. Dianthus Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:42 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized vehicles

Andrew Harrod
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From: monica turney [mailto:turneymj@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2010 10:38 AM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized vehicles

Dear Lt. Harrod,

Thank you so much for your thorough and succinct presentation last night. I am so pleased that we are finally going to address this problem and act in accordance with most of our surrounding cities concerning RV storage on city streets. I am surprised that the owner of the RV which has been parked on Bell Ave for the last week and a half has still not moved his vehicle. He was present last night and heard all the arguments about not parking next to a school and still has not moved it. I called last Friday and they marked his vehicle (and I have called many, many times before). I called again again late Monday after 72 hours and all they did was give him another warning, which he just takes off his vehicle. He moves it for street sweeping to the other side. I am tired of calling. Thank you again so much for doing everything you can possibly do to address this selfish and uncaring attitude for the law that they have.

Sincerely,
Monica Turney

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:42 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized Vehicles

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From: david schmidt [mailto:schmidt90266@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 23, 2010 4:43 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized Vehicles

Lt. Andy Harrod,

We fully support and would like to see strict limitations on over sized vehicles parking on MB streets.

Ideally we would like to see an ordinance to prevent parking of over-sized vehicles to no more than 48 hours. This would include boats, trailers, RV's, trucks, recreational vehicles, flatbeds, etc. Besides being an eyesore many of these items obstruct the view of traffic and can be considered a safely hazard.

We will be out of town for the July 22 meeting and would like to be represented via this email. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Schmidt
Mindy Bath-Schmidt
881 8th Street
MB

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Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:41 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized vehicle parking

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From: Terry Watson [mailto:slaysman@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 24, 2010 10:45 AM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized vehicle parking

Dear Lt. Harrod:

I just opened my water bill and found a flyer for a meeting on the above subject. Would have liked to attend, but this wasn't much advanced notice, and I obviously missed the meeting.

The note also says "The staff report will be available on July 16....". I have looked all over the web site, and can find no reference to such a meeting. Can you sent me a better URL or link to the staff report? Thank you!

Terry Watson
310-372-5027 Home
443-462-7834 Cell

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Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:41 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: oversized vehicles

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From: Rosemary Gray [mailto:seabags@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 24, 2010 2:26 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: oversized vehicles

Lt. Harrod

I live at the corner of 29th St. and Bell. This area has proved to be a depot for RV's et. al. I have experienced RV's and boats parked in front of my kitchen window for days on end.

I wholeheartedly support the proposed ordinance.

Rosemary Gray

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:41 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Streets

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant
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E: aharrod@citymb.info
City of Manhattan Beach, CA

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Simpson [mailto:Nancy.Simpson@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 24, 2010 3:45 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Streets

Andy, Lt. Harrod,

Wanted to let you know that as a resident of MB, I would support an ordinance NOT allowing oversized vehicles to park on our streets.

Nancy Simpson
101 N Dianthus St

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:40 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Motorhomes on City streets...

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant

P: (310) 802-5165
E: aharrod@citymb.info



From: Debra [mailto:dsuard@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 25, 2010 11:28 AM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Motorhomes on City streets...

Hi, Lt. Harrod,

Thank you for addressing this problem.

Below is an email I sent to City Hall about a motorhome parked in El Porto earlier this month. Over the 4th of July weekend, it had been parked on 43rd St. (where they partied loudly for 3 nights in a row), then they moved to the lot on Tuesday 6th. It was parked there *in a handicapped space* for a full week, until Tuesday the 13th. None of the partiers appeared to be handicapped!

I sent my email to City Hall on the 8th. Ms. Boice responded quickly, as you will see below, but no one from Parking Enforcement responded.

It is a big, old motorhome which has previously spent weekends on 43rd St. and I'm sure they will return periodically over the summer. Besides the noise from the excess partiers, the street is very narrow and it could easily block emergency vehicles.

I heard others complain about it too, and we would be happy if the City regulates the parking of oversized vehicles on City streets.

Thank you very much, Debra Suard

From: [Linda Boice](#)
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 8:26 AM
To: [Mark Mason](#) ; dsuard@verizon.net
Cc: [John Dye](#) ; [Sara Martinez](#)

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Subject: Campers in the El Porto lot...

Debra,

I've forwarded your question to Parking Enforcement, I'm sure they will be able to answer your questions.


Linda

Linda Boice
Revenue Services Representative

P: (310) 802-5561

E: lboice@citymb.info



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From: Debra [<mailto:dsuard@verizon.net>]

Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 8:57 PM

To: Linda Boice

Subject: Campers in the El Porto lot...

How long are Campers allowed to overnight in the El Porto parking lot?

We have seen one there since Tuesday parked in the Handicapped Space (at the foot of 44th), and wonder how long it is OK for Campers to camp there.

Thanks!

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Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:40 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: oversized vehicle parking

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant

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From: jim wagner [mailto:jim@wagnerstocks.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2010 12:28 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: oversized vehicle parking

Andy,

sorry i missed the 7-22-10 mtg.

I would very much like to see some restrictions to regulate the parking of oversized vehicles and trailers on our streets; particularly close to the beach. They make turning onto either Manhattan Ave or Highland extremely hazardous.

Almost each morning as i turn left from Bayview onto 33rd street, headed to Manhattan Ave, each corner seems to have either a Jeep, SUV or Monster truck parked on each corner. The Monster truck totally obscures any vision of oncoming cars and is usually parked there for days at a time. what adds to this safety issue is that people using Manhattan Ave normally don't pay much attention to oncoming cars turning into Manhattan Ave---either right or left.

Thank You,

Jim Wagner


Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:39 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversize Vehicle Parking

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant

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From: Douglas Lock [mailto:doug.lock@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2010 5:49 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversize Vehicle Parking

Dear Officer Harrod

I attended the meeting on July 22nd, 2010 where you gave a slide presentation to the PPIC. At the meeting you mentioned that a notice had gone out with all of the water bills. At the time I thought I must have overlooked the notice in my last water bill. It turns out that my water bill just arrived in today's (July 27th) mail, five days AFTER the meeting was held. Thank goodness a friend told me about the meeting before July 22nd.

Perhaps sending out meeting notices with water bills, which come out every two months, is not an efficient way to notify the public.

As a comment, it seems to me that the whole OV parking problem would be easily solved if the 72 hour law was changed slightly so the police could ticket those people that are "in effect" flaunting the law by moving their vehicles across the street or a few inches every 72 hours.

It is disappointing to me that Manhattan Beach will now probably pass a cumbersome, expensive and burdensome system onto those OV owners that are complying with the law, storing outside of the city and need to bring their vehicles into town on occasion.

Most disappointing is that the PPIC obviously had their minds made up before the meeting and disregarded an overwhelming majority of opinions that were opposed to instituting the registration system. -

Douglas Lock

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Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:23 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Streets

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant

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From: Daniel-DiGregorio, Kristie [mailto:kdaniel@elcamino.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Andrew Harrod
Cc: Gino DiGregorio
Subject: Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Streets

Dear Lt Harrod,

I am writing to express my concern about oversized vehicles parking on city streets.

My first concern is safety. We live on the 1700 block of Curtis. When a neighbor parks at the end of the block, near Aviation, it creates an incredible hazard whether you are entering or leaving Curtis. At times, there are three vehicles, including the RV, sharing space at the intersection of Curtis and Aviation: the RV, a car entering Curtis from Aviation and another car entering Aviation from Curtis.

Also in our area, when a second RV parks on Redondo Avenue, it creates a hazard for cyclists and cars as it makes it virtually impossible to see around the RV for oncoming traffic or other parked cars.

Especially when they are parked for extended periods of time and not driven long distances, the RVs leak oil and other products that pollute our waterways and environment.

My second concern is aesthetic. We live in a nice community where many of the residents have drive ways or garages. These are the appropriate places for RVs or else storage places outside of the community. Not the streets.

I would appreciate any assistance you can provide to eliminate the parking of RVs on city streets. I learned of the public discussion after the scheduled date, which is why I'm providing my comments via email. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need more information. Thank you in advance for your help!

Kristie Daniel-DiGregorio
1726 Curtis Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
310.753.3348

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Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:39 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: RV
Attachments: IMG_1494.JPG; IMG_1495.JPG; IMG_1496.JPG

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From: Stephanie Monash [mailto:smonash@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 2:43 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Fw: RV

Hi Lieutenant Harrod,

Myself and fellow RV owners thought you might want to see the vehicle that has prompted repeated complaint from resident Joana Gallo Marsteller (758 26th St.) before the PPIC. What Marsteller's remarks would lead you to believe must be a 40' diesel pusher is really just a (sweet!) Sportsmobile conversion van. Moreover, I spoke with the owner's fiancée today, and she informed me that the vehicle is always parked in front of their own property.

Perspective is subjective. Sometimes it takes a picture to tell the real story.

Best regards,

Stephanie Monash

----- Original Message -----

From: Ron Symmes
To: Steve DeBaets ; Christina Tate ; [Christina Tate](mailto:Christina.Tate@gmail.com) ; fishandgametim@gmail.com ; greg.coop@verizon.net ; [Kristi Hutchinson](mailto:Kristi.Hutchinson@gmail.com) ; [Michael Griffiths](mailto:Michael.Griffiths@gmail.com) ; [Mike Griffith](mailto:Mike.Griffith@gmail.com) ; okinc@hotmail.com ; [Patti Richmond](mailto:Patti.Richmond@gmail.com) ; PStravelin2@aol.com ; Ranchorob2@aol.com ; [Stephanie Monash](mailto:Stephanie.Monash@gmail.com) ; steve.debaets@gmail.com ; steve.stepanek@verizon.net ; vrb1@netzero.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2010 8:34 PM
Subject: Re: RV

Steve,

Attached are photos of the RV that is causing so much of a problem, creating a " safety hazard",

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"blocking our vision", and causing "lack of sunlight and free flow of breeze --- and may lead to the death of one of our 20 year old aracia trees". Wow, must be a huge RV!

Ron

From: Steve DeBaets <mbrvowners@gmail.com>

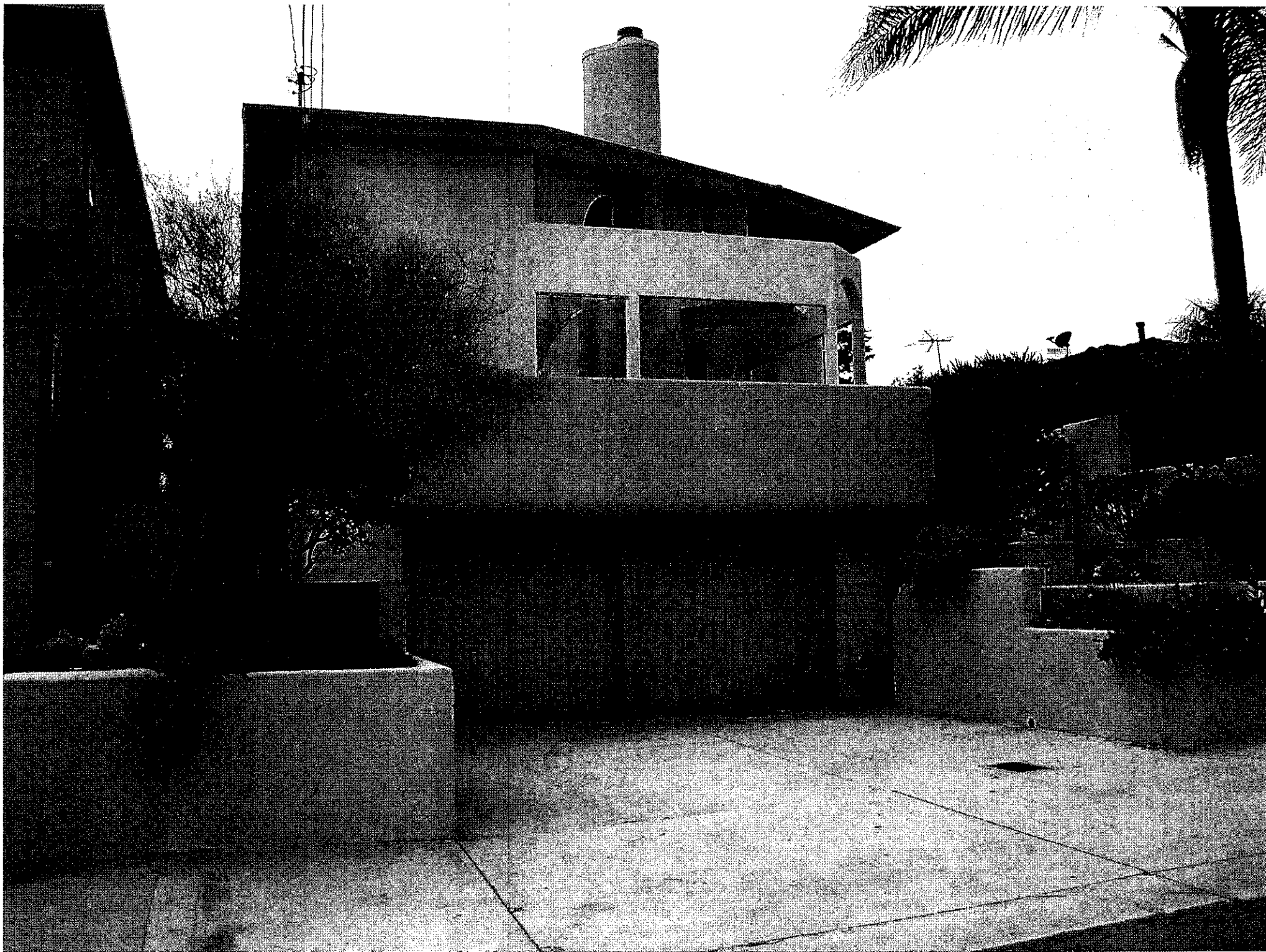
To: Christina Tate <ChrisT@onlinestitchkits.com>; Christina Tate <tatechristina@gmail.com>; fishandgametim@gmail.com; greg.coop@verizon.net; Kristi Hutchinson <KristiHut@msn.com>; Michael Griffiths <michaelgriffiths16@yahoo.com>; Mike Griffith <gmichaelgriffith@yahoo.com>; okinc@hotmail.com; Patti Richmond <zrockie@verizon.net>; PStravelin2@aol.com; Ranchorob2@aol.com; ronsymmes@yahoo.com; Stephanie Monash <smonash@hotmail.com>; Steve DeBaets <mbrvowners@gmail.com>; steve.debaets@gmail.com; steve.stepanek@verizon.net; "vrb1@netzero.com" <vrb1@netzero.com>

Sent: Tue, July 27, 2010 10:36:09 AM

Subject: RV

By the way the address of the home I mentioned in my email is 758 26th St. this address way made public in the agenda for the PPIC meeting on July 22, 2010.







Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:22 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Problem with Proposed RV Parking

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant

P: (310) 802-5165
E: aharrod@citymb.info



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From: GKB101RED@aol.com [mailto:GKB101RED@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2010 8:42 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Re: Problem with Proposed RV Parking

Dear Lt. Harrod,

Has there been any progress in formulating a better defined policy for parking oversized vehicles? Since you were the focal point for citizen comments, it follows that you should respond with some sort of response or update.

What's Up??

Gary

In a message dated 7/19/2010 1:55:30 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, GKB101RED@aol.com writes:

Dear Lt. Harrod,

The proposed RV parking restrictions as currently written would make it impossible for me to legally park my RV at any time because I live on Redondo Ave which does not allow parking on the west side of the street (the front of my home). So what about all streets like this in Manhattan beach? We would need the day parking permits that would allow us to park in any legal space close to our home. The proposed law said you must park in front of your home with the day permit.

Also, I think a better description is needed for the twenty foot length. Is that bumper to bumper? Many vehicles have carriers and/or hitches that extend their length. Do these count in accessing length?

Also, is this parking issue mostly from a specific area in Manhattan Beach? Do you have a map showing the area you get most complaints from? Would it be possible to zone the problem areas?

Also, it's obvious that us retired home owners are now forced to store our motor homes which is another unanticipated expense. Will there be any consideration for senior citizens?

Regards

Gary K. Barber
101 So. Redondo Ave.
M.B., CA 90266
Phone & FAX: (310)372-1551

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Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:22 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Street

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant

P: (310) 802-5165
E: aharrod@citymb.info



From: Brian George [mailto:brian.george@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 01, 2010 12:29 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Street

Lieutenant Harrod:

I live at 1622 6th Street in Manhattan Beach, and I just received the notice of the community workshop...looks like I missed it. Anyhow, I am very happy to see that the City is considering passing an ordinance to regulate the parking of over sized vehicles on City streets. I am in favor of this for four reasons:

1. Our streets are narrow, and when a large vehicle is parked to one side, it can make it difficult for vehicles to pass one another while driving;
2. When a large vehicle is parked on my side of the street, it can be difficult to back out of my driveway as visibility is greatly reduced;
3. Large vehicles on the street impact visibility for motorists and pedestrians. Many children play on the sidewalks on my block, and these vehicles make it more difficult both for moving vehicles to see the kids and for the kids to see the vehicles; and
4. Large vehicles and trailers are an eyesore in an otherwise beautiful community.

On my block in particular, there is a large white truck that is usually parked on the street. Not only is it unsightly, but I feel that it creates a dangerous condition due to the items listed above. There is also a boat on a trailer is often parked on Herrin between 5th and 6th. For the same reasons noted above, I feel that this should not be allowed.

Thank you for all of your hard work.

Sincerely,

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Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:38 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized Vehicle Parking

Andrew Harrod
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From: John G. Acker [mailto:johnacker@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 01, 2010 10:15 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized Vehicle Parking

Lt. Andy Harrod,

As a resident of Manhattan Beach for over 20 years, I don't think homeowners should be allowed to park their RV's or Boats on the streets (or their front yards as I have seen). I think they are a safety hazard since the oversized vehicles limit the visibility when driving on city streets. They are also an eye-sore in the community. If the homeowners had much more land, I could understand keeping the vehicles at their home. But in a city of small lots and much congestion, the oversized vehicles parked on the street are not welcome.

Thanks,

John Acker
1446 11th Street
MB

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Kate and Bob Walsh
3000 Walnut Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Home Phone: (310) 545-3475 / Mobile Phone: (310) 918-8040

August 2, 2010

Nhung Madrid
Management Analyst
City of Manhattan Beach
Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

Dear Ms. Madrid:

My wife and I are long time (25+) year residents of Manhattan Beach; and we love having Manhattan Beach as our home, and are very appreciative of all the wonderful things the City staff, City Commissions, and City Councilmembers do to help make this a terrific community. Thank you!

We understand that your office is coordinating a review of issues pertaining to the so-called "RV Parking" conditions throughout the City. We compliment and encourage you, the City staff, the Parking Commission and the City Council to do everything possible – to expedite this review. Perhaps it may be necessary to create Urgency provisions until a more long term resolve can be put in place.

Attached is a photo taken this morning from our neighborhood. This vehicle came to the neighborhood yesterday – virtually nobody on the block knew of its expected arrival – and, as it was parked, passengers from the vehicle immediately started to unload bicycles and "beach gear" – and left for the day. It now appears it may be many days at the same location for this vehicle and its passengers. And, the 72 hour parking limitation does not go nearly far enough to safeguard the community.

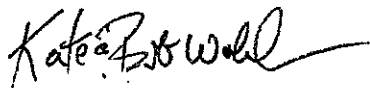
With your review, please consider:

- o IF the City is going to allow this type of parking – then it must be prepared for "cumulative impacts"; what if there are several (large) RV vehicles parked on a given block – at the same time?
- o The City goes to great lengths to maintain residential streets; paving, utility lines, etc. Doesn't this type of oversized parking in residential areas deteriorate these improvements on an accelerated basis?
- o When a resident plans for a family party or function – for many of our neighborhoods, many just assume parking will be readily available. With little or no notice of this type of parking, doesn't this create an undo burden for those who plan and coordinate their events with their neighbors?
- o With such a large RV parked in a neighborhood with smaller homes, and little if any sidewalks – isn't it hard for regular police patrols to have easy visual access when driving through the various neighborhoods – to keep our neighborhoods safe?

In short – we think most would agree that a limited RV parking, with permits that encourage the applicant to advise their neighbors a week or so before the permit is issued – for purposes of loading or unloading items for a family trip – should be permitted. BUT, Manhattan Beach should not be turned in to "Beach World" – where residential streets become RV parks.

Thank you for your continued GREAT work to help the City – and, please encourage those who are evaluating this situation – to take action soon.

Sincerely,



Copy: Honorable Mitch Ward, Mayor
Lester Silverman, Parking and Public Improvements Commission
Richard Thompson, Interim City Manager



Julie Dahlgren

From: Bob Walsh [bwalsh3000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 11:14 AM
To: Nhung Madrid
Cc: Patricia Schilling; Julie Dahlgren; Andrew Harrod
Subject: Re: FW: Letter

Thank you for your very prompt and nice reply. Also, thanks to Patricia for being so much help.

We will do what we can to attend your meeting later this month; but as of now, we may be out of town for family matters.

One way or another -- we hope you and others can bring about some "action" -- and try to avoid delay. This is, as other matters we are sure, a tough issue -- BUT, we think something is needed to make sure quality standards (and communication) for our community are maintained.

We read with some interest in one of the recent past reports -- where someone suggested that regulations perhaps should be adopted on a neighborhood by neighborhood 'opt in' approach. In our opinion -- "spot" standards that would allow one neighborhood to create restrictive parking, while others would not have it -- would just push an issue from one area to another. In the alternative -- a City-wide prohibition should be in place -- and, the only exceptions should be a) by permit (requiring the person obtaining the permit to communicate the planned parking with their neighbors) or b) perhaps allowing certain neighborhoods to allow for such (limited) parking -- but only after all (or most) in the neighborhood approve (on an annual basis), and a fee is paid to the City for extra wear-and-tear on the street. Just a thought -- but no matter what -- something should be "done" -- and soon, even on an Urgency basis, with follow-up and amendments later on.

Thank you again.

Bob

--- On Mon, 8/2/10, Nhung Madrid <nmadrid@citymb.info> wrote:

From: Nhung Madrid <nmadrid@citymb.info>
Subject: FW: Letter
To: bwalsh3000@yahoo.com
Cc: "Patricia Schilling" <pschilling@citymb.info>, "Julie Dahlgren" <jdahlgren@citymb.info>, "Andrew Harrod" <aharrod@citymb.info>
Date: Monday, August 2, 2010, 10:15 AM

Hi Mr. Walsh,

Thank you for your email. The staff report regarding oversized vehicles will be going back to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission this month. I have forwarded your email to the Police Department so they can add your letter and picture in the report as public correspondence. All Commissioners will receive your letter/picture as part of their packet.

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If you would like to attend the meeting, it is scheduled for August 26th at 6:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. The staff report will be available on the City's website at www.citymb.info on August 20th after 5:00 PM. You can also sign up for the "eNews Sign Up" on the City's website and be automatically notified of the meeting as well.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this matter, you may contact Lt. Harrod in the Police Department.

Thank you,

Nhung

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Community Development Management Analyst

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From: Bob Walsh [<mailto:bwalsh3000@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 10:01 AM
To: Nhung Madrid
Cc: Patricia Schilling
Subject: Letter

Good morning.

I left a message for you earlier today at the suggestion of the City Manager's office, and I did receive your voice mail reply just a little bit ago -- but I am now away for the day.

Attached, please find a letter and photo regarding parking conditions in our neighborhood. Please note that the letters shows -- "cc's". Can you and Patricia please distribute those "cc's" for us?

I look forward to learning of progress regarding this matter, and thank you very much for

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all that you and so many others with the City do, to make Manhattan Beach such a wonderful community!

Bob Walsh

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:36 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: motorhome ordinance

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant
P: (310) 802-5165
E: aharrod@citymb.info
City of Manhattan Beach, CA

-----Original Message-----

From: palm9thstmb@juno.com [mailto:palm9thstmb@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2010 12:36 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: motorhome ordinance

Lt. Andy Harrod
Manhattan Beach Police Dept.

Lt. Harrod,

I have a concern with the proposed ordinance as presented in the Beach Reporter where the traffic conditions in the various parts of Manhattan Beach are not part of the conditions. There are portions of the city where it is difficult to just drive a large motorhome through the street let alone to park it. However other portions of the city could accept their presence without affecting traffic. In my case at 1827 9th St. I own a 22-ft Lazy Daze. I have 24 feet of curb space in front of my residence and our two cars are housed in our two car garage. The street is wide enough to accomdate two cars passing and a minimum amount of traffic. Under the proposed ordinance I would be in violation if I parked the motorhome where it has been parked for the last 10 years and I do not believe it would make any difference to the traffic conditions on 9th St. There should be some method of considering the individual locations that would be required to be restricted instead of the arbitrary method proposed.

Thanks for taking my input.

Noel Palm

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Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:35 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Street - re: yellow flyer regarding ordinance

Andrew Harrod
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From: Amy Swindle [mailto:alswindle@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 10:47 AM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Street - re: yellow flyer regarding ordinance

Dear. Lt. Harrod:

Hello- I lived in MB from 1970-2000. We currently live in San Diego but maintain a rental home in MB and are there several times per year. We received a yellow flyer in the mail regarding motor homes and parking on the street and a possible ordinance against this. We do NOT want boats, motor homes, campers, trailers (oversized Vehicles) on the streets. They are an eye sore and very dangerous.

A few miles from our home in San Diego, a man kidnapped his neighbor's daughter with his motor home, molested and killed her (David Westerfield). I see motor homes parked next to the park and the school by my house and immediately call the police to have them cited since we have HOA rules against that here. It only takes 2 seconds for someone to grab a child off a sidewalk walking to and from school or the park and for them to be tossed in the motor home-never to be seen again.

When I lived in MB a neighbor had his filthy boat parked on South Prospect Avenue for years. It was so ugly and ruined the look of our neighborhood. Then a child ran his bike into the boat on accident because it was so large, and hurt himself rather badly.

We want an ordinance against ALL oversized vehicles AND boats enacted! They are ugly and dangerous.

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Sincerely

Amy Swindle
owner 1281 Shelley St
MB CA 90266

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:35 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Streets Ordinance Mtg
Importance: High

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant
P: (310) 802-5165
E: aharrod@citymb.info
City of Manhattan Beach, CA

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Steven B [mailto:steven.b.miller@boeing.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 1:01 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized Vehicle Parking on City Streets Ordinance Mtg
Importance: High

Lt. Andy Harrod
Manhattan Beach Police Dept.
420 15th. Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Lt. Harrod,

We received the notice regarding the meeting about parking oversized vehicles, in the envelope with our water bill, well after the actual meeting took place. I wish we could have attended in person because we are very much in favor of this ordinance. Since we weren't able to attend, the notice said residents are encouraged to send their comments to you by e-mail.

We are residents in the 100 block of South Herrin Ave. and have personally experienced many kinds of oversized vehicles parked in our area. Both my wife and I are in favor of a city ordinance to prohibit the parking of oversized vehicles (campers, trailers, RV's and boats) on city streets for a variety of reasons. Some of these vehicles are an "eye-sore" and detract from our community. In some instances, we have observed people who appear to be living in camper's/RV's, which probably raises health issues. Our 3 young children are wary of walking on the sidewalk next to these vehicles, when the owners seem to be residing there. Once, they witnessed one of the inhabitants yelling in rage, at his dog, who was inside the vehicle and later came out without a leash, with the man still yelling. They were frightened and now cross to the opposite side of the street if the camper is parked on our side. The parking of these inhabited vehicles in close proximity to our elementary schools is yet another cause of concern.

- If we don't doesn't pass an ordinance, then we could become the "dumping ground" for other city's residents that prohibit parking them on residential streets.

- These types of vehicles pose a potential hazard to drivers by being parked in residential neighborhoods. Some are very oversized and take up a lot of street space, making it difficult to safely back out of our driveway or navigate around them.

Thank you for considering our thoughts on this matter. We sincerely hope the city passes an ordinance to deal with this issue. Please let us know if there is another meeting, as we would like to attend and know many other residents who would also like to, as well.

Steve and Laura Miller

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:34 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: oversizeparking

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Traffic Lieutenant

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From: Sally Barnes [mailto:bobsallybarnes@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 1:00 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: oversizeparking

Hi,
1817-3rd.st. M.B. Sally and Bob Barnes
We received the yellow notice and didn't realize the city already had a 72 hour parking restriction as it is never enforced back in our area at all. Motorhomes and boats spend years without moving and some belong to ex-city officials or exworkers. Maybe that is why they never move???

We are all for the new regulation to be passed. Thank you for reading this.

-----Original Message-----

From: RAJAENTRP@aol.com [mailto:RAJAENTRP@aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 2:46 PM

To: CityCouncil@citymb.info; cm@citymb.info

Subject: City Council

Dear Council members,

I attended one meeting at City Hall regarding RVs and oversized vehicles parking on Manhattan Beach city streets. Many streets are too narrow to accommodate large vehicle parking and the attached images are just an example of one offender. The owner moves the vehicle on street sweeping days to other streets in the neighborhood. The owner has parked across from driveways and moves the truck on occasion to avoid the 72 hour rule. The 72 hour rule **should not** allow moving the vehicle a short distance forward or backward or even across the street, but it should be removed from the street completely. When parked on 23 rd near Meadows, delivery trucks can barely pass and the truck creates a hazard for normal traffic. *see images below*

The new parking rules aren't popular with everyone, but I feel the rules are necessary and should be enforced.

Meadows ave. looking North towards Marine Ave.

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:32 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: oversize parking regulations

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant

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From: shorelinetrans@aol.com [mailto:shorelinetrans@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 12:04 PM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: oversize parking regulations

Dear LT Harrod, Is email is to state that we oppose the ordinance of oversize vehicles. The reason is that we park our race car trailer from time to time in front of our home. Thanks Dan Coburn 2108 Faymont av.

1420 10th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
August 6, 2010

City of Manhattan Beach
Parking and Public Improvements Commission

Commissioner Dr. Cyrus Adami
Commissioner Paul Gross
Commissioner Lester Silverman
Commissioner Gary Stabile
Commissioner Carlos Vigon

Subject: Proposed Oversize Vehicle Parking Ordinance and Permit Program

I attended the public meeting of the Parking and Public Improvements Commission on July 22, 2010 wherein the subject Ordinance and Program were presented and discussed. I also reviewed the staff report which recommended a general prohibition of parking of oversize vehicles on city streets subject to certain registration and permit exceptions. I request the Commission return the staff report for revisions and additional information as noted below prior to making a final recommendation on this issue to the Council. I think the staff report jumps to unwarranted conclusions on the basis of insufficient information. For the record - I own a 26 ft RV and store it outside, 10 miles away, in Gardena at a cost of approximately \$110 per month. There are problems with remote storage as you don't have frequent access to observe the vehicle and batteries tend to drain down, etc. But I support the prohibition of storage of large vehicles on city streets especially in residential areas with narrow streets and frequent driveways.

1. Define the problem more concisely. Provide dates of the survey(s) taken that establish numbers of oversize vehicles and trailers – and breakdown these types of vehicles so a better definition of the problem is apparent. Include groupings of where each type is observed. The general statement of “approximately 30+ vehicles ...” doesn't give the complete story. If in fact the majority of vehicles are clustered around schools or certain specific areas – a solution focusing on those areas may solve the problem without a blanket prohibition on the entire city.
2. Consider enhanced enforcement of the present MBMC 14.36.060. If any vehicle is observed day after day parked, day and night, on a city street – cite it – it is being stored there. The code prohibits storage already – no additional Ordinances are necessary – just enforcement. Let the vehicle owner contest the citation if he wishes – maybe a judge will allow the city to prevail. Maybe not. What are the statistics on citations issued under this Code? What is the City's win/loss average? How many citations are issued monthly? If the city cannot enforce this ordinance, what makes you think it will enforce another one? Especially on a complaint basis?
3. If the problem is substantially related to school or other areas – place parking restrictions on those areas. “No overnite parking”. “No parking during school hours”. “ No parking 7 -9:00 AM and 2 – 4:00 PM” are all possibilities. Similar restrictions are already in place on the street behind Bristol Farms – “No Parking from 2 -4:00AM”. Has this solved that problem? Owners of these vehicles will neither want to nor be able to move them frequently and will quickly find other storage choices.

4. I question whether the City needs another bureaucratic program whether supported by user fees or not. Why do these vehicles need to be registered with the city – they are already registered with the state and the MBPD has full access to this information – just run the license plate. If one has to call in to the MBPD each time to activate a parking permit, why do we need a permit. The town back east that I grew up in prohibited all vehicles from parking on city streets from 2:00 to 4:00 AM – forcing all vehicles to be garaged. If you had an out of town visitor or your vehicle broke down on the street, we phoned the PD and got an exception for one night– no fee involved. Why wouldn't this work here? Why does the oversize permit require a fee?

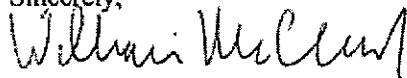
5. There is no justification in the staff report for requiring a permit to occasionally park on city streets. This is a routine occurrence at the start and end of trips for most RV owners – they need to ready the vehicle and then close it up. It generally takes from 1-3 days. This activity would still be allowed under the recommended program – just with fees and permits added. How does this change the “storage” activity that is objectionable? In fact the ordinance would allow this activity for up to 96 days per year! And neighbor complaints would be dismissed because the owner is in compliance with the new ordinance! This simply is not a valid solution to the problem.

6. The discussion noted five different permit programs. Absolutely no analysis was given regarding the effectiveness of each of the methods. What justification is there for the City to immediately jump to the most aggressive program? If a less aggressive program works somewhere else, why would that not work here? The MBPD analysis of these different approaches is sorely lacking and such an analysis should be part of the staff report.

Please consider the above points before finalizing your recommendation on this matter. Also please thoroughly read the staff report and attachments and determine yourself whether the report is sufficient justification for the actions that are being recommended. I think you will come to the conclusion that it is not.

Thank you for your efforts toward solving a very real problem in the community and I hope you are able to recommend a less intrusive, yet equally effective solution.

Sincerely,



William McCleish

Cc Lt. Andy Harrod
Julie Dahlgren, M.A.

Julie Dahlgren

From: Andrew Harrod
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 6:21 PM
To: Julie Dahlgren
Subject: FW: Oversized vehicle parking in MB

Andrew Harrod
Traffic Lieutenant

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From: jay.newenergy@gmail.com [mailto:jay.newenergy@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Jay Hirsch
Sent: Saturday, August 07, 2010 9:12 AM
To: Andrew Harrod
Subject: Oversized vehicle parking in MB

I don't park an oversized vehicle in MB, but am against any new restrictions. I think it's perfectly reasonable for someone to park an RV, boat or trailer on a public street and that if people need that much control over what their neighbors are doing they should move to a HOA or a commune.

Jay Hirsch
563 31st St.
Manhattan Beach, CA

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
POLICE DEPARTMENT



TO: Parking and Public Improvements Commission

FROM: Rod Uyeda, Chief of Police *RU*
Laurie Jester, Acting Director of Community Development *LJ*
Derrick Abell, Captain
Andy Harrod, Lieutenant *AH*
Julie Dahlgren, Management Analyst *JD*

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.

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| 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 |

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| 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 2nd 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 18th 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 26th 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 5th 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.



OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE AND PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM

The Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) will conduct a public meeting and continue discussion regarding an oversized vehicle parking ordinance, detached trailer ordinance, and oversized vehicle permit program, as described in the City Council's 2009-2010 Work Plan.

PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION

- PUBLIC MEETING -

WHEN: August 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach

Residents are encouraged to attend and participate.
The staff report will be available at www.citymb.info
on August 20, 2010, after 5:00 p.m.

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