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**To:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.H.W.*

**From:** *C.A.B.* Craig A. Beck, Director of Public Works

**For:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Subject:** **Update on Implementation of Oversized Vehicle and Recreational Vehicle Parking Restrictions**

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Long Beach residents have expressed concerns relating to oversized and recreational vehicle (RV) impacts, especially in residential neighborhoods and commercial corridors. The problem is particularly challenging in neighborhoods that lack adequate parking for its residents, as an RV can take three or four normal-sized parking spaces. Additionally, these large vehicles create line of sight issues for motorists at intersections, driveways, and alleys.

To address concerns, the City Council passed an item requesting staff to develop provisions for citywide parking restrictions of oversized vehicles and RVs on June 13, 2017. On August 15, 2017, the City Council approved an Ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code to include the following:

- Prohibition of oversized vehicle parking within the City Rights-of-Way in residential neighborhoods, without a valid permit.
- Oversized vehicles are defined as exceeding 85-inches high, or 80-inches wide, or 22-feet long.
- A residential street is defined as a street, or portion thereof, adjacent to property on which the majority of uses are residential in nature.
- Residents and their visitors may acquire a permit via the City's website allowing them to park oversized vehicles adjacent to their residences for a maximum of 72 consecutive hours. An annual maximum of 20 permits may be issued per resident each calendar year. Permits are available online at [LongBeach.gov/parking](http://LongBeach.gov/parking), or in person at City Hall.
- Exceptions to the 72-hour restriction or 20 annual permits maximum may be requested in writing from the Traffic Engineer.
- Posting of RV parking restriction signs at citywide entrances.

The citywide restriction will include areas that fall within the coastal zone. City staff met with and reviewed the proposed parking restrictions with coastal staff. Coastal staff asked that

the City review the Local Coastal Development Plan to ensure appropriateness. The City completed the review and determined it was consistent with past practices. There are currently a number of streets within the Coastal area that have parking restrictions for oversized vehicles.

**Next Steps**

Staff is in the process of finalizing the citywide oversized vehicle and RV parking restriction signage locations. There are approximately 80 sign locations identified throughout the City. Signs have been ordered but require 45-60 days to manufacture. Staff has asked the vendor to expedite the order. After the signs are delivered, it will take one to two weeks for installation.

An informational letter is being prepared noticing residents of the new oversized vehicle and RV parking restrictions. It will be distributed with utility bills, posted on the City's website, and to Public Works various social media platforms.

Once the signs are installed and noticing is completed, staff will begin enforcement. There will be a 30-day grace period where warnings will be issued, with no associated citation or penalty. Policies are also being finalized to provide visitors who are not aware of the ordinance an opportunity to go through a process to waive the first offense citation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call City Traffic Engineer Eric Widstrand at (562) 570-6537.

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