

COUNCIL MEETING OF
August 22, 2006

PUBLIC HEARING

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Torrance City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Development Department - Consideration of Parking Restrictions on Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, and Oversized Vehicles on Public Streets.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Director recommends that the City Council:

1. Review the staff report and compiled suggestions from the March 28th, 2006 City Council Meeting;
2. Adopt the attached Ordinance adding Article 12 to Chapter 1 of Division 6 relating to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers; and
3. The Community Development Director further recommends that the City Council approve the attached summary of the Ordinance for publication.

Funding

\$30,000 - This can be funded through the Community Development Department's Transportation Planning Professional Services Fund.

BACKGROUND

On March 28, 2006, staff from the City's Community Development Department, Police Department, and City Attorney's Office presented an item to your Honorable Body to address concerns that have been raised by the public about the on-street parking and storage of Oversized Vehicles (OV's) on public streets in the City of Torrance. Oversized Vehicle shall mean any vehicle, as defined by 670 of the California Vehicle Code, or combination of vehicles which exceed 20 feet in length, 7 feet in width, or 8 feet in height, exclusive of projecting lights or devices allowed by Section 35109 or 35110 of the California Vehicle Code, as may be amended. Oversized Vehicle does not include pick up trucks or sport utility vehicles that are less than 25 feet in length and 82 inches in height.

The March 28th City Council Meeting was the summary of ten Community and Traffic Commission Meetings on the consideration of parking restrictions of recreational vehicles, trailers and oversized vehicles. Through attendance at these public meetings, electronic mail, US mail, and phone calls, the public was given the opportunity to voice their comments, concerns, and personal situations regarding this topic. These communications have been compiled as attachments.

ANALYSIS

As requested by Your Honorable Body, staff would like to address the questions and concerns raised by the City Council at their March 28, 2006 meeting:

- ***Provide more information about a self-funding permit fee for OV owners:*** *The City has conducted a preliminary study to determine the amount of a fee for offsetting the City's costs to administer this program. The initial registration of the OV would be at no cost to the owner. Temporary one-day (24-hour) permit(s) would be obtained by the resident on an as-needed basis. At this time, staff has estimated this fee at \$5 per permit. If Council would like to adopt a fee for the permit, staff requests direction to conduct a formal fee study. The City Council can adopt a fee by resolution after the completion of the fee study.*
- ***Provide more information about the 72-hour parking rule:***
SECTION 61.6.4. PARKING VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS. *No person shall park or leave standing, or cause to have parked or left standing, any vehicle on any street in the City for seventy-two (72) or more consecutive hours. This provision shall not be construed to authorize parking in excess of the regulatory time period otherwise provided in this Chapter and all amendments thereto.*

This is the current ordinance used by parking enforcement officers to address the condition with vehicles that are being stored on City streets. When the parking enforcement officer is able to personally establish that a vehicle has not been moved for 72 hours, the vehicle is subject to towing. Once a vehicle is towed, the owner may retrieve the vehicle from storage by paying a fee at the police station and an additional fee at the tow yard. The vehicle owner can then re-park the vehicle back on the street and comply with the 72-hour ordinance. This may include moving the vehicle one parking space, or driving it around the block and re-parking it in the same space. This ordinance has proven to be an ineffective tool for the parking enforcement officers to utilize when dealing with OV's being stored on City streets.

- ***Provide information on a user-friendly permit system:*** Residents who own OV's would be required to comply with a one-time registration of their OV with the City of Torrance. These OV registration applications could be mailed to residents, or could be made available on the City's website. This registration system would allow the City to obtain an accurate count of OV's, and be able to determine those OV's that do not belong to residents of Torrance. Once the OV is registered with the City, a grace period would be established for one year after the adoption of the proposed

Ordinance, and an adhesive sticker would be administered to the resident for placement on their OV. The grace period would allow the resident to find off-street parking for their OV. If the resident/owner of the OV would like to temporarily store the OV on a public street, a permit would need to be obtained from the City. Each resident would be allocated 96 permits per year. One permit equals 24 hours of parking. These permits could be in the form of a disposable cardboard placard issued by City staff. Another option could be to have residents call in to a designated City phone number, obtain permits over the phone, pay over the phone or through the website, and have the permits mailed to the residence or picked up in person. When a parking enforcement officer sees that an OV is parked on the street, he/she will be able to see the adhesive sticker and/or placard to confirm that this vehicle has permission to be temporarily parked on the public street. If no sticker and placard are present, the OV would be subject to a citation, towing, or both.

- **Provide information on visitor/guest parking:** Those residents of Torrance who wish to host a guest using an OV, and have the OV park on a public street must obtain a visitor permit with the City of Torrance. A visitor could apply for 14 consecutive daily permits, with a maximum of 30 days in any one year. This permit does not supersede any current TMC or CVC Codes. These permits could be in the form of a disposable cardboard placard issued by City staff.
- **Provide clarification on the “grandfather” and “grace period” issue: By definition,**
 - “Grandfathering” refers to owners of OV's who have purchased or purchase their vehicles before December 31, 2006. These OV owners would not be restricted by the change in ordinance, but would still be subject to the current TMC & CVC regulations.
 - “Grace Period” is a period of time following the adoption of an ordinance during which there would be time to accommodate those residents with OV's to obtain off-street storage.

At the March 28th Meeting, the Council voiced that it was not in favor of “grandfathering” of OV's, but rather providing a grace period for those residents who own OV's who are seeking off-street storage. The grandfather language has been eliminated from the proposed ordinance.

- **Consider relief of the regulations for those residents whose primary vehicle is an OV:** The Chief of Police, or designee, may issue a temporary permit for an OV if there is a finding that the vehicle is the sole vehicle registered, used on a daily basis, and on-premise parking is not reasonably available.
- **Consider providing OV parking at the City of Torrance Municipal Airport, Edison Rights-of-Way, etc:** The City has maintained on-going communications with entities like Edison to explore alternative locations where OV parking would be incorporated into projects, and compatible with surrounding land uses. Further, the City has accepted and/or approved private developments that incorporate OV storage in their projects.

Should the Council wish to adopt the proposed Ordinance, the Community Development Department (CDD) staff would take the lead in its implementation. CDD staff would initiate an aggressive outreach program to develop the database for registering all Oversized Vehicles and providing adhesive stickers for any type of grace period, if approved, to those registered vehicles. Once the OV's have been registered with the City, the Torrance Police Department (TPD) would then maintain the database and respond to requests for daily permits and enforcement. Staff has communicated with the City's Communications and Information Technology (CIT) Department to review the current technology and explore future advancements with interactive technology.

As part of the implementation of these restrictions, signs would need to be posted at entrances to the City of Torrance in accordance with Section 22507 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC). CDD staff has worked with Public Works staff and a local sign vendor to determine an estimate of the manufacturing and installation of the signs at a cost of approximately \$25,000.

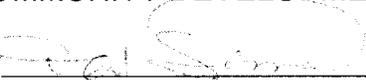
For those residents desiring OV permits, or visitors of Torrance residents with an OV, disposable cardboard placards could be distributed by City staff. These placards would be similar to those already used for visitors throughout the City's established permit parking neighborhoods. Staff also has a template of an adhesive sticker that could be used for the permitting of the vehicles. The self-adhesive, 3-inch square stickers and the temporary cardboard placards could be produced for approximately \$1,000.

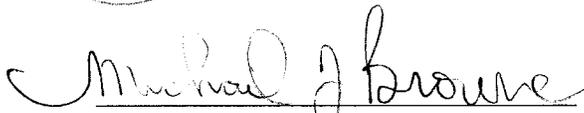
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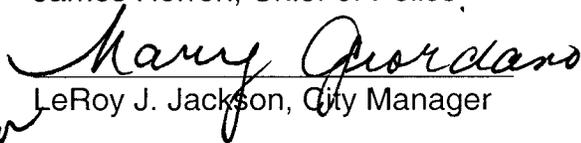
CONCUR:


 Jeffery W. Gibson
 Community Development Director

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 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By 
 Ted Semaan, Manager
 Transportation Planning, Development
 Engineering and Records Division


 James Herren, Chief of Police


 LeRoy J. Jackson, City Manager

Attachments:

- A. City of Torrance Proposed Ordinance and Summary
- B. Public Correspondence since March 28, 2006
- C. Proof of Publication
- D. Item 12A from the March 28, 2006 City Council Meeting (**LIMITED DISTRIBUTION**)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 12 OF
CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 6 RELATING TO OVERSIZED
VEHICLES AND TRAILERS.**

The City Council of the City of Torrance does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1

The City Council finds as follows:

- (a) Parking Oversized Vehicles and Trailers on residential streets interferes with the normal flow of vehicle traffic, especially on narrow streets.
- (b) Parking Oversized Vehicles and Trailers create visual obstacles and reduce the lines of sight for driveways, intersections, and traffic signage and thereby reduce sidewalk and street safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- (c) Bicyclists are exposed to greater traffic dangers as they go around these larger parked vehicles.
- (d) Fire and Emergency access is reduced especially on narrow streets and cul-de-sacs.
- (e) Oversized Vehicles and Trailers, especially Recreational Vehicles, hold large quantities of gasoline and propane – a highly volatile fire hazard.
- (f) Oversized Vehicles and Trailers parked on residential streets negatively affect the aesthetics and livability of the community and residents. Noise levels are increased with generator and engine usage, and annoying odors are emitted from sewage holding tanks.
- (g) Detached Trailers parked on the street constitute a safety hazard as they do not have an independent braking system.
- (h) Current parking regulations are inadequate to address the problem of parking Oversized Vehicles and Trailers on residential streets.
- (i) Persons owning Oversized Vehicles and Trailers should have the opportunity to have limited use of streets for short periods of time.

SECTION 2

A new Article 12 of Chapter 1 of Division 6 of the Torrance Municipal Code is added to read in its entirety as follows:

“Article 12 – Oversized Vehicles and Trailers

Section 61.12.010	Definitions
Section 61.12.020	Parking of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers
Section 61.12.030	Exceptions
Section 61.12.035	Registration of Oversized Vehicles or Trailers
Section 61.12.040	Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits
Section 61.12.050	Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits

Section 61.12.060	Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Duration
Section 61.12.070	Oversized Vehicle Parking on Public Streets
Section 61.12.080	Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Fees
Section 61.12.090	Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits
Section 61.12.100	Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits
Section 61.12.110	Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Duration
Section 61.12.120	Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Fees
Section 61.12.130	Permit Denial
Section 61.12.140	Violation of Article
Section 61.12.150	State of Emergency
Section 61.12.160	Application of Regulations

Section 61.12.010 Definitions

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

‘Oversized Vehicle’ shall mean any vehicle, as defined by Section 670 of the California Vehicle Code, or combination of vehicles, which exceeds twenty feet in length, seven feet in width, or eight feet in height, exclusive of projecting lights or devices allowed by Section 35109 or 35110 of the California Vehicle Code, as may be amended.

Oversized Vehicle does not include pickup trucks or sport utility vehicles, which are less than twenty-five feet in length and eighty-two inches in height.

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

Section 61.12.020 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.

Section 61.12.030 Exceptions

The prohibitions contained in Section 61.12.020 shall not apply to any of the following:

- (a) Oversized Vehicles or Trailers for which an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit has been issued for a resident or an out-of-town visitor, in accordance with Section 61.12.050;
- (b) Any Oversized Vehicle or Trailers displaying a valid Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit issued pursuant to Section 61.12.090;
- (c) Oversized Vehicles or Trailers parked or left standing as a result of a mechanical breakdown so as to allow the performance of emergency repairs on the vehicle for a period not to exceed seventy-two hours;

- (d) Commercial vehicles making pickups or delivery of goods, wares or merchandise, or while providing services to a residence, including, but not limited to yard maintenance, pool care and maintenance, repair and construction services;
- (e) Tow trucks and similar vehicles that are in the course of providing services;
- (f) Public or utility vehicles and trailers that are in the course of providing services;
- (g) Any public emergency vehicle.

Section 61.12.035 Registration of Oversized Vehicles or Trailers

- (a) Each person registering an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer with the City must file with the City a completed application containing the following:
 - (1) The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - (2) The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the permit;
 - (3) Proof of residency
 - a. Acceptable proof of residency must be current and must include the following:
 - 1. California Driver's License or California Identification Card and one of the following:
 - 2. Property Tax Bill or Public Utility Bill (telephone bills are not acceptable).
 - (4) The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that shows the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer is registered in the City of Torrance;
 - (5) The license number, make, and model of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - (6) Additional information the Police Department may require;
 - (1) The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.
- (b) The City will issue Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers to people who meet the requirements listed above. The Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers will be displayed on the street side of the bumper of an Oversized Vehicle or the bumper area of a Trailer so it is clearly visible from the street, which is usually the left side.

Section 61.12.040 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits

- (a) The purpose of authorizing the issuance of Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits is to give owners of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers the opportunity, for a limited time, to park the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway adjacent to their residence, and to allow an out-of-town visitor who owns an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer to park on a public street or highway adjacent to the residence which the out-of-town visitor is visiting for a limited time period.

(b) A resident with an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit who does not park their Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway adjacent to their residence will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

(c) An out-of-town visitor with an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit who does not park their Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway adjacent to the residence which the out-of-town visitor is visiting will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

Section 61.12.050 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits

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

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

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

1. The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
2. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the permit;
3. Proof of residency
 1. Acceptable proof of residency must be current and must include the following:
 - a. California Driver's License or California Identification Card and one of the following;
 - b. Property Tax Bill or Public Utility Bill (telephone bills are not acceptable).
4. The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that shows the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer is registered in the City of Torrance;
5. The license number, make, and model of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
6. The dates for which the permit is requested;
7. The dates and duration of any and all Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued to the applicant within the immediately preceding ninety day period;
8. Additional information the Police Department may require;
9. The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.

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

(3) Permits shall be displayed in the lower driver's side of the windshield or nearest window of the Oversized Vehicle for which it has been issued so that it is clearly visible from the exterior of the vehicle. Permits shall be displayed on the side of the Trailer for which it has been issued so that it is visible from the street, which is usually the left side of the Trailer.

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

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

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

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

A. The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;

B. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the permit;

C. The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, or equivalent agency in another state, for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;

D. The name, address, and phone number of the resident that is being visited in the case of an out-of-town guest;

E. The license number, make, and model of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;

F. The dates for which the permit is requested;

G. The dates and duration of any and all Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued to the applicant during the current calendar year;

H. The dates and duration of any and all Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued to the resident being visited during the current calendar year;

I. Additional information the Police Department may require;

J. The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.

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

(3) Permits shall be displayed in the lower driver's side of the windshield or nearest window of the Oversized Vehicle for which it has been issued so that it is clearly visible from the exterior of the vehicle. Permits shall be displayed on the side of the Trailer for which it has been issued so that it is visible from the street, which is usually the left side of the Trailer.

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

Section 61.12.060 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Duration

- (a) For Oversized Vehicles and Trailers registered with the City:
- (1) An Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed 24 hours. Upon expiration of the permit, the applicant may apply for and be granted additional Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth in this Article. An applicant may request no more than 3 consecutive Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits (a total of 72 hours of parking to load and unload) at one time. In no event shall any person and/or designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer be issued more than 24 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits within any 90 day period.
- (b) For Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are not registered with the City under subsection (a) above (Out-of-Town Visitor Permits)
- (1) An Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed 24 hours. Upon expiration of the permit, the applicant may apply for and be granted additional Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth in this Article. An applicant may request no more than 14 consecutive Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits at one time. In no event shall any person and/or designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer be issued more than 30 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits in any calendar year.

Section 61.12.070 Oversized Vehicle Parking on Public Streets

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

Section 61.12.080 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Fees

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

Section 61.12.090 Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits

- (a) Purpose. The purpose of authorizing the issuance of Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits is to allow a handicapped person to park a designated oversized vehicle on a street/highway adjacent to their residence.
- (b) Requirements. In order to be eligible to receive an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit, the following requirements must be met:
- (1) The applicant must be entitled to receive a handicapped placard or license plate pursuant to the provisions of the California Vehicle Code;
 - (2) The oversized vehicle is the only vehicle owned by the resident and is required to meet the daily transportation needs of the resident.

Section 61.12.100 Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits

- (a) The Police Chief or designee, is authorized to issue Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits, pursuant to the following:
 - (1) Each person desiring an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit shall file with the Torrance Police Department a completed City application form containing the following:
 - (A) The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner and applicant of designated Oversized Vehicle;
 - (B) The license number, make, and model of designated oversized vehicle;
 - (C) The year for which the permit is requested;
 - (D) The years of any and all previous Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits issued to the applicant;
 - (E) Additional information the Police Department may require;
 - (F) The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.
 - (2) Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits issued and approved by the Police Department shall include the license plate number of the designated Oversized Vehicle, the date of issuance and the day of its expiration.
 - (3) Permits shall be displayed in the lower driver's side of the windshield or nearest window of the vehicle for which it has been issued so that it is clearly visible from the exterior of the vehicle.

Section 61.12.110 Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits - Duration

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

Section 61.12.120 Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Fees

Oversized Vehicle Handicap Permits shall be issued without any fees.

Section 61.12.130 Permit Denial

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

- (a) The applicant or the person the applicant is visiting is not a bona fide city resident;
- (b) The proposed location is not on a street adjacent to the residence of the applicant or the person the applicant is visiting;
- (c) The out-of-town visitor is not a guest of the resident;
- (d) Information submitted by the applicant is materially false; or
- (e) If the application is for an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Permit
 - 1. The applicant is not entitled to receive a handicap placard or license plate under the California Vehicle Code; or
 - 2. The Oversized Vehicle is not the applicant's primary mode of transportation.

Section 61.12.140 Violation of Article

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

(b) Every person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit or Permit number with the intent to avoid compliance with this Article is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) Every person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit or Permit number with the intent to avoid compliance with this Article is guilty of a misdemeanor

Section 61.12.150 State of Emergency

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

Section 61.12.160 Application of Regulations

- (g) The prohibitions in this Article will apply at all times, or at those times specified, except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device.
- (h) The time limitations on standing or parking in this Article will not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of the California Vehicle Code or the Torrance Municipal Code prohibiting or limiting the standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.
- (i) Nothing in this Article will be construed to permit vehicle habitation on a public street as prohibited by Section 61.6.31 of the Torrance Municipal Code."

SECTION 3

There will be a 1 year grace period, during which the City will not enforce the parking restrictions except as provided below, from the date the ordinance goes into effect for residents who own Oversized Vehicles or Trailers that register with the City and obtain a City of Torrance Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Sticker. This grace period may be extended by the City Council if it determines that there are insufficient off-street Oversized Vehicle storage facilities at the end of the 1 year grace period. There will be no grace period for violations of the California Vehicle Code and the Torrance Municipal Code, other than as provided in this Section. There will be no grace period for non-residents or residents who have not registered their Oversized Vehicles or Trailers with the City.

SECTION 4

Any inconsistent provisions of the Torrance Municipal Code, or any other inconsistent ordinances of the City, are repealed, to the extent of the inconsistencies.

SECTION 5

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, then the decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each of its sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases might be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6

This ordinance will take effect thirty days after the date of its adoption. Within fifteen days following adoption, this ordinance or a summary of this ordinance, if authorized by the City Council, will be published at least once in the Daily Breeze, a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2006.
ADOPTED and PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2006.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

Mayor Frank Scotto
ATTEST:

by _____
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. _____

SUMMARY

On _____, 2006, the City Council On _____ 2006 City Council of the City of Torrance adopted Ordinance No. _____ adding Article 12 to Chapter 1 of Division 6 of the Torrance Municipal Code relating to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers.

The ordinance deals with the parking of oversized vehicles and trailers on public streets and highways in the City of Torrance. The purpose of the ordinance is to give owners of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers the opportunity, for a limited time, to park the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway adjacent to their residence, and to allow an out-of-town visitor who owns an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer to park on a public street or highway adjacent to the residence which the out-of-town visitor is visiting for a limited time period.

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

The ordinance provides that no person shall park an oversized vehicle or trailer on a public street or highway unless one of the following exceptions apply: (a) Oversized Vehicles or Trailers for which an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit has been issued for a resident or an out-of-town visitor, in accordance with Section 61.12.050; (b) Oversized Vehicle or Trailers displaying a valid Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit issued pursuant to Section 61.12.090; (c) Oversized Vehicles or Trailers parked or left standing as a result of a mechanical breakdown so as to allow the performance of emergency repairs on the vehicle for a period not to exceed seventy-two hours; (d) Commercial vehicles making pickups or delivery of goods, wares or merchandise, or while providing services to a residence, including, but not limited to yard maintenance, pool care and maintenance, repair and construction services; (e) Tow trucks and similar vehicles that are in the course of providing services; (f) Public or utility vehicles and trailers that are in the course of providing services; (g) Any public emergency vehicle.

The ordinance provides for the issuance of Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits. The ordinance divides the permits into two different categories: (1) Torrance residents who register their Oversize Vehicle or Trailer with the City of Torrance, and (2) out-of-town visitors.

Residents will receive a City of Torrance Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Sticker upon completion of a City application, which requires proof of residency and a copy

of the DMV registration showing that the Oversized Vehicle is registered in the City of Torrance. There is no fee for the City of Torrance Oversized Vehicle Registration Sticker.

Residents must complete a City application to obtain Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit. The permit will be issued upon payment of a fee to be set by Resolution of the City Council. The ordinance allows for 24 permits in a 90 day period, with no more than 3 consecutive Oversized Vehicle Permits allowed. The ordinance allows for a maximum of 96 permits in a calendar year. The resident must park their Oversized Vehicle or Trailer adjacent to their property. The Police Chief or his designee is authorized to set up an Oversized Vehicle Parking call-in phone number or internet processing system.

Out-of-town visitors will be required to complete a City application that provides the location being visited, dates, and permission from the property owner. A visitor may request a maximum of 14 consecutive one-day permits at one time. In no event shall any person and/or designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer be issued more than 30 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits in any calendar year. The out-of-town visitor must park their Oversized Vehicle or Trailer adjacent to the property of the resident that they are visiting. The permit will be issued upon payment of a fee to be set by Resolution of the City Council.

The ordinance also provides for the issuance of Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits if the applicant meets the eligibility requirements.

The ordinance provides that 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.

The ordinance provides grounds for denial of permits by the Police Chief. Any violation of this ordinance will subject the violator to citation, towing, or both. Every person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit or Permit number with the intent to avoid compliance with this Article is guilty of a misdemeanor.

The time limitations on standing or parking in this ordinance will not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of the California Vehicle Code or the Torrance Municipal Code prohibiting or limiting the standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times. Nothing in this ordinance will be construed to permit vehicle habitation on a public street as prohibited by Section 61.6.31 of the Torrance Municipal Code.

*****City Clerk to add a paragraph stating that copies of the ordinance are available at the City Clerk's office and stating the names of the City Council members that voted in favor and those that voted against.*****

To: Members of the Torrance City Council¹⁷
From: Frank G. Rizzardi

ATTACHMENT B

Subject: On-Street Parking of Oversize Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles, Boats and Trailers

I am an owner of a motorhome and I strongly encourage you to adopt regulations that will result in more effective control of on-street parking of the subject vehicles in Torrance. I recommend the City put forth greater effort to control the parking of the subject vehicles for the following reasons.

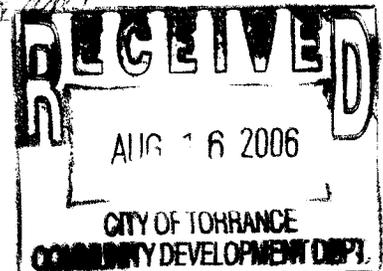
1. Our city's liberal parking regulations and lack of enforcement is resulting in non-Torrance residents parking their vehicles within our City's limits.
2. The increase in number of RVs being sold will aggravate existing parking problems (In 1999, some 321,200 new RVs were sold and in 2004 some 364,900 were sold.). According to recent reports, a further increase in RV sales occurred in 2005. (This data was taken from a Good Sam Club report.)
3. City trucks are having difficulty loading trash, etc because of RVs and other vehicles parked on the street at the curb during pick-up days.
4. The parking of such vehicles prohibit sweeping of curbs and gutters on street cleaning days.
5. Safety is compromised. Especially, when such vehicles are often parked near or at street corners and driveways.
6. Parking is at a premium in my area where families once had only two autos. Today, they may have as many as five.
7. Torrance strives to be a beautiful city. The parking of large RVs and other such vehicles doesn't add to this.

In conclusion, Sue Bray, Executive Director of the Good Sam Club that has a membership of more than 900,000 RV owners states, "We do not support permanent parking or storage of any vehicle, not just RVs, on public streets. We do think vehicles should be able to park for a reasonable time, usually up to 72 hours, to give people enough time to load and unload."

Thank you,

Frank G. Rizzardi
Frank G. Rizzardi

*Ted,
A copy was sent to
each member of the
Council.
Frank R.*



Crump, Jill

From: jkatz [jkatz@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 9:47 AM
To: cddtraffic@tor.net.com
Subject: parking/storing of oversized vehicles, trailers, and recreational vehicles in Torrance

Dear City Council Members:

I would like to encourage you to vote for an ordinance restricting the parking of oversized vehicles, trailers and recreational vehicles on the streets of Torrance. Traffic and use of city streets has grown in Torrance with just a few reasons being:

- * When the city was founded in 1921, the population was much smaller. The population today is roughly 146, 000 which means much more car and truck traffic between residents and commercial usage.
- * There are 2 trash trucks (one truck for trash and a second one for recycled materials) on trash day, compared to one smaller truck just a few years ago.
- * There are no more school buses (except for special needs students) so people must drive their children to and from Torrance schools. This has also led to an increase of other transportation methods (i.e. bicycles, skateboards, roller blades and even pedestrians) during the school year. Again, as the population has grown, so has the number of students, teachers and other school personnel going to and from the school.
- * Many more people walk or ride their bicycles for either health reasons, to decrease their use of foreign oil, or to help the environment.
- * As the city infrastructure is being repaired, many more people drive on residential streets to avoid the construction. These streets were not meant to carry a lot of traffic.

The oversized vehicles make it difficult to see and increase the risk of different accidents on our streets. Much has been said about "being a good neighbor" and asking your neighbors if they mind an RV parked in front of their house. However, anyone who drives around Torrance is affected by the oversized vehicles- whether neighbor, resident or visitor.

The other issue that must be addressed is enforcement of existing and any new ordinances. The 72 hour parking limit is generally enforced only after someone calls the Police and then the vehicle is marked and warned about the limit. As has been mentioned in previous meetings, most owners of such vehicles ("abusers") know they have at least another 72 hours-often more- before the parking police will come back but they only have to move the vehicle a short distance and the clock starts over with no consequence. Even the parking police admit they have gotten frustrated and give up on certain vehicles.

Sincerely yours,
 J. Katz
 (telephone and address on file)

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 6:00 PM
To: Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark
Subject: FW: RV council item

From: Hardison [mailto:ldhardison@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 4:32 PM
To: Frank Scotto; Tom Brewer
Cc: tsemaan; psullivan@torrnet.com
Subject: RV council item

Dear Frank and Tom, I will be on the East Coast next Tuesday when you consider this item. I am sorry to miss it as I have been able to attend most of the prior meetings. So here are my thoughts:

1. You do need to have oversized vehicles register so you know who is who.
2. Vehicles that are parked on the city street should be registered to the adjacent property occupant unless they have prior authorization for a visiting family for a short period of time.
3. All oversized vehicles should only be parked adjacent to their own property.
4. Oversized vehicles only allowed to park on public street for a maximum of 72 hours unless they have received prior authorization to stay for an additional time period.
5. Don't know what the plan is for residents who use the public street as their storage area. That is the most important issue that the council will need to deal with. After that, everything else will fall into place.
6. Hope the council does not adopt the "no parking 2 a.m. to 6 a.m." policy as many storage areas are not open 24 hours a day - ours is only open to 7 p.m.
7. If the council decides to only enforce the 72 hour rule and doesn't want oversized vehicles stored on the public street, then some other restrictions will need to be added so vehicles aren't just rolled forward a couple of inches.

Good luck!

Dee

Hardison
ldhardison@earthlink.net

Los Angeles limits RV parking

RULES: Council members will designate streets in their district where vehicles without a permit will be banned from 2 to 6 a.m.

By Dan Laidman
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Some recreational vehicle enthusiasts will have to find different overnight parking for their mammoth rides after the City Council approved new restrictions this week banning them from certain Los Angeles streets.

Under the new law, council members will be able to designate streets in their districts where mobile homes and other large vehicles will be unable to park from 2 to 6 a.m.

Councilwoman Janice Hahn said she introduced the ordinance because she was inundated with complaints about traffic hazards and blight from parked RVs in her Harbor Area district.

"Frankly, people have just used our city streets

as storage for their RVs instead of properly storing them in storage lots," she told the council this week.

Some San Pedro RV owners had voiced concerns that overnight parking is sometimes necessary for loading and unloading before or after an excursion.

Hahn's office tweaked the ordinance in response to allow RV owners to purchase overnight parking permits for \$10 per day for up to three consecutive days. The rules apply to vehicles more than 22 feet in length and 84 inches in height.

The permit system does not mollify San Pedro resident Bill Hill, an RV owner who has been vocal about the new ordinance.

"I'm disappointed that they chose to go the route that they did," he said. "I don't think that responsible RV owners should have to pay for a permit just to be able to park on the streets."

Hill pays \$165 a month to store his trailer in a

RVs

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yard in Torrance, but he said it is sometimes necessary to park on the street for short stints. He said he has secured a list of nearly 150 San Pedro-area RV owners from a recreational vehicle organization, and plans to contact them about the ordinance.

Hahn acknowledged at the council meeting that the ordinance may be inconvenient for people. She called for a review after six months of how the permit process is working.

In the meantime, Department of Transportation officials said they may set up vending machines at municipal buildings where RV owners could purchase the permits at all hours.

The system is modeled after recreational vehicle parking restrictions in other cities such as South Pasadena and Glendora, transportation officials said. Some South Bay cities, notably Torrance, are also contemplating similar crackdowns.

Violations of the new Los Angeles ordinance carry fines of \$50 to \$220.

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Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 8:48 AM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: Upcomming meeting

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 7:19 AM
 To: Semaan, Ted
 Subject: FW: Upcomming meeting

FYI

CW Hope

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

From: Itzmeharv@aol.com
 To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
 Sent: 08/14/2006 12:18 PM
 Subject: Upcomming meeting

Harvey H. Hetrick
 August 14, 2006
 City Council Member

WE NEED TO ENFORCE EXISTING LAWS, NOT MAKE NEW LAWS

I am one of many RV owners in Torrance who have attended several of the Traffic Commission meetings regarding parking of these vehicles on city streets. It still has never been explained to me as to the reasons why the California Vehicle Code 21 can be overridden by the City Of Torrance and how it can be justified. I have asked in the last three meetings for documented paperwork supporting the new ordinance as it is going forward to your council. No documentation has been given to me, and at the October third meeting Mr. Semaan replied to me and the other in attendance "there is no reason to give anyone any documentation". Mr.

Semaan has been doing an excellent job conducting these meetings and for that we are grateful. However we must disagree with him on the nine points in Section 1. You are asking us to change our lifestyles for reasons that are fictitious and I believe not supported by police records, emergency response records, HazMat records, hospital records or records on accidents caused by parked RV's.

I am still requesting official documentation regarding Section 1, article (a) vehicle flow being disrupted due to parked RV's, article (b) accident records reflecting these were caused due to line of sight, article (c) number of bicyclists that have been injured while maneuvering around parked RV's, article (d) records from Fire and Emergency units unable to respond due to parked RV's, article (e) records of exploding RV's due to gas and propane storage, article (f) number of documented complaints of aesthetics, leaking holding tanks, complaints of generator noise, article (g) number of runaway trailers that have cause injury and accidents, article (h) why Torrance is overriding a California Vehicle Code?, and article (I) which at the October meeting it became illegal to park RV's for the sole purpose that they are being parked, to charge batteries, add necessary fluids and refresh holding tank fresh water supply. The Traffic Commission will have us filling our tanks via buckets and will require us all to run our generators to charge batteries. The newly added, at the last minutes of October third meeting, Section 61.12.070 is the final straw to break the horses back making it illegal to temporary run the necessary lifelines to our vehicles. I must admit the commission covered all the bases, but I, and may others agree that the proposed ordinance is ethically wrong, morally wrong and illegal. You as a council member representing us as Torrance residences owe us the above mentioned supporting documents before you go forward with this new ordinance. If necessary I will be starting a grass roots RV owners Association and seeking legal guidance in regard to "there is no reason to give anyone any documentation. " The DMV has

all necessary records but Torrance will develop the same data base at residence expense? PD will be enforcing the same 72 hour code but a new, expensive data base is necessary to record and enforce at residence expense? A new department for permits and registration at residence expense? AND WHAT HAS IT COST US UP TO NOW TO DO THIS UNNECESSARY ORDINANCE STUDY? As a resident of this fine city I want a record of the expense spent on this project as of this date.

Thank for you time; Harvey H. Hetrick 310 743-6148

Crump, Jill

From: SueWilma@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 10:24 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Cc: scotto@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; TBrewer@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; Bsutherland@torrnet.com; Gdrevno@torrnet.com
Subject: Attn: Ted Semann RV's must NOT go

As long time homeowners in the Hollywood Riviera we respect the desire to have limits on OVERSIZED VEHICLE parking on city streets. We have owned an RV for about 15 years since retirement and park in front of our home for loading and unloading only whenever we travel. We try to be considerate to our neighbors and take only the time necessary. No one has ever complained. We feel however that other OVERSIZED VEHICLES involved with construction work present more or as much a problem as RVs. Rebuilding and remodeling is constant with workers and large vehicles dominating street parking for weeks, months and years. We think this situation needs to be addressed also.

We became aware of this proposal with the April issue of the Hollywood Riviera Newsletter. We will be happy to register our RV if necessary and will comply with whatever regulations are passed, but we do not feel we abuse our right to park temporarily as needed. Perhaps an annual permit rather than requiring one for each trip we take would be more fair. Also, we feel that if "grandfathering" is part of the policy adopted by Torrance the Hollywood Riviera should be included.

Thank you for including this e-mail into the official record and considering it in making your decision.

Please e-mail to sue-wilma@aol.com a copy of the proposed ordinance on Aug 21 when it becomes available.

Lois Hendrix
e-mail: suewilma@aol.com
430 Calle de Aragon
Redondo Beach, Ca. 90277
(Hollywood Riviera)

cc: Mayor Frank Scotto
Council Member - Pat McIntyre
Council Member - Paul M Nowatka
Council Member - Tom Brewer
Council Member - Hope Witkowsky
Council Member - Bill Sutherland
Council Member - Gene Drevno

Crump, Jill

From: Judith Schloff [snorkeljudy@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 12:45 PM
To: scotto@torrnet.com; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Brewer, Tom; Witkowsky, Hope; Bsutherland@torrent.com; Gdrevno@torrent.com
Subject: RV's, Trailers, Boats, ETC Must Go!!!!

Honorable Mayor and City Council

This is a plea to all of you to please consider the issue of RV "storage" that is taking place on our beautiful Torrance streets. When driving around our fair city take into consideration the number of RV's, trailers and boats that are being parked and or stored for lengthy periods of time. I'm aware of the 72 hr. parking law but I feel that this law has not been properly enforced. From my experience this issue is enforced only by complaints from homeowners. And sometimes a complaint seems to fall on deaf ears. In my neighborhood of Victoria Knolls, of which there is only one street up to approximately 175 homes there seems to be no signs that there is a law for these people who own the huge RV's, etc. They continue to "store" their RV's knowing that the Traffic Division doesn't patrol our hillside community. Unless there is a complaint, they know they are safe "storing" up here until a neighbor makes a call. These RV's pose an unsightly blight on our lovely neighborhood. In many neighborhoods there is a safety issue because of these monstrosities blocking views of oncoming traffic and too wide to be passed safely. Yesterday, while driving, I saw a 5th wheel with a popout side extended into the street, making it difficult to pass by without going into the oncoming lane. Please get these eyesores and hazards off the streets of Torrance. When not in use they belong in a storage facility. Not on the street, not in the driveway, not in the back or side yard if it infringes on other homeowners.

Sincerely,

Judy Schloff
2761 Loftyview Dr.
Torrance, CA 90505

08/15/2006

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 8:48 AM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: on street prking of oversized vehicles

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 7:21 AM
 To: 'tomlin551@aol.com '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted
 Subject: RE: on street prking of oversized vehicles

Dear Mr.Tomlin:

Thanks for your email. I agree! I will forward your email to staff to be included in August 22nd City Council Meeting. I do hope you can attend.

Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: tomlin551@aol.com
 To: scotto@torrnet.com
 Cc: pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmmowatka@torrnet.com; Tbrewer@torrnet.com;
 hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; Bsutherland@torrnet.com; Gdrevno@torrnet.com;
 cddtraffic@torrnet.com; MGUNNAR@socal.rr.com; DImatson@aol.com
 Sent: 08/14/2006 12:39 PM
 Subject: on street prking of oversized vehicles

Let us clean up the streets of Torrance by banning the parking of oversized vehicles--RVs, boats, trailers. This is a bad situation at present and it is only going to get worse as many neighboring cities are banning the parking of these vehicles on their streets. Guess what?

The folks who want FREE STORAGE will be coming to the streets of Torrance to join those who are already using our streets for cheap storage. The word is out. It is a free ride in Torrance as parking enforcement at present is a joke. BAN THE PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES! Thanks, The Tomlin Family, Torrance Residents for 43 years

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 8:47 AM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: Oversize vehicle parking

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 7:27 AM
 To: 'GTRonan@aol.com '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted
 Subject: RE: Oversize vehicle parking

Dear Mr. Ronan:

Thank you so much for your email. I will be forwarded this to staff for inclusion in our August 22 city council meeting. I do hope you can attend and give your thoughts at the podium.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: GTRonan@aol.com
 To: pmcintyre@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; Bsutherland@torrent.com;
 pmnowatka@torrnet.com; Gdrevno@torrent.com; TBrewer@torrnet.com
 Sent: 08/14/2006 10:32 PM
 Subject: Oversize vehicle parking

Members of the City Council:

Understanding that the matter of parking trailers and RV type vehicles on city streets is scheduled for action later this month, I should like to express my thoughts.

Parked on the street or in a driveway these monsters present safety concerns, obstruct views, and generally give the neighborhood a trashy appearance. I have no objection to a 24 or 48 hour presence providing owners an opportunity to prepare for a journey or "recover" from a trip. There could be a "limited time" permit for guests visiting from out of the area. It is inappropriate to have these vehicles cluttering the street on an on-going basis.

I cannot support the notion that the city should provide a parking lot for these "toys."

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Ronan
 1452 El Prado Ave.
 Torrance, CA 90501

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 8:47 AM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: Leave RV's Alone

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 7:29 AM
 To: 'Shari Olivieri '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted
 Subject: RE: Leave RV's Alone

Thanks you for your email. I will forward it to city staff to be included in the material for our August 22 city council meeting.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: Shari Olivieri
 To: scotto@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; TBrewer@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; Bsutherland@torrnet.com; Gdrevno@torrnet.com
 Sent: 08/15/2006 6:35 AM
 Subject: Leave RV's Alone

Good morning council members,

I just want to write you this morning to remind you that RV's are motor vehicles that pay registration fees to legally drive on the road. Your homeowners also pay taxes to live in their homes and if their RV's are parked in front of those homes, who's entitled to tell them it's wrong.

I just read a letter in the Daily Breeze where the writer claims RV's are dangerous to children, how is that? They are parked, an ice cream truck is more dangerous. It drives down the street with the music playing, calling all the kids to RUN outside to catch it and buy the ice cream. RV's are parked, unless they have a driver in them driving just like any other car.

He also mentions senior citizen whose driving is impaired by RV's.

Eeeek. If a senior citizen can't see an RV parked on the side of the road, watch out Mini Coopers! If an RV is too difficult to maneuver around for someone, they should not be driving.

He continues with driveway access being restricted and the visual and community blight of "these monstrosities". Really now, how many RV owners are parking their RV's where they restrict their neighbor's driveway. Don't you think the neighbor it's restricting would say something? If anyone's been camping lately, it's the RV'ers that are the friendliest. Unfortunately this letter is from someone who wants to drive down the empty streets and look at all the beautiful green yards and that's just not the case any more.

It sounds to me that the complainers just don't like looking at them and think they are standing up for everyone, when they actually don't have an RV near them or they would really know some facts. Once this situation dies down, they will find something else to complain about and they'll be back on your porch.

I encourage you to uphold the 72 hour parking rule on the streets, but please let the RV's be. The owner's are the kind of people you would want in your community, they care enough to take the time to actually go camping with their families rather than spend their money are some resort where there are so many activities that you don't even see each other.

As you put together your recommendatoinis, please consider removing the RV's that aren't

registered to Torrance residents first, and remove the RV's off the main city streets, not the neighborhoods. If the homeowner is parked in front of their house, uphold the 72 hour parking rule.

Then readdress this plan in a year and see how it's going. You would be surprised. You want to unite the city of Torrance, not divide it.

Thank you for your time and have a good day.

Sincerely,

Shari

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 8:46 AM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: rv's must go

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 7:32 AM
 To: 'mkbradleytc@juno.com '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted
 Subject: RE: rv's must go

I do agree with you. I will forward this email to staff to be included for our August 22nd city council meeting when this will be on the agenda. I do hope you can attend and give your views at the podium.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: mkbradleytc@juno.com
 To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
 Cc: bsutherland@torrnet.com
 Sent: 08/14/2006 10:04 AM
 Subject: rv's must go

RV's have been a problem since I moved to Torrance, in 1985 and I'm sure it goes further back than that.

Owners of RVs know that they only have to move their vehicle 2" every threee days to get around the current ticketing situation. My block had two different RVs that were parked on the street for YEARS.

When parked too close to the corners, they block the view of the stop signs. Who wants to take the responsibility when a child, senior, person gets hit by a car because the driver can't see the sign.

They are disgraceful to look at.

If the owners can afford them, they can find a place to store them OFF the streets of Torrance. It is not the responsibility of the city to find or provide storage for these monstrosities. If these are left on the streets we might as well allow the parking of vehicles on front lawns. Now wouldn't that make Torrance an attractive place to live?

Mariel K. Bradley

Semaan, Ted

From: linda [Linda@beachrunners.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2006 10:34 AM
To: 'Semaan, Ted'
Cc: 'Witkowsky, Hope'; 'Crump, Jill'
Subject: RE: announcement for august 22 meeting

Thank you Ted. FYI, I copy Councilwoman Witkowsky on many of my emails since she has consistently responded to them and is familiar with my ongoing situation.

I would like to meet with you to discuss my particular interest in the RV debate since my situation falls outside of the majority of complaints.

I understand that you and your department are formalizing a list of recommendations and an ordinance to present at the August 22 meeting, I want to be sure my situation is being addressed.

I've dealt with this problem for two years and very heavily the past six months, and would like to make sure I do not miss this important opportunity to be heard.

I am in City Hall on Monday at 3:00. If you can meet with me at 2:00 or 4:00, I'd appreciate it.

I will call you Monday morning.

Linda England
310-908-7205

From: Semaan, Ted [mailto:TSEMAAN@TORRNET.COM]
Sent: 11 August, 2006 5:42 PM
To: 'linda '
Cc: Witkowsky, Hope; Crump, Jill
Subject: RE: announcement for august 22 meeting

Hello Ms. England,

I am sorry that you have not received a copy of the August 22nd meeting regarding the parking of Oversized Vehicles. I have been out of the office for the past couple of days. I will have our folks check the distribution list to ensure your name is amongst those receiving the electronic notification. In the meantime, I have attached a copy of the notice information at the bottom of this email. If you run into such problems in the future, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Thanks,
Ted

08/16/2006

Ted Semaan
City of Torrance
Community Development Department
 (310)618-5990
 tsemaan@torrnet.com

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 8:02 PM
 To: 'linda '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted
 Subject: RE: announcement for august 22 meeting

Linda:

I do not know why you haven't been notified but I am forward this email to our city staff so you will receive an official invitation.

Councilwoman Witkowsky

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

From: linda
 To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
 Sent: 08/09/2006 5:12 PM
 Subject: announcement for august 22 meeting

How is it that I am never included in the list of people who have something to say regarding the RV issue? If not for chance conversations, I would not have known about this meeting and I did not know about the first meeting back in March or February.

My correspondence with the city about an RV issue has been extensive and is well documented.

Linda England
 310-908-7205

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2006 4:36 PM
Cc: Crump, Jill
Subject: Consideration of Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions

CITY OF TORRANCE

**NOTICE OF
 PUBLIC HEARING**

On-street Parking of Oversized Vehicles

**City Council Meeting
 August 22, 2006 7:00 p. m.
 City Council Chambers
 3031 Torrance Boulevard**

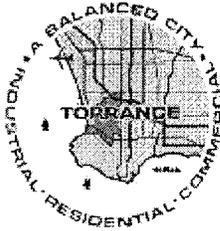
08/16/2006

The City of Torrance invites residents to attend the City Council Meeting of August 22nd where a public hearing will be held regarding on-street parking of oversized vehicles. At the meeting, staff will present an Ordinance addressing this important issue and will receive additional feedback from the public regarding on-street parking of oversized vehicles, recreational vehicles, and trailers.

The City of Torrance has held numerous community meetings and Traffic Commission meetings to receive input from residents regarding this issue. As follow up to these meetings, staff will present to the City Council a summary of recommendations and an Ordinance to address the on-street parking issues.

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90509-2970

Semaan, Ted

From: linda [Linda@beachrunners.com]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 11:00 PM
To: 'Semaan, Ted'
Subject: RE: announcement for august 22 meeting

Thank you, Ted.

I received an email that says your office is preparing recommendations and an ordinance for presentation at the August 22 meeting regarding oversized vehicles and that the written version will be available to the public from the city clerk's office on August 21. Please confirm.

Will you address my situation and complaint in your recommendations?

Perhaps we should meet. When can you fit me in, Tuesday or Thursday the 15th or 17th?

Linda England

From: Semaan, Ted [mailto:TSEMAAN@TORRNET.COM]
Sent: 11 August, 2006 5:42 PM
To: 'linda '
Cc: Witkowsky, Hope; Crump, Jill
Subject: RE: announcement for august 22 meeting

Hello Ms. England,

I am sorry that you have not received a copy of the August 22nd meeting regarding the parking of Oversized Vehicles. I have been out of the office for the past couple of days. I will have our folks check the distribution list to ensure your name is amongst those receiving the electronic notification. In the meantime, I have attached a copy of the notice information at the bottom of this email. If you run into such problems in the future, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Thanks,
Ted

Ted Semaan
City of Torrance
Community Development Department
(310)618-5990
tsemaan@torrnet.com

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 8:02 PM

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To: 'linda '
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: announcement for august 22 meeting

Linda:

I do not know why you haven't been notified but I am forward this email to our city staff so you will receive an official invitation.

Councilwoman Witkowsky

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

From: linda
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Sent: 08/09/2006 5:12 PM
Subject: announcement for august 22 meeting

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Linda England
310-908-7205

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2006 4:36 PM
Cc: Crump, Jill
Subject: Consideration of Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions

CITY OF TORRANCE

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

On-street Parking of Oversized Vehicles

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August 22, 2006 7:00 p. m.
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Crump, Jill

From: TOOMANYYA@aol.com
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 4:54 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Meeting Regarding Oversized Vehicles

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Dear Mr. Semaan,

I unfortunately will be away at a Training School during this time, but would like to go on record I wholeheartedly supporting all legislature this City could produce to regulate the "Oversized Vehicles" parked in our neighborhoods and streets.

I have someone who lives in a nearby apartment building who consistently parks a very large roofing truck next to my house all the time. I have spent thousands of dollars and countless hours trying to make this corner beautiful. This enormous beat up truck is a total eyesore that should never be allowed to park overnight on our residential streets. Not only is it an eyesore parked there, but also a road hazard.

Over the years, people have stored large motor homes, boats and trucks of all kinds along the side often moving them a few feet every few days to skirt the only laws that regulate them. You can see this everywhere in Torrance.

Why should the City make it convenient for these inconsiderate people to make our city ugly and spoil the quiet enjoyment of our homes?

Please help us!

Victor G. Tumminia

20457 Madison Street

Torrance, Ca. 90503

Crump, Jill

From: Danieljamesinc@aol.com
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 11:28 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: R.V OF ANY KIND ON STREETS

Ted Semaan, Transportation Planner of the Community Development Department
MAYOR
COUNCIL MEMBERS:

LET THE RECORD STATE.. I AM AGAINST ANY SPORT R.V. CAMPERS,, BOATS, TRAILERS, WORK TRUCKS
PARKED ON OUR CITY STREETS, OR IN FULL VIEW FROM THERE YARDS.

THEY ARE A HAZARD TO SAFETY FOR OUR CHILDREN, DRIVING VIEW AND PROPERTY VALUE. I AM An
OWNER BUSINESS AND OF RENTAL PROPERTY. MY TENANTS SIGN **NO TO THE ABOVE MENTION** IN RENTAL
AGREEMENTS AS RESPECT TO THE NEIGHBORS.

I, AM, FULL SUPPORT TO ELIMINATE ALL FROM OUR PROPERTY AND STREETS,

"IF THEY AFFORD TO BUY THESE..... THEY CAN AFFORD TO STORE THEM "

THAT THE REAL BOTTOM LINE IN THIS MATTER. DON'T TAKE AWAY MY SPACE FOR THERE CHEAPNESS.

JAMES D. BABB

Crump, Jill

From: Richard Dingman [fgding@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 5:16 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Oversized vehicles parked in the street

Campers and other oversized vehicles are all over the Torrance neighborhoods and present a very negative image, not to mention a sometimes dangerous situation. For example, on Lomita Blvd. between Anza and Hawthorne there are two such vehicles parked apparently in a storage situation. One is quite near the corner and could easily be hit by someone making a sharp turn. Others are on very busy streets such as Newton between Calle Mayor and Vista Montana. I am surprised that the Council is so hesitant to ban such on-street parking, seemingly out of respect for those who clutter our streets. We live in a nice, not inexpensive neighborhood and these vehicles give the area a trailer-park appearance. Please do something about all these unsightly and apparently unused curbside vehicles.
Thank you.

Frances and Gerry Dingman
4439 Vista Largo
Torrance 90505

fgding@earthlink.net
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

Crump, Jill

From: susanmcknight@kw.com
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 10:54 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: on-street parking of oversized vehicles

Hello,

I would just like to say that I think all oversized vehicles, especially recreation vehicles such as trailers and motor homes, should be completely banned. I live on Via Los Altos and my neighbor has an enormous motor home consistently parked on the street. It has definitely been a dangerous hazard on many occasions. When backing out of my driveway I have almost backed into on coming cars several times because I was not able to see if any cars were coming.

Also, as any Hollywood Riviera homeowner knows, the streets are very narrow and two cars can hardly pass each other as is. It is bad enough that there are regular sized vehicles parked on the street which makes it difficult when another car comes by. It is outright impossible when there is a motor home parked there.

I would also like to add that Hollywood Riviera is one of the most beautiful areas to live in, but when there is an old ugly motor home parked in front of or near your house and hardly ever moves, it makes the area look terrible and downright trashy. Thank you.

Susan McKnight

Semaan, Ted

From: Debbie.Simpson@acssoftware.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2006 2:45 PM
To: Debbie.Simpson@acssoftware.com
Subject: OTNA - RV Public Hearing 8/22/06

Happy Wednesday, OTNA Members! For those of you who have been following the RV Parking issues, I wanted to let you know that on **Tuesday, August 22nd**, the City Council will hold a public hearing regarding on-street parking of oversized vehicles. At the meeting, Staff will present an Ordinance addressing this important issue and will receive additional feedback from the public in reference to on-street parking of oversized vehicles, RVs, and trailers.

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Here are the details:

What: City Council will host a public hearing regarding on-street parking of oversized vehicles - RVs, boats, trailers, etc.

When: Tuesday, August 22nd, 2006

Where: City Council Chambers (3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance)

Time: 7:00 PM

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Debbie Hays :)
Immediate Past President, OTNA
www.OldTorranceNeighbors.org

Crump, Jill

From: Lori Chong Eurich [lace167@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2006 11:08 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: no overnight RV parking

Dear Ted S.

I strongly urge the Torrance city council to ban overnight street parking of over-sized motor homes. These are an eye sore and safety hazard and I feel it is the responsibility of the owner to have a place to put his/her vehicle. Please keep these monster contraptions off the streets now.

Thanks, Lori C. Eurich

Crump, Jill

From: linda [Linda@beachrunners.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2006 5:12 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: announcement for august 22 meeting

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City Council,

Please take the averaged vehicles off the streets. Since to a death in the family we are unable to attend the meeting Aug 22.

There is two recreational vehicles on my street that out for 51 weeks of the year with out being moved. Ground. The corner there is a big trailer camper, boat, and camper in a yard that looks like a junk yard. We live in Spruce because it clean and does not

look like a low income area all over town.

We moved here in 1960 - It was a beautiful city.

Please keep it beautiful.

Julia Jackson
13427 W 227th Place
Spruce, Ca. 90505

Crump, Jill

From: Spreitzers [spreitzer@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2006 3:23 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV ordinance

To: Ted Semaan

I have written before but want to convey again that I think an ordinance restricting the parking of RV's and trailers should be enacted. Now that the City of Los Angeles has passed restricted parking laws on RV's, Torrance will have even more non-resident parking by people looking for a free place to park. When we owned an RV, we always paid to park it. It is rude to expect your neighbors to endure the visual blight. Many of these vehicles create an unsafe road condition when trying to back out of a driveway. The vast majority of Torrance residents do not own an RV or trailer. Do what is right for the majority while allowing the RV owners a permit to pack and unpack when preparing for a trip.

Donna Spreitzer

Crump, Jill

From: Sullivan, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2006 9:46 PM
To: Semaan, Ted; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Caceres, David
Subject: FW: RV Parking

-----Original Message-----
From: Pohl, Ron
To: Sullivan, Patrick
Sent: 08/09/2006 11:07 AM
Subject: FW: RV Parking

> -----Original Message-----
> **From:** Nowatka, Paul M.
> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 09, 2006 10:59 AM
> **To:** Herbers, Sue; Pohl, Ron
> **Subject:** FW: RV Parking

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> **From:** John & Rosanne [mailto:KleinsLA@earthlink.net
> <mailto:KleinsLA@earthlink.net>]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2006 6:45 PM
> **To:** Nowatka, Paul M.
> **Subject:** RE: RV Parking

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> I still would like to see things stay as they are - except make sure
> that the RV is registered to the home owner of the house it is parked
> in front of.

>
> Rosanne

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> -----Original Message-----
> **From:** Nowatka, Paul M. [mailto:PMNowatka@TORRNET.COM
> <mailto:PMNowatka@TORRNET.COM>]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2006 10:27 AM
> **To:** John & Rosanne
> **Subject:** RE: RV Parking

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> If, the Council should vote for some type of permit system, I imagine
> it would handled (issued) from City Hall. Parking enforcement is the
> responsibility of our Services Officers (non-sworn) and not the Police
> Officers. They would only rarely get involved so I see no impact
> there.

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> Paul

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> **From:** John & Rosanne [mailto:KleinsLA@earthlink.net
> <mailto:KleinsLA@earthlink.net>]
> **Sent:** Sunday, August 06, 2006 2:26 PM
> **To:** Nowatka, Paul M.
> **Subject:** RE: RV Parking

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> Hi Paul,

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> Thank you for answering my e-mail!

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>I also have problems with the permit concept. If we are only allowed
 >to have a permit to have our RV's in front of our house for a few days
 >a month, what will happen "in case of emergency". The RV's in a
 >storage lot many miles away will be useless to us. If we would need
 >to get a permit yearly to prove that the RV does belong to the
 >homeowner, that would be annoying, but workable. I wonder though who
 >would oversee this permit. If it is the Torrance Police, I personally
 >would rather they use their limited resources for other matters,
 >including stopping the sale of alcohol to our underage kids and
 >stopping the illegal sale of drugs to our kids. We all know someone
 >who has been affected by these issues. The schools can't do it alone.

>
 >Rosanne

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Nowatka, Paul M. [mailto:PMNowatka@TORRNET.COM
 ><mailto:PMNowatka@TORRNET.COM>]
 > Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 4:06 PM
 > To: John & Rosanne
 > Subject: RE: RV Parking

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 > Rosanne, Thank you for your input, this is a very serious issue and
 >we will pay close attention to all points of view. We have amassed a
 >large volumn of evidence on this. I see in todays paper that LA has
 >passed an ordinance that restricts RVs at night. That was one of the
 >options. I have some problem with the permit concept, your thoughts?

>
 > Paul

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> From: John & Rosanne [mailto:KleinsLA@earthlink.net
 ><mailto:KleinsLA@earthlink.net>]
 > Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 12:14 PM
 > To: Nowatka, Paul M.
 > Subject: RV Parking

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 > Sincerely,

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> Rosanne Klein

Semaan, Ted

From: Lopez, Olivia
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 6:00 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: HCED Listserve Residential Storage of RV's

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

From: ryan_carey@ci.cerritos.ca.us [mailto:ryan_carey@ci.cerritos.ca.us]
 Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 1:53 PM
 To: hced@lists.cacities.org
 Subject: HCED Listserve Residential Storage of RV's

Hello,

The City of Cerritos is currently in the process of reviewing its policies regarding the storage of recreational vehicles in residential areas. As part of this review process, the City is interested in finding out the policies of other jurisdictions with regard to this matter.

In particular, we are interested in determining the following:

1. Does your jurisdiction have any regulations either permitting/limiting/prohibiting the storage of RV's in residential areas? If so, what are they? (Please provide Municipal Code links if possible)
2. Past experience in addressing this issue and the steps taken to resolve it.
3. Any additional comments or thoughts regarding this matter.

The results of this study will be compiled and returned to those who respond upon completion.

Thank you all for your time.

Sincerely,

Ryan Carey
 Management Analyst
 City of Cerritos
 Community Development
 (562) 916-1201

HCED mailing list
 HCED@lists.cacities.org
<http://lists.cacities.org/mailman/listinfo/hced>

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Genevieve Morelos

Policy Analyst

gmorelos@cacities.org

916.658.8254

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Crump, Jill

From: Lita Salbi [litasalbi2004@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 7:39 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV

City of Torrance

Any type of non- commercial vehicle with a motor and can be driven on the street or highways should be allowed to park on public streets. The vehicle should only be parked in front or side of the owners property.

I live at 156 Via la Soledad, corner lot
AR & Lita Salbi

I have a RV 26 feet. It is parked on the side street.in front of the side of my house. WE take many short trips and go to the beach for the day. It would be extremely inconvenient to store it some place else. If we park it in front or back yard or driveway it will block ocean views. We park it in the best place possible for us and our neighbors.

Thank you

Semaan, Ted

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2006 3:04 PM
To: 'Ron Butterworth '
Cc: Herren, James; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: RE: On-Street Parking of Oversized Vehicles

Hello Mr. Butterworth,

Thank you for taking the time to email the Mayor and City Council members your comments related to On-Street Parking of Oversized Vehicles. Your comments will be considered and incorporated into the correspondence section of the proposed August 22nd Council item.

Thanks,

Ted Semaan
City of Torrance
Community Development Department
 (310)618-5990
 tsemaan@torrnet.com

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 10:47 PM
 To: 'Ron Butterworth '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted; Herren, James
 Subject: RE: On-Street Parking of Oversized Vehicles

Dear Mr. Butterworth,

You bring up some very good points. I will be sharing this with the staff that is to bring this back to City Council, under the direction of Mayor Scotto on August 22, 2006.

Sincerely,

Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: Ron Butterworth
 To: fscotto@!torrnet.com; tbrewer@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; bsutherland@torrnet.com; HWitkowsky@torrnet.com
 Sent: 08/04/2006 9:08 AM
 Subject: On-Street Parking of Oversized Vehicles

Yes I do own an RV and no my RV is not parked on the street. I am fortunate enough to have a driveway long enough and wide enough to park my rig on my property. Several things bother me about what is happening here. First, in my opinion we have enough laws on the books now. Why pass new laws when for some reason the Torrance Police are unable or unwilling to enforce the current 72 hour law. I have nothing but the greatest respect for the Torrance Police Department but I find it difficult to understand why they are unable to enforce the current 72

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hour law regarding on-street parking yet they say they will have no trouble staffing and enforcing a new law where the citizens would have to phone and get a permit to park on the street for say 24 hours to load or unload their RV's. I have already attended at least ten public meetings held by Ted Semaan and one Traffic Commission Meeting. Enough is enough. Sandi Monda seemed up my thoughts exactly when she asked how many trees had been cut to produce the huge ream of paper passed out at the Traffic Commission Meeting which summed up all the public meetings held to date. The city council appoints the commissioners to serve on the various commissions. These people are dedicated hard working people who are doing an excellent job. Why not allow them do their jobs. It appears to me that when the city staff does not get their way they somehow manage to bring the issue up before the entire city council and too often the citizens and the commissioners are over ruled. Why have public meetings? Why have commissioners? There appears to be a few people who are the main violators, but we were unable to get an exact number of who these people are. The Torrance Police Department knows who these people are and therefore they should be able to put enough pressure on these people to convince them to obey the law. We were also told that as many as 40% of the RV's parked on the streets in Torrance are not registered to people who live in Torrance. To me the answer is very simple. Make the citizens of Torrance register their RV's and issue a decal for the windshield. Raise the fines for violating the current 72 hour law and direct the police department to actively enforce this law. I have been told that there is a device on the market which can be used to mark the tires and that this can only be seen under a black light. The current method of marking with a piece of white caulk just doesn't work. If you have made it this far, thank you for allowing me to vent my frustrations as what I see as the city staff dragging this on and on until they get their way.

Ron Butterworth

1828 Marinette Street

Torrance, Ca. 90501

1+(310)212-5593

RButterworth1@socal.rr.com <mailto:RButterworth1@socal.rr.com>

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From: John & Rosanne [KleinsLA@earthlink.net]
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To: cddtraffic@tor.net.com
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From: Corrina Camou [CCamou@mmsa.com]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2006 4:27 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Cc: Crump, Jill
Subject: Re: Consideration of Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions

Thank, you for the update.

Hopefully this RV problem will be resolved soon! On my block there are two RV parked in my street. When does the Parking enforcement come around my neighbor hood? Since these RV have been parked for weeks and even month there is no indication that they are be sited.

Also is there any restrictions on commercial vehicles being parked in a residential area? You know it's bad enough to fight for parking in the our neighborhoods but when your neighbors park their work trucks from Friday to Monday morning this can be a real pain! Especially when there is plenty of parking in their drive way. The city of Torrance needs to start writing ticket and making monies off these people.

My address: 17109 Glenburn Ave, Torrance, CA 90504 - RV issues

Parents address: 18827 Fonthill Ave, Torrance, CA 90504 - Trailer, RV and Commercial vehicles taking up parking spots.

I'll stop now cause I really could go on and on.

Corrina Diana Camou
310-324-1085
ccamou@aol.com

Corrina Diana Camou
Analyst, Logistics Services
714-372-6582
Fax: 714-890-3477
Corrina Camou/MMSA/MMCX

"Semaan, Ted" <TSEMAAN@torrnet.com>

To

cc "Crump, Jill" <JCrump@torrnet.com>

08/03/2006 04:40 PM

Subject: Consideration of Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions

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City Council

Frank Scotto,

Mayor

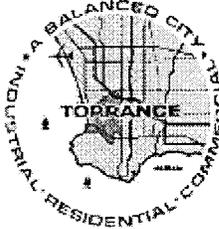
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LOS ANGELES

Overnight parking of RVs is banned

A ban on overnight parking of motorhomes, big rigs and other oversized vehicles on Los Angeles streets was approved Wednesday by the City Council.

The council unanimously agreed that oversized vehicles cannot be parked on city streets between 2 and 6 a.m. Violators will be fined \$50 for a first offense, \$75 for a second offense within a year and \$105 for third offense within the same year.

There's no 'right' to RV parking

Assertions have been made, recently, regarding a South Bay/Palos Verdes Peninsula homeowner's "right" to park and/or store recreational vehicles on residential public streets and residential private property. To clear up this falsehood, there are no inherent "rights" to this selfish assault on the ambience of our neighborhoods. In fact, the opposite is true with all precedents firmly against these movable zoning violations.

When our communities were planned and subdivision maps filed 25, 50 and 75 years ago, developers and city planners created street widths to accommodate only automobiles and the occasional delivery truck. They created small lot sizes with minimal setbacks, side yards and two-car garages, never envisioning an attempt to park and/or store "large" or even "small" non-automobiles.

Recently, this vocal RV minority — with more dollars than sense (no pun intended) — has attempted to frame this obnoxious practice as a "personal property rights" issue while, believe it or not, whining about being "discriminated" against. They have even expounded the theory that because both cars and RVs are licensed by the state, they should both deserve equal status. As if having a dog in your back yard should equate to keeping a horse, cow or, closer to the issue, a herd of elephants in the same back yard.

Planning commissions and city councils actually have a simple call to make. For the good of our neighborhoods (and the 99 percent of homeowners who give a second thought to their neighbors' property values, views and quality of life), legislate against the long-term parking (24 hours by specific permit only) and any storage of non-automobiles, e.g., motor homes, trailers, boats and commercial trucks over "pickup" size. Period.

It is not the city's responsibility to placate nor subsidize RV owners' expensive hobby, nor is it the city's responsibility to create or find storage facilities for these 20- to 45-foot-long eyesores. We live in an expensive, suburban community. We do not live in RV "friendly" Yucaipa, Cabazon or Hesperia for a reason.

— JIM HARRIGAN
Hollywood Riviera

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 2:07 PM
To: Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV parking

Please add Mr. Moning to our contact list. Thanks, Ted.

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

From: Herbers, Sue
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 12:25 PM
To: 'Todd Moning'
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV parking

The city council reorganized on July 11, 2006 and has given direction to the City Manager that the item be brought back to the City Council as a whole as soon as possible. The matter will be advertised to all members on the notification list as soon as it has been prepared.

Your name is on the notification list.

Sue Herbers
City clerk
Torrance CA

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

From: Todd Moning [mailto:tmoning@fmca.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2006 12:15 PM
To: CityClerk@torrnet.com
Subject: RV parking

Hi, Sue.

Is there any updated info concerning the proposed ordinance that would restrict on-street parking of RVs?

The last I heard, and which I reported in our monthly magazine and our Web site, www.fmca.com, is that a public hearing was held March 28, and the Community Planning & Design Committee's June 14 meeting was cancelled. The committee was to consider City Council's directives regarding on-street parking of oversized vehicles.

Thanks for any help you can provide.

Todd Moning
Web Editor, www.fmca.com

tmoning@fmca.com

Crump, Jill

From: Sullivan, Patrick
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2006 9:18 AM
To: Matsuda, Mark; Semaan, Ted; Crump, Jill; Caceres, David
Subject: Daily Breeze Letter to the Editor re RPV RV ordinance

RV Team

Here is a letter to the editor in today's Daily Breeze regarding RPV's proposed RV ordinance. I left a voicemail with Craig Bilezarian to get some details because he is on the RPV Traffic Commission now.

Patrick

Today is Tuesday, July 11, 2006
 Originally published Tuesday, July 11, 2006
 Updated Tuesday, July 11, 2006

RPV's plan for RV parking too strict

America, land of the free -- but not if you live in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Potential recreational vehicle owners and owners who park their RVs on the street, take heed. At the direction of the City Council, the Traffic Safety Commission has drafted a proposal that would ban RV parking on city streets and require residents to buy a permit (cost unknown at this time). The permit would allow residents to bring their RV home for a period of 72 hours before and after each trip.

Although RVs are registered as automobiles, this ban would not include the dozens of vehicles running and not running that are left parked on our city streets for weeks and months at a time -- so much for discrimination.

The recommended number of permits allowed each year was four to eight. Some commission members actually thought this number was generous. In fact, limiting the use of a person's personal vehicle to four to eight times a year is so irrational and restrictive that it literally slams the door in the face of any dialog between RV owners and the commission. Had they talked in the area of twice a month, twenty four permits a year, it would have at least appeared like they had some compassion for the people they will be forcing to spend upward of \$200 per month in storage fees.

With some flexibility on the part of the commission, a reasonable compromise might have been reached.

The attitude of all but two commission members was "Let's get those big ugly things out of our city." A good example of closed-minded non-representative city government? We think so. We can only hope that when this proposal comes before the City Council, it will show more understanding toward the needs of motorhome owners. If not, we will match council members' compassion with ours at the ballot box come election time.

-- ERNEST GIANNIOSES

Rancho Palos Verdes

Vehicle Code prohibits RV parking bans

The right to park recreational vehicles on city streets is in fact an inherent right, as plainly stated in the California Vehicle Code in Section 21. That section states as follows:

"Except as otherwise expressly provided, the provisions of this code are applicable and uniform throughout the state and in all counties and municipalities therein, and no local authority shall enact or enforce any ordinance on the matters covered by this code unless expressly authorized therein."

Thus, "a city may regulate traffic on its streets only to the extent it is so authorized in the vehicle code," and unless it has been so expressly authorized, it "has no authority over vehicle traffic control."

To challenge this, former state Sen. Robert G. Beverly (at one time) had requested an opinion on the following question from the state Supreme Court: Does a California city have the authority to prohibit the parking of particular categories of vehicles such as recreation vehicles that exceed a particular length on residential streets?

Conclusion: A California city has no authority to prohibit the parking of a particular category of vehicles on residential streets, with the exception of commercial vehicles.

In California, motorhomes are licensed the same as cars and are subject to the same regulations. If elephants were licensed the same as dogs, then I would presume that they could be kept in back yards just like dogs. If you have a

problem with an RV in your neighborhood for safety reasons (narrow streets, etc.), try to reason with that person. If that fails, see that your local police enforce the existing 72-hour parking law. If your problem is "ambiance," aesthetics to most of us, too bad. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

To my fraternity of the RV lifestyle, I strongly suggest that if you park your rig in the street, be as safe and courteous as possible. If your street is narrow or unsafe for some reason, please consider storing your rig elsewhere. Being a good neighbor goes a long way.

— ERNEST GIANNIOSES
Rancho Palms Verdes

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2006 3:53 PM
To: Crump, Jill
Cc: Gibson, Jeff; Cessna, Linda
Subject: FW: RV Meeting

Please add to the notification list. Thanks, Ted.

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2006 8:12 AM
 To: 'JMyers2777@aol.com '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted
 Subject: RE: RV Meeting

It was nice meeting you also Ms. Myers. I will forward this email to Mr. Ted Semaan for inclusion to our next committee meeting of the Community Planning and Design. It is not a commission but a committee of the Torrance Council Members.

As a side question, who is this employee you mentioned. I would like to send that person a note. Can you also give me the name?

Councilwoman Witkowsky

Note: Ted, please make sure I gave you this womans email for notification of our next RV meeting.

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

From: JMyers2777@aol.com
 To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
 Sent: 07/05/2006 6:35 AM
 Subject: RV Meeting

Good Morning Councilwoman Witkowsky:

I did appreciate meeting you personally yesterday at OSH. As per your request, this is a gentle reminder to include my email on the notification list for the next commission meeting to address the issue of RV parking. Thank you for taking a few minutes to discuss this emotionally charged issue with me. You were very gracious and understanding, we appreciate your efforts in continuing to make Torrance an ideal place to live. Also, just a note of interest, one of our homeowners just began his 50th year of continuous service for the City of Torrance, we are very proud of his accomplishment.

Tuesday Letters to the Editor

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Today is Tuesday, June 27, 2006
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Tuesday Letters to the Editor

Torrance shouldn't curtail RV 'rights'

The new Torrance City Council members are going to be asked to decide on the ordinance concerning recreational vehicle parking. Being one of the owners of a 32-foot motor home, I ask that the council members remember that the owners of many of these vehicles are veterans.

While the city honors us with parades and thanks us for our service to the country, at the same time it may take away one of the freedoms many have died for. This will be only another dishonor to those who have served in Vietnam and the remaining heroes of World War II.

Many of us are now retired and live on fixed incomes. Does the city have the right to take the enjoyment that we have fought, bled and died for?

RV use is a family activity. What is happening to our freedoms and God-given rights? Keep the existing 72-hour street parking code and find a way to enforce it.

-- HARVEY H. HETRICK

Torrance

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2006 9:31 AM
To: mary steinkamp
Cc: Crump, Jill
Subject: RE: Oversized vehicles

Thank you for your comments Ms. Steinkamp. The Community & Planning Design Committee will be scheduling their meeting to consider the Council's comments on the matter. Your email will be included for their consideration as part of the record. As soon as we have determined the definitive date this matter will be taken to the Community & Planning Design Committee, we will email you a copy of the notice for the meeting. Thanks, Ted.

Ted Semaan
 City of Torrance
 Community Development Department
 (310)618-5990
 tsemaan@torrnet.com

-----Original Message-----
From: mary steinkamp [mailto:maryking@pacbell.net]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 5:44 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Oversized vehicles

To: traffic department

I am concerned about oversized vehicles parked on residential streets. These vehicles should only be permitted to park on the street for loading/unloading. Otherwise, owners should be required to park them in garages or storage facilities, or on a slab in their backyard.

Besides being unsightly (Post Avenue in downtown Torrance usually has 3 parked on the street), they are a safety hazard. If parked near an intersection, they are effective at blocking the view. On narrow streets, they take up so much room that turning next to one is dangerous. Making a right turn now leaves the car in the middle or left lane of the street.

The city of Torrance should be encouraging historical preservation in residential neighborhoods, not allowing ugly giant structures in our streets.

We feel that owners should be allowed some time to either store or sell their oversized vehicles. Then they should be banned from the streets of Torrance.

Sincerely,

Mary and Steve Steinkamp
 1411 Acacia Avenue
 Torrance, CA 90501

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:52 AM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Cessna, Linda; Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Cc: Trujillo, Jose
Subject: FW: Forward from CW Hope

Attachments: RVPullout.JPG



RVPullout.JPG (1 MB)

YI.....the picture and email below are from Linda England.

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:12 AM
 To: Herren, James; Semaan, Ted; Fellows, John
 Subject: Forward from CW Hope

Chief:

This is really bad! I would HATE to live next to this monster. Wow. My committee will have to look at this problem but I have been told of previous attempts to stop all those element mention in this residents complain when Jim Ishomoto was here and at that time they didn't want to touch storage on one own property.

I look to John Fellow's staff to help us out of this truly bad situation of this residents. If I were here I would be mad as hell also.

What can be done to stop this now in 2006?

Thanks for looking at this, another problem with RV's.

CW Hope

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

From: linda
 To: jtrujillo@torrnet.com
 Cc: 'Witkowsky, Hope'; 'Guyton, Rod'; fscotto@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com
 Sent: 05/10/2006 10:35 PM
 Subject: 2528 West 227th Street

Hi Jose/Joe,

I've copied the city council members and Mayor Walker on this email.

I would imagine that everyone has grown weary of the RV parking and storage situation. I know I have, but I want you all to understand how frustrating it is to know the city is doing all they can and it's still not enough.

When I came home tonight from the Mayoral forum, I saw lights on in the RV at 2528 West 227th Street again. The pullout part of the RV (their bedroom) is still hanging over my wall. Jose Trujillo gave them until this past Monday to move out. I assume they haven't.

The city has been more than generous in this situation. If my calculations are correct, they have lived in that RV for more than two months.

Storing RVs on private property should be illegal. Period. My neighbors have no incentive

to obey any law more lenient than that. It is less expensive for them to continue living in this RV and pay a small citation than it is to use any other alternative available to them (hotel, RV park). Every day they stay here is money in their pocket. Unfortunately, their savings is at the city's and my expense.

Right now, residents who store their RVs on private property are allowed to use the RV for "certain" reasons (game room, office, etc). This gives residents like my neighbors an easy out. They can say they are only using the RV until (name an hour) and aren't sleeping in it. Proving someone sleeps in an RV takes a lot of city time and money. In either case, my privacy is still being invaded and my neighbors have circumvented all building and fire codes. This doesn't seem right.

As I told you, I will meet with the dispute resolution representative. I have not heard from her or him yet. I know the ordinance will not come back to the council until some time in June. I trust Councilwoman Witkowsky's committee is doing a thorough job and I look forward to hearing their recommendations.

Linda England

PS - Jose, I haven't been able to find case #COM06-00321 on torrnet.com.
Please send me a link.
<<RVpullout.JPG>>

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 9:03 AM
To: Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV Parking Committee

Please add to the notification list. Thanks, Ted.

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 8:59 AM
To: 'GatesJH@aol.com '
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV Parking Committee

Jim:

The date is not yet firm. I have forwarded your email so that you will be notified of that date and time.

Councilwoman Hope

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

From: GatesJH@aol.com
To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 05/11/2006 6:29 AM
Subject: RV Parking Committee

Ms Witkowsky:

When and where is the next committee meeting to discuss storing RVs (or any other uses) on airport property?

Jim Gates

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 6:11 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill; Sullivan, Patrick; Matsuda, Mark; Caceres, David
Subject: FW: Residential Neighborhood RV Storage

FYI

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 2:54 PM
To: 'Jim Harrigan '
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Residential Neighborhood RV Storage

I agree Jim. My committee will be making it's recommendation to the council. I will put you on the notice list for our next committee meeting.

Councilwoman Hope

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

From: Jim Harrigan
To: Hope Witkowsky
Sent: 05/08/2006 10:56 AM
Subject: FW: Residential Neighborhood RV Storage

Councilwoman Hope...We "hope" that your recommendations to Council will negate this "neighborly" selfishness. Something MUST be done to stop the storage of all RVs in/on residential neighborhoods...public and private property. How would you like to look at this monstrosity daily.
 How would you like to entertain in your \$1,000,000 home with this on your front lawn?

Jim Harrigan

----- Forwarded Message

From: Jim Harrigan <jh@econdevsys.com>
Date: Mon, 08 May 2006 10:00:21 -0700
To: Rod Guyton <rguyton@torrnet.com>
Subject: Residential Neighborhood RV Storage

P.P.S. Attached RV is owned by a Torrance police officer and had been stored in this location for the last four years. Imagine yourself as his day-in, day-out next-door neighbor. The policeman just ignores the neighbor's request to store the RV in an RV storage facility. Nice!

Jim Harrigan
 President
 Hillside Residents Association

----- End of Forwarded Message

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Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 5:34 PM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: RV .Boat.Trailer Street Parking

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 5:22 PM
 To: 'Barbara STEPHAN '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted
 Subject: RE: RV .Boat.Trailer Street Parking

Dear Ms. Stephan:

Thank you for your email on RV's in Torrance. My committee is working to resolve these problems you describe.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Witkowsky

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

From: Barbara STEPHAN
 To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
 Sent: 04/28/2006 8:48 AM
 Subject: RV .Boat.Trailer Street Parking

Just to help give more insight on street parking ...Let's call it what it is

ON STREET STORAGE.... A ACCIDENT LOOKING FOR A HAPPENING....

Two motor homes have been stored on 232ND Street....for years and years... Now for the last 2 week another motor home stored at 2301 W.232ND The 72 Hour rule doesn't work.... IT'S NOT BEING ENFORCE and WILL NEVER BE Look at the enforcements past actions....It is a revolving door ordinance....The motor home gets sighted ... then moved around the block..back to the house STORAGE starts all over again.....

Just the other day leaving a driveway at 2367 W.232ND. street.. With only a one eye view between 2 motor homes ...One STORED at 2361 W.232ND & one at 2327 W.232ND .. Not one cars could you see coming up the street...Once I got to the point the motor home closes to me blocked my view and the view of any on coming traffic ...like

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA..

Natural a car now is ZOOMING up the street...We just barely miss having a collision....This STREET STORAGE is a problem and will soon be a GROWING PROBLEM...If something isn't none to STOP this tend...

Torrance is a LARGE METROPOLITAN CITY ... With metopolatan problems ... NOT a cow town.... like some want to keep it.....

Lets act like METROPOLITAN CITY...

STOP All STREET STORAGE OF RV,BOATS, OVERSIZE TRUCKS & TRAILER

Thank you, Babara Stephan
2278 W.232ND

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 5:34 PM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: RV street storage

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 5:07 PM
To: 'Barbara STEPHAN '
Cc: Cessna, Linda; Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV street storage

I will send this to the city staff that takes care of this.

Sincerely,
Councilwoman Witkowsky

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

From: Barbara STEPHAN
To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 05/01/2006 8:59 AM
Subject: RV street storage

Counsel...

A CORRECTION ...ADDRESS CHANGE... E-mail sent Friday April 28TH....about RV stored at 2301 it should have read 2310 W. 232ND. Street...Sorry about the transposing of numbers...

Please keep me on the mailing list..

Barbara Stephan

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3:53 PM
To: Witkowsky, Hope
Cc: Crump, Jill
Subject: RE: Committee apointment

Thank you Councilwoman, I have Mr. Bradshaw's notification information.

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 1:09 PM
To: 'Carrera38a@aol.com '
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Committee apointment

Will do that Mr. Bradshaw

Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

Note: Mr Semaan, I believe I sent you a email for this request. If you did not receive it please let me know and I will re-send it.

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

From: Carrera38a@aol.com
To: HWitkowsky@TORRNET.COM
Sent: 04/23/2006 5:16 PM
Subject: Re: Committee apointment

I do want to attend the meeting please have your staff notify me when.
Thank your for responding
Perry Bradshaw

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 2:29 PM
To: ohnoitzmo1@juno.com
Cc: Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: RE: Torrance oversize vehicle parking ordinance proposal planning

To Whom It May Concern: I received your email to Councilwoman Witkowsky regarding notification of the next meeting to consider parking restrictions on oversized vehicles, trailers and recreational vehicles. We have added your name to the electronic notification list. As soon as we have determined the definitive date this matter will be taken to the Planning and Design Committee, we will email you a copy of the notice for the meeting. Thanks, Ted.

Ted Semaan
 City of Torrance
 Community Development Department
 (310)618-5990
tsemaan@torrnet.com

From: ohnoitzmo1@juno.com [mailto:ohnoitzmo1@juno.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 6:06 AM
To: HWitkowsky@TORRNET.COM; TSEMAAN@TORRNET.COM
Cc: ohnoitzmo1@juno.com
Subject: RE: Torrance oversize vehicle parking ordinance proposal planning

No notification as to when meetings will be held or when they were held has been received after many days.

Please advise when information will be sent.

Regards,
 =====

I have forward your email to staff so that you can be notified.

Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

From: ohnoitzmo1@juno.com [mailto:ohnoitzmo1@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 5:40 AM
To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: Torrance oversize vehicle parking ordinance proposal planning

Dear Councilperson Witkowsky,

I would like to attend your hearings and meetings regarding the subject situation.

Please advise the times and locations of the scheduled meetings.

Best regards,

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08/15/2006

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 11:23 AM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: Commitee apointment

FYI

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Saturday, April 22, 2006 8:22 PM
 To: 'Carrera38a@aol.com '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted; Fellows, John; Witkowsky, Hope
 Subject: RE: Commitee apointment

Dear Mr. Bradshaw;

I am only one vote on the city council and it was the whole city council who voted to send this to the Planning and Design Committee of the City of Torrance to work out the wording that the whole council voted on at a public meeting. The next step is for this committee to recommend the wording which will again go to the entire city council for a vote.

I do not have the power alone to decide but it is the majority of the Torrance City Council who makes the final decision.

If you wish to attend the open meeting I will make sure our staff notifies you of that date.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: Carrera38a@aol.com
 To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
 Sent: 04/21/2006 2:06 PM
 Subject: Commitee apointment

Hello I see The Mayor has made you the chair of the RV parking committee. Since I have followed yours and the Mayors voting record how can the citizen of Torrance expect a fair deal when you always vote like he does and its clear Hes courting the Hollywood Reviara vote. A lot of us senior citizens are angry with our property rights being ravaged by you people. Our home is our castle and not yours to dictate you preferences. Better wake up there is a silent majority out here very dissatisfied with how you didn't live up to your campaign statements. Perry Bradshaw 4039 w 175street Torrance. Am I taking a chance by giving my address lots think so.

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 1:15 PM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Cc: Gibson, Jeff
Subject: FW: RV Storage committee

FYI

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 12:54 PM
 To: 'GatesJH@aol.com '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted
 Subject: RE: RV Storage committee

Jim:

I have forwarded your email to be included on the notification of my committee meeting. I do hope you will be able to attend with your comments. We do not have a date specific at this time due to the need to investigate many elements of the item to recommend back to the city council.

Regards,
 Hope

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

From: GatesJH@aol.com
 To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
 Sent: 04/23/2006 9:48 AM
 Subject: RV Storage committee

Hope:

We learned at the last Airport Commission that you are heading a committee to evaluate using the Torrance Airport to store RVs. While I am sure that this will be referred to the Airport Commission for recommendation, I would like to learn what airport areas your committee is considering. Note that the FAA recommends that the Clear Zone (between the runway and Crenshaw) not be used for such activities because of safety considerations.

I look forward to your response.

Jim Gates
 Airport Commissioner

Semaan, Ted

From: linda [Linda@beachrunners.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 1:39 PM
To: Witkowsky, Hope
Cc: Semaan, Ted; Fellows, John; Herren, James
Subject: RE: RVs

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Dear Councilwoman Witkowsky,

It was a pleasure meeting you last night. Thank you for taking my RV situation into consideration. To remind you, I sent you the photo of the two fifth wheelers parked one in front of the other on my neighbor's property.

You suggested that I send that photo to Ted Semaan. You thought I had been misspelling his name on my emails. I am attaching a copy of my original snailmail letter to the city (again) and subsequent correspondence.

RVordinanceCityCouncil2 was addressed to Mr. Semaan dated May 2004. I never heard back from him. My letters of March 2004, May 2004, and March 2006 were not included with the public record on this issue. I wonder how many others did not make it to the public record.

Last night I mentioned my past experience--a lack of response from the city--to one of the candidates for the upcoming election. His comment to me was, "It depends on who your neighbor knows." I thought that was a very interesting comment. It has been my suspicion that this neighbor and another family on our street had "connections" since the city did not take any real action when complaints were filed against them.

In going through the documentation for the RV situation, I noticed that an overwhelming number of citizens experienced similar nonresponsiveness to their complaints and have in essence lost complete confidence in the city council's effectiveness and the belief that enforcement officials will do anything.

Another candidate thought the RV parked on the side of the house violates a set back ordinance, and possibly an air, light, privacy violation. I look forward to seeing the new ordinance and how it addresses those issues.

I received a message from Nora saying that Joe Traheel was handling the case of the family living in the fifth wheeler. I've left messages for him, but haven't heard back from him.

I appreciate your attention to my (and this entire) situation and thank you again. Your email was the first time I felt the city actually paid attention to my complaint.

Everyone I've talked to and emailed warns me that it is unlikely any real change will occur. I hope you prove them wrong.

Thank you again,
 Linda England

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope [mailto:HWitkowsky@TORRNET.COM]
 Sent: 19 April, 2006 12:39 PM
 To: 'linda '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted; Fellows, John; Herren, James
 Subject: RE: RVs

Linda:

It is the City Attorney for Torrance who will be drafting the ordinance for which all will need to abide by. Your comments will be taken into consideration.

As for people making that very large RV part of their living quarters on a regular basis, I believe that MAY not be legal. I will forward your complaint to the proper department for investigation.

Sincerely,
Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: linda
To: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 04/18/2006 5:49 PM
Subject: RE: RVs

With my deepest appreciation and respect, what will the City Attorney do?

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March 15, 2004

Torrance City Council
3031 Torrance Blvd
Torrance, CA

Re: Torrance Municipal Code
DIVISION 9 - LAND USE
SECTION 92.32.6. VEHICLES

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- get our neighbor's approval!
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- obtain and pay for a building permit
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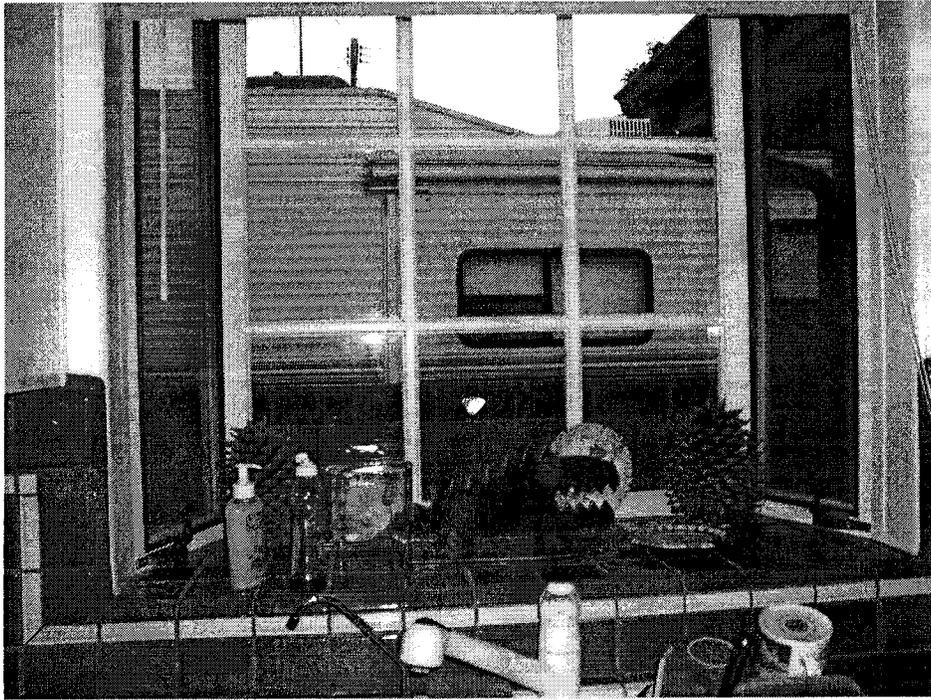
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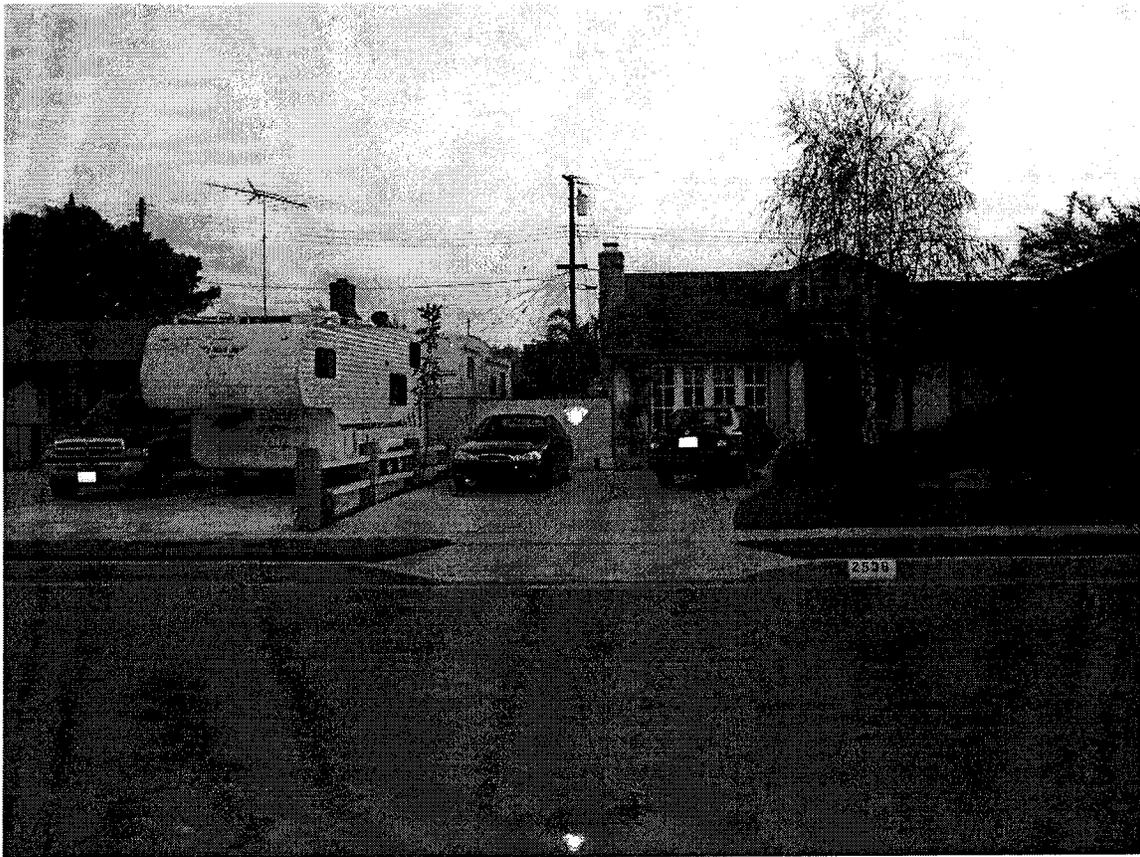
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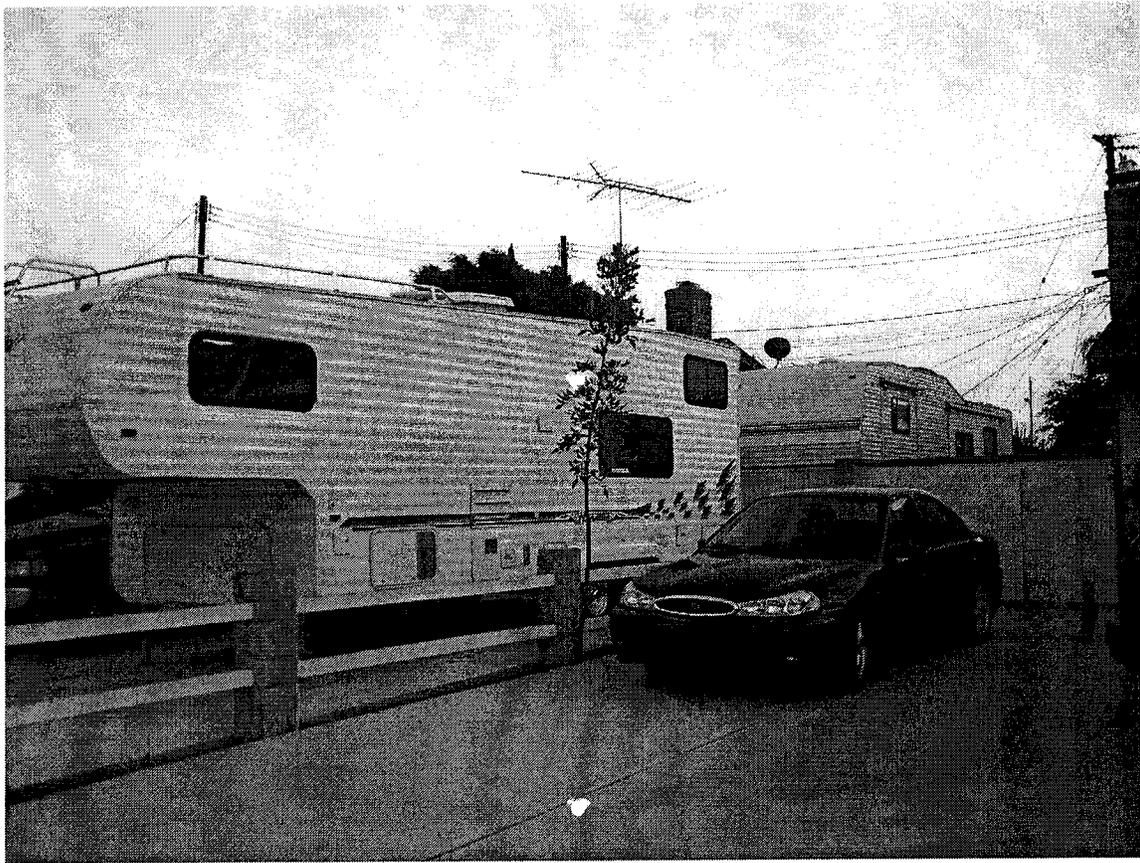
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May 21, 2004

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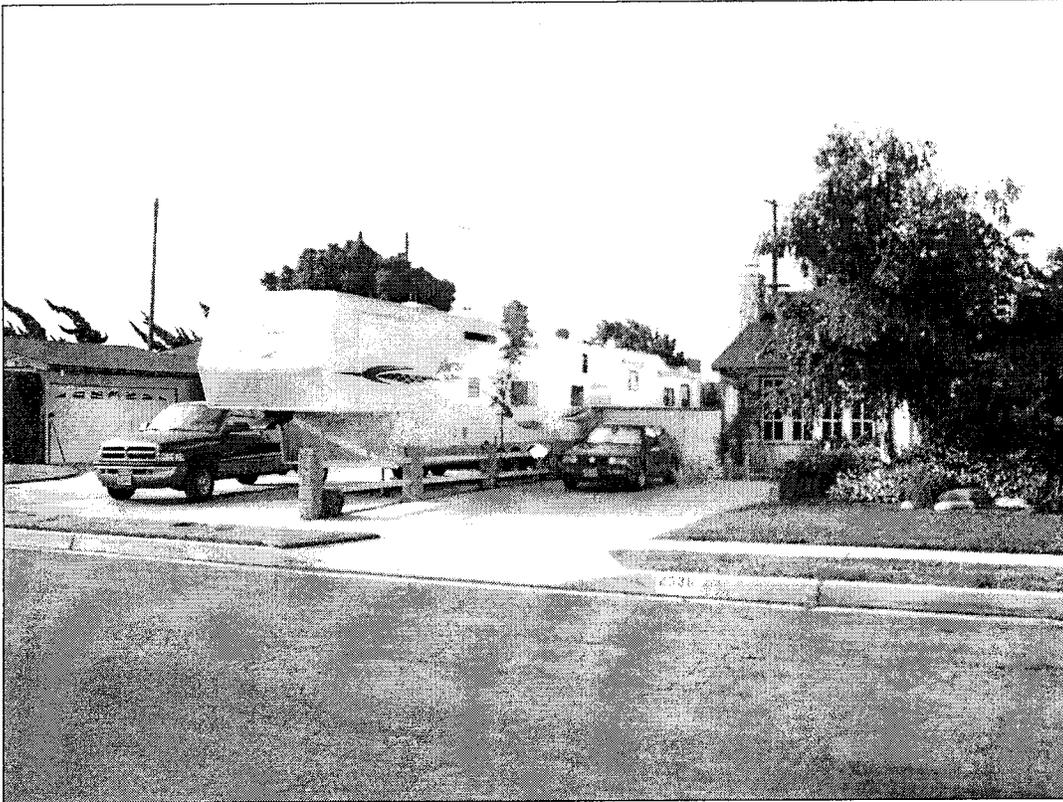
I spoke with Fred Richards who referred me to you. This is my second letter to the city regarding my neighbor's use of their property. i.e.: parking two RVs along our property line. One of the trailers belongs to their adult son who does not live here. I've attached my first letter for your reference.

PLEASE consider changing the Torrance Municipal Code
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2528 West 227th Street complaint

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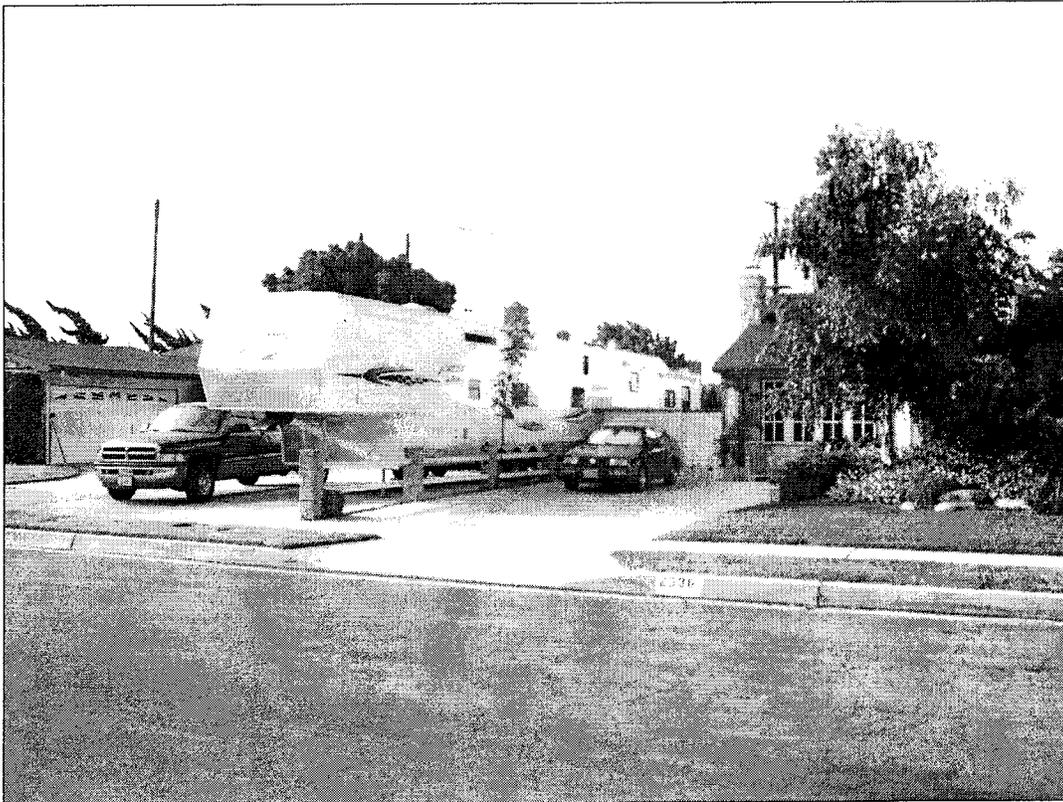
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Attachments: Untitled Attachment; trellis.jpg

Crump, Jill

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Last week, Sue Herber gave me a large bundle of information about the RV discussion. First, I want to express my appreciation for the amount of effort the city council is putting into researching this very complex (and somewhat universal) problem.

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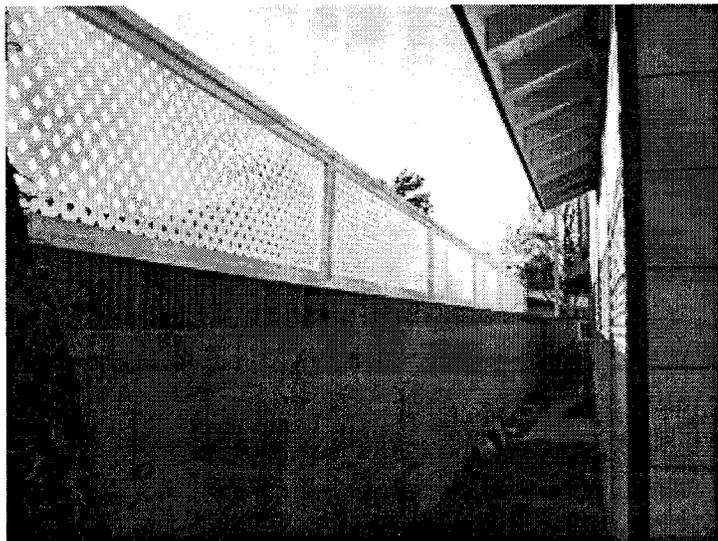
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Semaan, Ted

From: linda [Linda@beachrunners.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2006 1:00 PM
To: Witkowsky, Hope
Cc: Semaan, Ted; Fellows, John; Herren, James
Subject: RE: RVs

Councilwoman Witkowsky,

Thank you very much. Unfortunately, the environmental department is aware of this and has already told me that it is very difficult for them to prove that the people are living in the trailer and how long they have been. Nora, who has been assigned to this, is on vacation this week.

Linda

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope [mailto:HWitkowsky@TORRNET.COM]
Sent: 19 April, 2006 12:39 PM
To: 'linda '
Cc: Semaan, Ted; Fellows, John; Herren, James
Subject: RE: RVs

Linda:

It is the City Attorney for Torrance who will be drafting the ordinance for which all will need to abide by. Your comments will be taken into consideration.

As for people makeing that very large RV part of their living quarters on a regular basis, I believe that MAY not be legal. I will forward your complaint to the proper department for investigation.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: linda
To: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 04/18/2006 5:49 PM
Subject: RE: RVs

With my deepest appreciation and respect, what will the City Attorney do?

I am attaching two more photos from my side yard and back yard. A family has been living in this RV (#2) since the beginning of March. They are moving RV#1 around the city, I assume so they can avoid being ticketed for parking it on the street for more than 72 hours.

Is it too late to include my concerns in the resolution you are drafting?

Linda

From: Witkowsky, Hope [mailto:HWitkowsky@TORRNET.COM]
Sent: 18 April, 2006 10:26 AM
To: linda
Subject: RE: RVs

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From: linda [mailto:Linda@beachrunners.com]
 Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 3:01 PM
 To: 'Witkowsky, Hope'
 Subject: FW: RVs

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Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 3:31 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Cc: Fellows, John
Subject: FW: RVs from CW Hope

This new insight on how RV's can abuse parking at their home must also be addressed at our meeting. Open attachments from the constituent.

Thanks,
 CW Hope

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 Sent: 04/18/2006 3:08 PM
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Dear Councilwoman Witkowsky,

That is the first time I feel that I have been heard. Thank you.

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I would like to get involved in any way that will help the council make a fair decision.

Thank you for listening.

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Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:43 AM
To: Crump, Jill; Semaan, Ted
Cc: Gibson, Jeff; COUNCIL2
Subject: FW: RVs...again :-)

Good Morning!
Passing this on to you for your records...

Margie

From: Jackson, LeRoy
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 8:01 AM
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Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 4:47 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV Ordinance

From: Anita Johnson [mailto:anitajohnson@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 2:06 PM
To: Mauno, Michael H; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Ordinance

First I want to thank all of you for your hard work on this very controversial issue, and your attempt to do the right thing for our city.

I support giving a reasonable grace period for the RV owners to find storage for their vehicle and allowing them reasonable time to load and unload for trips.

My concern is that this ordinance eliminate the storage of boats and vehicles that don't run on our streets. I wrote earlier about this situation in my area. We have a large boat and a vehicle that doesn't run parked and it's been in the neighborhood for at least 2 years and not been used. A couple weeks ago a traffic enforcement person marked both vehicles, they either rolled them a few inches or just raised them up and rotated the tires. It really doesn't do any good to call this in under the current laws. I just want to encourage that this type of situation be addressed when writing the new regulations.

Thank you very much.

ANITA JOHNSON

ed of work in Minnesota, where two of his brothers
milk cows on a ranch. He was also excited about
ut the idea he might be able to do it legally.

Many of the migrants also are being driven by a
o- desire to get into the United States before the like-
29. likelihood that lawmakers further fortify the border.

lez said he would try again once his feet heal. His
bricklayer's salary of about \$60 a week in the west-
ern state of Jalisco simply is not enough to provide
for his four children.

"It's hard to see your children grow up with little to eat," he said. "But it's harder to see your children grow up with nothing to eat."

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and 2005, analyzing McDonald's chicken nuggets, KFC hot wings and the two chains' fried potatoes. The findings were reported in today's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Partially hydrogenated vegetable oil is cooking oil that has been injected with hydrogen to harden it and give it a longer shelf life. Switching to liquid vegetable oils such as canola, corn, olive or soy eliminates the trans fat, as has been done in Denmark under a 2004 law allowing only a minuscule amount of trans fat in foods.

Trans fat raises bad cholesterol and lowers good cholesterol. Eating just 5 grams of it per day increases the risk of heart disease 25 percent, research shows.

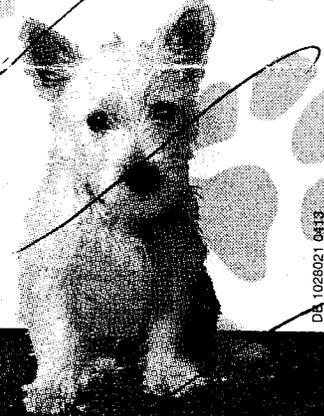
"Per gram, it is more harmful than any other kind of fat," Stender said. "It's a metabolic poison."

McDonald's said it "continues to work diligently on ways to reduce" trans fat in its fries. It said that most of its oils come from local suppliers, based on consumer preference, and that the oil used in the United States is different from that in Europe and elsewhere.

Stender and other experts said many restaurants still use partially hydrogenated vegetable oil to save money because it does not spoil and can be used over

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MAPQUEST

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 310-328-5310
 3031 Torrance Blvd,
 Torrance, CA 90503, US

END 460 W 5th St
 San Pedro, CA 90731-
 2616, US

Total Est. Time:
 16 minutes

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 9.62 miles

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|  | 1: Start out going EAST on TORRANCE BLVD toward MAPLE AVE. | 0.6 miles |
|  | 2: Turn RIGHT onto CRENSHAW BLVD. | 1.0 miles |
|  | 3: Turn LEFT onto SEPULVEDA BLVD. | 2.4 miles |
|  | 4: Merge onto I-110 S toward SAN PEDRO. | 4.6 miles |
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From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 5:07 PM
To: kirk_adams@ahm.honda.com
Cc: Citygram; Crump, Jill
Subject: RE: Citygram

Hello Mr. Adams,

The parking restrictions the City has been proposing are strictly for on-street parking and not on private property. If your vehicle is legally parked in the driveway, then the matters under consideration will not impact you. Your comments about disaster preparedness was noted by other residents that had contacted us directly or spoken at the Council and/or Traffic Commission meetings. We commend you and those residents on your emergency preparedness efforts.

We will add your name to the notification list for upcoming Committee and City Council meetings. If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please don't hesitate to call me or Jill Crump of our staff.

Thanks,
 Ted

Ted Semaan
 City of Torrance
 Community Development Department
 (310)618-5990
 tsemaan@torrnet.com

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

From: Kirk Adams
To: Citygram
Sent: 04/09/2006 10:17 PM
Subject: Citygram

Date: 4/10/2006 5:17:39 AM
 Please note the following comments left on CITYGRAM:

Reply By: Telephone

Name: Kirk Adams
Address: 4812 Macafee Rd.
Address2: Torrance, CA 90505
Phone: 310-781-4216
Email: kirk_adams@ahm.honda.com

Comment: TO: City Council Recently I've become aware that the City Council is considering an ordinance that will eliminate RV parking in the streets of Torrance. I own a small 17' RV trailer that I keep on one half of my driveway. I have three main concerns with the ordinance you are considering. #1 - My RV is on my own property and is taking the space of one car on my driveway. Is your ordinance going to effect my RV?

#2 - My family and I take disaster preparedness very seriously. We maintain food, water, clothing etc. in our RV. If you take parking my RV away from my home you are in effect defeating my disaster plans for my family and neighbors. How many lives is this city council willing to sacra

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From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2006 1:50 PM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Cc: Gibson, Jeff
Subject: FW: RV PARKING

FYI

From: HANK2PAT@aol.com [mailto:HANK2PAT@aol.com]
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To: dwalker@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com
Cc: TSEMAAN@torrnet.com
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Mayor & City Council
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My wife and I have been attending the City Council meetings and the previous information meetings held by Mr. Semann. We have a few comments and concerns we wish bring to your attention:

- We feel strongly that the only fair solution is to GRANDFATHER the existing RV owners into the current 72 hour ordinance. We purchased our RV knowing about that ordinance.
 FOR FUTURE RV OWNERS:
- We feel that the registration of the RVs, etc. is a good idea to keep our out of Torrance neighbors from parking on our Torrance streets. We don't see a problem with a small fee for this registration.
- We think it is only fair that the rules that will apply to the residential section be applied to the commercial section of Torrance as well. For example, Meyers RV on Alaska Street has RVs parked on both sides of the street for blocks. We were assured by Mr. Semann at one of the previous meetings that all of Torrance will be treated equally.
- Along with these restrictions for what has been termed Over Sized Vehicles, you should include ALL vehicles. We were in a section of Torrance the other day where cars and trucks awaiting parts or painting were parked for blocks. They are also an eye sours. There is a pickup truck in my area with a Denver Boot on it that has been there for months. It is not just the RVers that are storing on the streets.
- We feel the permit procedure would be an un-necessary burden on both the RV owner and the Police department. Leave the 72 hour parking restriction in place for loading and unloading. If someone needs more time for whatever reason, then require the permit. If someone is parked for more than 72 hours and the Police department gets a call, then action is totally justified. To get a permit every time you get ready for a trip or return for a trip is an unnecessary requirement and an added expense for the city.
- There should be wording in this ordinance to limit parking in the parking lots of our city parks.
- We should have no restrictions on parking in our driveway. As long as the sidewalk or street is not blocked. We should be allowed to have the RV hooked up to electric and water as long as all wires, etc are on our property.
- We think the suggestion to have ample and reasonable storage available within Torrance would solve

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99% of the problems.

- We will need at least a two (2) year grace period to allow for the construction of the storage facilities.
- If we are not grandfathered and no new storage facilities are available, we would also need at least a two (2) years grace period.

Henry & Pat Kupsa

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 10:33 AM
To: jkatz@socal.rr.com
Cc: Crump, Jill
Subject: RE: new rv/oversize/trailer ordinance

Hi,

The parking restriction consideration of oversized vehicles, trailers and recreational vehicles has been forwarded by the City Council to the Planning & Design Committee, chaired by Councilwoman Witkowsky, for consideration.

The comments we have heard from the Council and residents primarily focused on the grandfathering and grace periods. The definitions and restrictions for trailers remains a component of the Ordinance as was originally discussed. The material will be presented to the Committee in the near future, a date has not been set. We will notify you and others on our notification list as soon as that information is available.

Thanks,
Ted

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tsemaan@torrnet.com

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Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2006 9:24 AM
To: CDDINFO@TorrNet.com
Subject: new rv/oversize/trailer ordinance

I would like to know if the proposed ordinance still includes restricted parking on trailers of all sizes unless a permit has been issued. This was included in the initial ordinance and I would like to recommend that it still be included. Much talk and discussion has occurred over RVs but trailers (i.e. those used for gardening and construction equipment or motorcycles) are often just as wide as RVs and are a safety hazard on the streets.

Thank you for your help in this matter.
J. Katz
326-3747

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Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 1:57 PM
To: Caceres, David; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
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 Subject: RE: R V length

Dear mr. & Mrs. Pahls;

These concerns you mention in your email are the ones that were brought up at our last City Council meeting when we discussed that agenda item. My Planning & Design Committee was given the task to work with our city staff and attorneys to draft a fair and equitable ordinance. I will also forward your email to our department for inclusion in our agenda packet.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: PAHLS78@aol.com
 To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
 Sent: 04/02/2006 1:36 PM
 Subject: R V length

Dear Councilwomen Witkowsky--- We would appreciate a clarification of the minimum length of affected r v.s. I attended 1 of the meetings at the library and we were told the rules were for those ' over 23 feet.--- At the council meeting, a speaker spoke of ' 20 feet" ---We own a 17 1/2 ft [about the same length as my daughter,s Suburban}---It is our second car- not primary-- but one that is used on planned occ. or spur of moment ones --- like a second car is] It is parked on drive or in front of house [no more than 72 hrs,] It would be a hardship if we are told we can not keep this at our home Also how can a second 'car' be regulated & need permits to drive out for a few hours or a day? Please don,t make things so restrictive for such a few residents . We have been retired quite a while & cannot afford another R V and or storage. [

prices go up but income doesn,t] The activists have said they want them off Torrance streets. I could not take it to shop-- visit in Torrance --sit at the beach parking lot & have lunch ? only with the cities permission slip?

Please protect our freedoms--- they are lost in small increments '
 thank---Laurie & Bob
 Pahls

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 1:54 PM
To: Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick; Caceres, David; Gibson, Jeff
Subject: FW: RV Parking Issue

FYI

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Sunday, April 02, 2006 8:36 PM
 To: 'JMyers2777@aol.com '
 Cc: Semaan, Ted
 Subject: RE: RV Parking Issue

Mr. Myers:

I will be forwarding this to our department head for notification but noticed that you do not have an address or phone number. Can you please send that to me and I will make sure you are contacted.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: JMyers2777@aol.com
 To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
 Sent: 04/02/2006 2:34 PM
 Subject: RV Parking Issue

Ms. Witkowsky:

I was unable to attend the previous public hearing on March 28 of the City Council regarding the RV parking issue. However, I did watch some of the council meeting via television. I am a homeowner at 320 Paseo de la Playa and represent our homeowners association in this area as President. Our concerns are the consistent overnight parking of occupied Recreational vehicles on our street, Paseo de la Playa. We believe non-stakeholders in our community, literally camping on our front steps jeopardizes the of security of our neighborhood and for some of us causes pure fear. I and several of my neighbors would like to attend the next meeting of the committee you chair, which I understand would discuss this RV issue in depth. Would you advise when we can attend a meeting to express our concerns? Thank you Regards, Judy Myers

Semaan, Ted

From: Werner, Margie
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 2:26 PM
To: Semaan, Ted; Crump, Jill
Subject: RV Parking correspondence to Council

Attachments: RV Parking correspondence to Council.pdf



RV Parking
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Linda England
2536 West 227th Street
Torrance, CA 90505
310-326-2464

2006 APR -3 PM 12:40

March 31, 2006

Torrance City Council
3031 Torrance Blvd
Torrance, CA

Re: The article in the Daily Breeze
"Torrance Tunes up options for RVs"
2528 West 227th Street complaint

Dear City Council:

I'm pleased to see that you are addressing the RV situation in Torrance. I've written two previous letters about my neighbors who permanently park their RV on their property. About two years ago, they poured a concrete slab to allow their son to park his RV on their property, too. Their son lives in Long Beach. He leaves his RV on their property for the majority of the year.

Recently, my neighbors' son and daughter-in-law have moved into the second RV at 2528 West 227th Street while they build a new home for themselves in Long Beach. They have electric, water, and sewer hookups to the trailer. Lights and television are visibly on in the trailer every night. I reported this to the environment department at the city about a month ago, but did not leave my name. I think I heard someone official talking to them about the trailer, but can't be certain. I keep my blinds drawn so I don't have to look at the RV. In any case, the couple is still living in the trailer. I reported them again this week, but later withdrew my complaint for fear of retribution from my neighbor, Ronald Truchin.

Ron threatened me with this statement about a year ago, "So that's the way you want to play, little girl, is it?" after I told his son that he was not welcome on my property. Without asking permission, he set up a ladder on MY driveway to work on his RV, the extension of which hangs over our fence.

What I find interesting is that Linda Truchin worked for the city. Ron Truchin worked for Edison. They've lived in their house since the sixties. They run the Neighborhood Watch program on our street. They may even be lifetime Torrance residents. I assume they know a lot of people in the city, perhaps in high places. They certainly act like they do.

Sincerely,



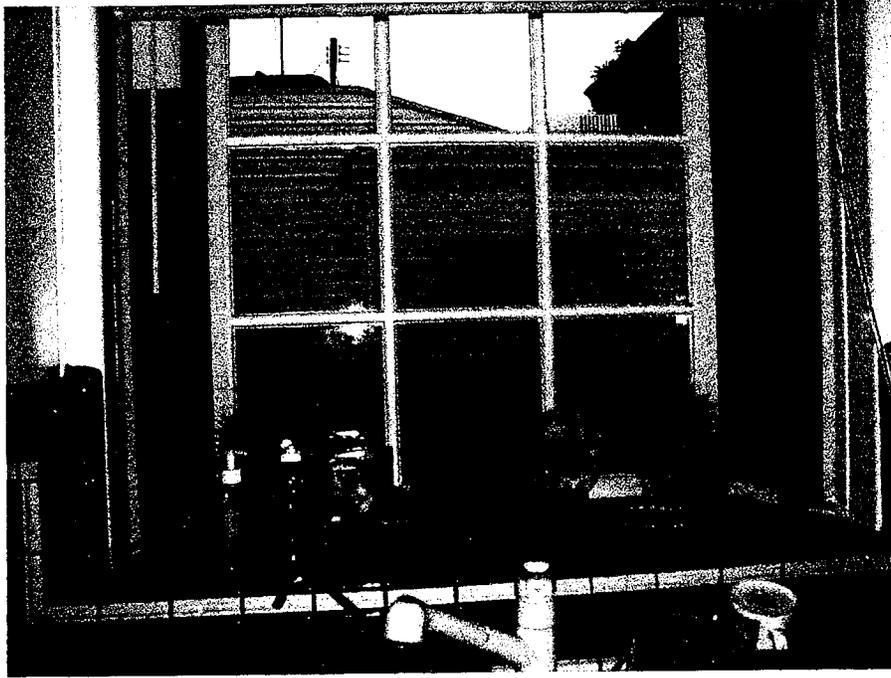
Linda England



View from across the street. As you can see, the trailers are much higher than any fence the city would allow.



This is what I see every time I am in my front yard.



This is our permanent view from our kitchen window.
This RV is parked here eleven and a half months of the year.

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 11:23 AM
To: Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick; Caceres, David; Gibson, Jeff
Subject: FW: Oversized Vehicle, On-Street Parking Ban: New Proposal

Fyi

From: kk [mailto:kkfitch@att.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 01, 2006 3:15 PM
To: Ted Semaan Traffic Commissioners and Staff; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com
Subject: Oversized Vehicle, On-Street Parking Ban: New Proposal

First, and **again**, I wish to thank Mr. Semaan, the Traffic Commission, and Staff for the untiring efforts put forth for the GOOD of all Oversized Vehicle owners. Many of us do believe that those efforts were in the best interest of the vehicle owners addressed by the proposal that was submitted to City Council for review, revision, and hoped for concurrence.

Some believe that Homeowner Association's have the clout necessary to sway some of the Council Members into thinking that a severe prohibition of "oversized vehicles", here to be referred to as "RV's", is in the best interest of the City of Torrance as a whole. Interesting survey results of non-Association neighborhoods and residents show that they are quite confused as to what **is** the problem.... Survey taken of non-RV owners living in close proximity to a clean, well-kept and maintained RV parked in a street that is at least 34 feet wide. Me, too.

In fear of being a fatalist, I believed that the BAN (from the onset) was a foregone conclusion. Also believing that where there is Life comes Hope. May Mrs. Hope Witkowsky draw the best proposal possible, taking into serious consideration all of the needs of the effected residents.

Personally wish to thank the (too few) Council Member(s) who uttered hesitancy in voting for a ban. May the next draft also include a section addressing **primary** vehicle, rather than **sole** vehicle.

The RV is used for shopping, as often as I use my sedan. Interesting that you will force me to park my RV in the driveway, leaving my sedan **stored** in/on the street. This low-income senior may make around 4 trips a month, out into the outside world unless on a longer trip. Whichever vehicle you wish me to store in the street, so be it. Hopefully you will permit me to park the RV in my driveway, for the rest of my lifetime. C'est Cera, cera, whatever will be will be. So sang Doris Day....

Grandfathering My single garage/driveway is covered under the grandfather clause, **unless** major renovations are done to this home, then I am obligated to build a 2 car garage/driveway.. For your consideration, even tho I do believe that the majority shall ultimately rule, any slim possibility that a similar grandfather clause could be included in the next proposal draft? Something to the effect that IF we make a major change, such as trade-in or buy another RV, then we would be obligated to either park in the driveway, or store the vehicle off-site? Could use the survey completed a couple of months ago, listing RV owners, thereby reducing the chance that "I" might dash out and purchase another RV. By slower attrition, RV's parked in Torrance, would eventually be eliminated. Worth considering?

Will all of us that have expressed an interest in the "Oversized Vehicle" proposal process be notified of the date of future hearings on this subject? Please add my name/email to said list.

08/15/2006



kkfitch

2414 - 236th. Street

Torrance, 90501.

Torrance resident since October 1957.

Torrance homeowner since February 1962.

Truck/overhead camper/RV owner since May 1972.

Torrance Limited Income/Senior since October 2001.

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2006 10:26 AM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: Torrance parking for oversize and overweight vehicles parked on public streets
Attachments: MVC-001S.JPG; MVC-003S.JPG; MVC-008S.JPG; MVC-009S.JPG; MVC-012S.JPG

From: ohnoitzmo1@juno.com [mailto:ohnoitzmo1@juno.com]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2006 1:50 PM
To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: Torrance parking for oversize and overweight vehicles parked on public streets

Dear Mayor and members of the Torrance City council,

I am writing to you to encourage you make an ordinance or ordinances that will restrict parking of oversize and overweight vehicles to comply with the existing parking ordinances that restrict any parking to 72 hours maximum for any vehicle and one (1) hour maximum for vehicles that weigh over 8000 pounds (Ref. 61.6.19). During the Feb 27, 2006 council meeting it was stated by the police department and legal department that these ordinances are not being enforced by issuance of citations. The police representative at the meeting alluded to some legal decision during 2005 that restricted issuing citations because of lack of certain signage at the entrances to the city. Action(s) must be taken by the city to be able to enforce these ordinances by issuance of citations. If action is not taken to correct you might find 18 wheelers parked in front of your residences and the police could not issue citations.

There are numous instances where people that own large RV's are using the city streets for storage.

Fonthill Ave north of Maricopa adjacent to the high density residential development of the old Magnavox property has 3 or 4 RV's parked there because there is no RV parking in the project. This situation must be corrected and as far as I can tell there was no provision for this parking made in the ordinance proposal.

Alaska street near Myers RV is inundated with large RV storage on the street. Columbia Street west of Alaska has numerous large RV's stored there on a regular basis.

Abalone Street south of Carson street has numerous large RV's stored in the center of the street and along the curbs.

There are areas where there are extra wide vehicles are parked so that one set of wheels is over the curb and on the parkway and cones are placed in the street next to them. These are very narrow streets.

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Enforce existing RV restrictions

I am a recreational vehicle owner and have temporarily parked my RV on the street. Before we upgraded to a larger trailer, we inquired about storage and were placed on a waiting list at a storage facility, as we did not want to park it long term on the street. We had to wait about one week for an open spot. I understand people are irritated regarding unlimited parking on the streets. Our streets should not be used for long-term parking of large RVs.

RVs are not the only parking problem in Torrance. There are many junky cars, campers, trailers, old boats, etc., that are parked in driveways. They are never used, just parked as if in a junk yard. This causes overflow parking on the streets of the vehicles that they do use. Multiple vehicle ownership is another problem. I know of a homeowner who has a motor home, a trailer and four or five vehicles. The trailer and one car are parked in the driveway; the large motor home and other vehicles are parked in the street.

As for solutions, outlawing RVs on streets is unacceptable. Let's not penalize everyone for the inconsiderate few. I am also against daily parking permits, as we use our RV a lot and this would be quite an inconvenience, and a 24-hour limit is not long enough. The current 72-hour limit for RV street parking is fair and allows owners time for loading, unloading and maintaining their RVs and should be tolerable for neighbors. Enforcing existing laws is all that needs to be done.

— KIM RIEBSOMER
Torrance

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cc: Mayor & Council (7)

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CITY OF TORRANCE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On-street Parking of Oversized Vehicles

City Council Meeting
August 22, 2006 7:00 p. m.
City Council Chambers
3031 Torrance Boulevard

The City of Torrance invites residents to attend the City Council Meeting of August 22nd where a public hearing will be held regarding on-street parking of oversized vehicles. At the meeting, staff will present an Ordinance addressing this important issue and will receive additional feedback from the public regarding on-street parking of oversized vehicles, recreational vehicles, and trailers.

The City of Torrance held numerous community meetings and Traffic Commission meetings to receive input from residents regarding this issue. As follow up to these meetings, staff will present to the City Council a summary of recommendations and an Ordinance to address the on-street parking issues.

If you cannot attend and would like to convey your views on this matter, please send any correspondence to Ted Semaan, Transportation Planner of the Community Development Department or you may e-mail your comments to cdtraffic@torrnet.com and they will become part of the official record. Should you have any questions about the meeting, please call the Transportation Planning Division of the Community Development Department at (310) 618-5990

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