

Council Meeting of
March 28, 2006

Public Hearing

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Consideration of Parking Restrictions on Recreational Vehicles (RV's),
Trailers and Oversized Vehicles (OV's) on Public Streets.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Development Director and the Traffic Commission recommend that the City Council:

1. Continue the public hearing from February 28th, 2006 on the subject of on-street parking of recreational vehicles, trailers and oversized vehicles on public streets;
2. Review the staff report and compiled suggestions from the October 3, 2005 Traffic Commission meeting and the February 28th, 2006 City Council Meeting;
3. Adopt the attached Ordinance adding Article 12 to Chapter 1 of Division 6 relating to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers; and
4. 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 February 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 about the on-street parking and storage of Oversized Vehicles (OV's) on public streets in the City of Torrance.

The February 28th City Council Meeting was the summary of nine Community and Traffic Commission Meetings on the consideration of parking restrictions of recreational vehicles, trailers and oversized vehicles (OV's).

The meetings provided the opportunity for public input and for interactive discussions with City staff. There were various suggestions made by the public at the July 14, 2005 Traffic

Commission Sub-Committee Meeting. They were outlined in the August 1, 2005 Traffic Commission Item and are summarized below. The public meetings drew a sampling of all types of viewpoints, opinions, and circumstances. This series of meetings concluded at the October 3, 2005 Traffic Commission Meeting at which time the Traffic Commission concurred with staff's recommendation, coupled with an explicit definition for "grandfathered" vehicles.

ANALYSIS

As directed by Your Honorable Body, staff would like to address the questions and concerns raised by Council at the February 28, 2006 Council meeting:

- ***Provide more information about the "Permit System"***: If residents wish to use the public street for loading and/or unloading purposes, then a permit would be required from the City of Torrance. Permits may be obtained by telephone, Internet, or on a walk-in basis to the Torrance Police Department Traffic Division. If a resident of Torrance wishes to host a visitor traveling in an OV, and the visitor wishes to park on the City streets, the visitor must obtain a free parking permit from the City of Torrance. The visitor must provide the location, dates, and permission from the property owner of whom he will be staying in Torrance before a permit could be issued. A visitor may request a maximum of 14 consecutive one-day OV permits at one time, and may not be issued more than 30 Permits in any calendar year. This Ordinance would not override Torrance Municipal Code Section 61.6.31, restricting their habitation on public streets.
- ***Telephone Permit System/On-Line Permit System***: The City has the capability to create a telephone system where residents can phone the City, 24 hours a day/ 7 days per week on a dedicated line that could take messages and give out pre-recorded information. The City also has the technical capacity to have the permit application on-line via the City's website and have it be available for the resident to print at home. Staff will continue to explore more automated systems to further facilitate the permitting process.
- ***Link Vehicle Information to Resident***: Section 61.12.040 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits. 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.
- ***What is the difference between "grandfathering" and "grace period"***: "Grandfathering", as recommended by the Traffic Commission, 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. A "grace period" is a period following the adoption of an ordinance during which there would be time to accommodate those residents with OV's to obtain off-street storage. If Your Honorable Body wishes to consider a grace period, a specific time period would need to be directed to staff to incorporate into the Ordinance.
- ***Identify relevant safety issues***: Certain OV's may impede the line of site and visibility of drivers backing out of driveways or approaching and entering an intersection.

- **Consider restrictions due to narrow streets and/or limited visibility-** The City could explore the concept of restricting the parking of OV's on certain streets in the City, based on the width, line of sight, or other unusual and unique circumstances on a particular street. It is Staff's judgment that if a resident encounters this type of unique scenario or circumstance, City staff would address the issue on a case by case basis.
- **Clarify 72-hour rule-** The City's current 72 hour law states that "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." (TMC § 61.6.4) *There is no distance provision in the current law.* Other cities require that the vehicle be moved a certain distance in order to be considered parked in a new location. The City of Long Beach requires that it be moved more than one block. Oxnard requires the vehicle to be moved more than 1,056 feet (two-tenths of a mile). Indio requires that the vehicle be moved at least 1,000 feet. Santa Fe Springs requires that it be driven one mile after leaving the location or parked a distance of at least 300 feet from the location where it was previously parked.
- **Identify any weight code restrictions:** Vehicle Code § 22507.5 allows cities to prohibit or restrict the parking or standing on any street or portion thereof in a residential district of commercial vehicles that weigh 10,000 pounds or more. But, a recreational vehicle or trailer would not be considered a commercial vehicle under the Vehicle Code. The Vehicle Code sets the maximum gross weight of a vehicle in Vehicle Code § 35550 et seq. The Torrance Municipal Code (SECTION 61.9.1. Commercial Vehicles; Load Limits on Streets) states that any commercial vehicle exceeding the maximum gross weight of eight thousand (8,000) pounds is hereby prohibited from using any street in the City of Torrance except for commercial vehicles.
- **Identify the number of available storage units in Torrance and surrounding area:** The attached spreadsheet (Attachment #B- Availability of Spaces) summarizes our effort to compile a listing of the majority of OV storage sites in the South Bay area. This data was created as a joint effort from City Staff and members of the public. The spreadsheet summarizes a total number of parking spaces provided with the total number of parking spaces available. The cost for storing an OV at one of these locations ranged from \$90 to \$350 per month based on the size and services desired.
- **Identify potential City-owned land for storage:** Staff has been reviewing potential City-owned properties for OV storage uses. Of those City-owned properties, the only area with enough landmass that would lend itself to this type of use is located at the east end of the Torrance Municipal Airport. Development in this area will prompt the discretionary review process as it is considered an automotive-related use, as well as an Environmental Review. Finally, this type of use on the Airport Property will require a review and an approval from the FAA for compatibility with airport operations. Staff may also need to review any proposal on Airport property within the context of the Airport Master Plan.
- **Consider Edison Rights-of-way:** In April 2000, the City approved a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of an RV storage facility to house approximately 329 outdoor parking spaces in the Edison right-of-way south of 190th and east of Hawthorne. The developers received land use entitlements from the City, yet chose not to implement this business venture. Through Staffs' conversations with representatives from Edison, it has been noted that Edison has, in the past, considered automotive-related land uses within their rights-of-way.

As noted in the summary companion item of the February 28th Council Meeting, staff had presented multiple options for consideration. The recommendations were compiled from actions other public agencies have taken to address the parking of similar vehicles, as well as staff and resident ideas. **The options are summarized below for your Honorable Body to contemplate in considering a recommendation on this matter tonight:**

- **Traffic Commission Recommendation** – “Grandfather” recreational vehicles, trailers and oversized vehicles (OV’s) currently owned, now until December 28, 2006, by residents of the City of Torrance by registering these vehicle(s) with the City for a permanent no-fee parking permit;
 - Allow a one-for-one replacement of a “Grandfathered” vehicle; and
 - Require a temporary one-day (24-hour) permit for parking a non-“Grandfathered” OV’s on City streets with a maximum of 96 permits per year for residents and an up to 14 consecutive one-day permits for visitors with a maximum of 30 days in a calendar year ;
- Parking allowed for any recreational vehicle, trailer or oversized vehicle (OV’s) on public streets only with a no-fee permit with a maximum of 96 one day (24-hour) permits per year;
 - Exclude permit requirements from 6:00 PM to 8:00 AM; and/or
 - Exclude permit requirements from 12:00 PM Thursday to 12:00 PM Monday; and/or
 - No permit required during weekends.
- Provide a permit free grace period of one year for residents of the City of Torrance who currently own an OV by registering their vehicle(s) with the City;
 - An additional one-year extension may be granted for special circumstances.
- Prohibit the parking of OV’s on streets on narrow streets, i.e. street widths less than 34’ curb-to-curb;
- Prohibit the parking of OV’s near intersections, (within 50’ on local streets and 100’ feet on non-local streets);
 - Provide a permit free grace period of up to 72 hours on a recreational vehicle, trailer and oversized vehicle within the City of Torrance. This would minimize the urgency for residents or visitors to obtain a permit for short-term parking on City streets; and/or
- Take no action, status quo.

Should the Council wish to adopt the attached Ordinance, the Community Development Department Staff would take the lead in its implementation. First, staff would develop the database for registering all Oversized Vehicles. After January 2, 2007, this database would be maintained by the Torrance Police Department (TPD) and permits would be issued by the TPD. By January 2, 2007, applicants would need to contact the TPD to obtain parking permits. There are provisions in the Ordinance for a phone-in and/or on-line system to be established at the discretion of the Police Chief.

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. These costs would total approximately \$25,000.

Staff would utilize a template similar to the established permit parking areas in the City of Torrance. Staff has a template of an adhesive sticker that could be used for the permitting of the grandfathered vehicles. The self-adhesive, 3-inch square stickers and the temporary cardboard placards could be produced for approximately \$1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- A. City of Torrance Proposed Ordinance and Summary
- B. Spreadsheet of Available Storage Sites/Spaces
- C. Public Correspondence since February 28th, 2006
- D. City Council Item from February 28th, 2006 (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
Section 61.12.020
Section 61.12.030

Definitions
Parking of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers
Exceptions

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 61.12.040 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits

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.

Section 61.12.050 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits

- (a) This subsection shall apply to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are owned by City of Torrance residents that are registered with the City of Torrance by 5:30 p.m. on December 28, 2006 (the City of Torrance will be closed on Friday, December 29, 2006, Saturday, December 30, 2006, Sunday, December 31, 2006, and on Monday, January 1, 2007). The registration must be received by the City by 5:30 p.m. on December 28, 2006. A postmarked date does not count. Any registrations received after 5:30 p.m. on December 28, 2006 will be processed under subsection (b) below.
 - (1) Each person registering an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer with the City of Torrance must file with the City a completed application form containing the following:
 - (A) The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer

- (B) The license number, make, and model of the designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer
- (C) 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).
- (D) The registration for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that shows the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer is registered in the City of Torrance
- (E) The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury
- (F) 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.

(b) This subsection shall apply to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are registered with the City of Torrance on or after January 2, 2007.

- (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) 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).
 - (D) The registration for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that shows the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer is registered in the City of Torrance;
 - (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 within the immediately preceding ninety day period;
 - (H) Additional information the Police Department may require;
 - (I) The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.
- (3) 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.
 - (4) 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.
 - (5) The Police Chief or his designee is authorized to set up an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit call-in phone number or internet processing system.

(c) 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 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.

- (6) 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.
- (7) 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 by 5:30 p.m. on December 28, 2006:
 - (1) The Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit will be valid for as long as the owner is a resident of the City of Torrance.
 - (2) If an owner purchases a new Oversized Vehicle or Trailer in the future, the owner shall be allowed to replace an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that was registered prior to 5:30 p.m. on December 28, 2006 on a one-for-one basis (e.g., replace a RV with a RV or a Trailer with a Trailer) in the future. If the owner adds additional Oversized Vehicles or Trailers beyond what was registered by December 28, 2006, then the owner will have to apply for permits under Section 61.12.050(b) for the additional Oversized Vehicles or Trailers.
- (b) For Oversized Vehicles and Trailers registered with the City on or after January 2, 2007:
 - (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.
- (c) For Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are not registered with the City under subsection (a) or (b) 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 shall be issued without any fees.

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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

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 4

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 5

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.

 Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

 Sue Herbers, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

SUMMARY

On _____, 2006, the City Council On _____ 2003 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; (b) Oversized Vehicles or Trailers parked or left standing as a result of a mechanical breakdown so as to allow the performance of emergency repairs on the vehicle for a period not to exceed seventy-two hours; (c) Commercial vehicles making pickups or delivery of goods, wares or merchandise, or while providing services to a residence, including, but not limited to yard maintenance, pool care and maintenance, repair and construction services; (d) Tow trucks and similar vehicles that are in the course of providing services; (e) Public or utility vehicles and trailers that are in the course of providing services; (f) Any public emergency vehicle.

The ordinance provides for the issuance of Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits. The ordinance divides the permits into three different categories: (1) Torrance residents who register their Oversize Vehicle or Trailer with the City of Torrance by 5:30 p.m. on December 28, 2006, (2) Torrance residents who register their Oversized Vehicle or Trailer with the City of Torrance on or after January 2, 2007, and (3) out-of-town visitors.

Residents that fall within category one above, will receive an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit 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 permit. The Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit will be valid for as long as the owner is a resident of the City of Torrance. If an owner purchases a new Oversized Vehicle or Trailer in the future, the owner shall be allowed to replace an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that was previously registered with the City on a one-for-one basis (e.g., replace a RV with a RV or a Trailer with a Trailer) in the future. If the owner adds additional Oversized Vehicles or Trailers beyond what was registered previously registered, then the owner will have to apply for permits under Section 61.12.050(b) for the additional Oversized Vehicles or Trailers.

Residents that fall within category two above, also must complete a City application. After completing the application, the resident may obtain an Oversize Vehicle Parking Permit for no fee. Each permit is valid for 24 hours. The ordinance allows for 24 permits in a 90-day period, with no more than 3 consecutive Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits allowed. The ordinance allows for a maximum of 96 permits in a calendar year. 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. There is no fee for the permit.

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.*****

Oversized Vehicle, Trailer and Recreational Vehicle South Bay Area Storage Sites

Name	Address	City	Phone	# of Spaces	Storage	Price	Availability
A&M Storage	15206 Greenville Ave.	Lawndale	973-0073	95	28'-34'	\$125-\$175 per month	3
Best Storage	23529 S. Figueroa St	Carson	835-9778	97	18'-42'	\$5.00/ft, \$90 min.	3
Freeway Center U-Stor	416 W. 168th	Carson	327-0844	70	18'-45'	35' for \$135/mo.	1
Rebel Mini Storage	20501 S. Main St.	Carson	327-1840	25	20'-30'	\$4.50/ft, \$95 min.	20
California Storage Masters	1921 E. Maple Ave.	El Segundo	4149294	500	varied	approx \$140 per month	10
Storage USA	1017 El Segundo Blvd.	El Segundo	615-1042	54	20'	\$199 per month	5 (covered)
Ace Self Storage	740 W. 190th Street	Gardena	538-5233	*	16'-60'	\$76-\$300 per month	*
Storage USA	219 E. Alondra Blvd	Gardena	532-9648	54	20' max	\$121 per month	2
Storage USA	17510 S. Figueroa St.	Gardena	515-4720	23	20' max	\$95 per month	0
Harbor City Mini-Storage	24500 S. Normandie	Harbor City	326-5146	*	50' max	25'/\$95; 40'/\$145; 50'/\$185	Full
Us Storage	1239 W. 257th St.	Harbor City	534-4452	26	15'-25'	\$125-\$160 per month	0
Us Storage	14680 Aviation Blvd.	Hawthorne	536-7100	29	16'-40'	\$150-\$288	0 waiting lists
Mini Storage	3701 Inglewood Ave.	Redondo Beach	536-0000	17	20'	\$90 per month	0
Us Storage	1415 Hawthorne Blvd.	Redondo Beach	370-2383	86	30'	\$155 per month	11
In-Storage	2321 Abalone Ave.	Torrance	328-2500	80 i/o	door, 35' m	outdoor 159/ indoor 369	11
Magellan	4320 W. 190th St.	Torrance	370-7300	48	45' max	25'/\$170; 30'/\$195; 45'/\$219	4
South Bay Storage	4011 Spencer St.	Torrance	371-7953	140	20'-33'	\$130-\$175 per month	0
Stor Quest	20428 Earl Street	Torrance	371-1355	8	28'	\$125 per month	0
The Empty Attic	736 W. Del Amo Blvd	Torrance	324-5185	110	20'-40'	\$80-\$155 per month	2
Torrance Self Storage	2515 Maricopa St.	Torrance	618-8900	12	22'-35'	\$135 per month	4
Us Storage	23711 Crenshaw Blvd.	Torrance	517-0200	170	25'-40'	\$201-\$259 per month	12
Wesco Self Storage	19106 S. Normandie	Torrance	538-2764	121	20'-35'	\$150-\$350 per month	0
* information unavailable			Total:	1,765			88

Crump, Jill

Subject: FW: R.V. and Boat Parking in Torrance

From: Jackson, LeRoy
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2006 10:06 AM
To: Gibson, Jeff
Subject: FW: R.V. and Boat Parking in Torrance

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

From: Mike Tarzia [mailto:mtarzia@penhall.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2006 10:03 AM
To: dwalker@TorrNet.com; rguyton@TorrNet.com; mhmauno@TorrNet.com; pmcintyre@TorrNet.com; pmnowatka@TorrNet.com; fscotto@TorrNet.com; hwitkowsky@TorrNet.com; jfellows@TorrNet.com; ljackson@TorrNet.com
Subject: R.V. and Boat Parking in Torrance

It appears that a firm decision regarding R.V.parking will not be reached at the March 28 Council meeting. A decision to postpone any ordinance until storage can be found for R.V. owners is reasonable, but should not extend beyond more than one year.

One important related point, however, requires immediate consideration. An ordinance should be adopted immediately to prohibit all R.V.'s and boats, as well as detached trailers, from parking on City streets unless they are registered to a homeowner in the City of Torrance. There are boats currently on the street at least 330 days a year in Southwood Rivera. This is ridiculous, and demonstrates a complete disregard for others. **It is shocking to learn that 26% of the R.V.'s that were checked on Torrance streets belong to no-residents of Torrance. There is no reason not to take action immediately to eliminate this situation.**

A special permit should be required for visitors for a specified time period, and such vehicle must be parked at the address they are visiting.

This will certainly help the Police Department in responding to complaints from residents. Along with this, boats should also be restricted from parking on City streets for more than 24 hours. Boats require no cleaning or preparation. **Let's try to remember the City streets of Torrance are not a marina, and home values need to be protected.** If the City takes action on this right away, once storage facilities for the R.V.'s are identified, an addendum could be added to the ordinance.

I would hope that election year politics do not enter into any of your decisions and each of you focuses on what is needed to ensure safety and to prevent City streets from becoming a dumping ground for other cities or the Redondo Marina.

This email is intended for Council consideration and Staff only, and is not to be used for political purposes.

Mike Tarzia
23311 Carlow Road
Torrance, Calif 90505
310-375-8589

03/23/2006

Crump, Jill

From: sandy sternquist [sandynmonte@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 8:38 PM
To: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Walker, Dan; Witkowsky, Hope
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RV parking

When reading the notes from the Feb. 28th meeting I noticed several things of interest. First of all there are seven (7) pages of "other town" actions regarding parking however when I called Redondo, Carson, Lomita and Lawndale (our neighboring towns) they all said "72 hr. parking, same as any other motor vehicle". Also the list of City Wide Survey of RV's and other oversized vehicles listed a lot of trailers, boats, and other non-motorized vehicles as well as pages of out- of- town vehicles parked, many of which show 'no record' of ownership. If these violations were cleared up there would be a lot less RV's on the streets.

I still strongly believe current home/RV owners should be 'grandfathered' in as all of us bought our RV's before restrictions were even considered. The term 'affordable' with respect to RV storage is a relative term and cannot be assumed that all RV owners can afford this. We have owned an RV for 32 years and to change rules on us, and others, is truly unfair. I doubt if most complainers have lived in Torrance that long so why move in and want things changed.

We noticed at the council meeting 2-28-06 that the people who are in favor of restricting RV parking are on the aggressive side of this argument and the RV owners are the victims of this aggression. We, the RV owners, are not trying to change anything and want parking to remain the same as it always been.

In closing please just consider enforcing the current laws on the books and not add additional laws. Our Police Dept. has enough to do without issuing special permits and etc to we RV, and in most cases homeowners, of Torrance.

Thanks to the traffic commission for the time and effort they put into this project to make it come out fair. We will all be at the council meeting Tues, March 28th to see how you vote on this issue.

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 5:09 PM
To: 'tomlin551@aol.com '
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: On Street Parking

Thank you for your email Mr. Tomlin. I totally understand your views and will be sending this email to our department head for inclusion in our records for the next meeting.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: tomlin551@aol.com
To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Cc: fscotto@torrnet.com; Dlmatson@aol.com
Sent: 03/20/2006 12:23 PM
Subject: On Street Parking

We urge you to completely eliminate on street parking of RVs, trailers, boats, motor homes, etc. on the residential streets of Torrance.

"Grandfathering" of the existing law accomplishes zilch. In other words nothing will change. The city will still have the problem of free storage on our streets. The city WHICH IS US owes free storage of vehicles on streets to no one. Those who own these vehicles have the responsibility of finding storage areas. It is not our responsibility to find storage places for them. What it comes down to is personal responsibility goes with ownership. With cities around us eliminating parking of oversized vehicles on their streets, our problem will only be worse in the future. This problem can be solved by eliminating this parking, letting those who own these vehicles have the rest of 2006 to find proper storage and on January 1, 2007 the new law--no on street parking of above mentioned vehicles--goes into effect.

The Tomlin Family
 Concerned North Torrance Residents

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 5:11 PM
To: 'dlmatson@aol.com '
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV Parking

Thank you for your email. I totally understand your views and will be sending this email to our department head for inclusion in our records for the next meeting.

Sincerely,
Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: dlmatson@aol.com
To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 03/20/2006 2:17 PM
Subject: RV Parking

Dear Ms. Witkowsky,

I am sure by now that you are growing weary of the RV parking issue in the city of Torrance. Yet such an issue is of such importance to the future of our city that I am compelled (as are many others) to entreat our City Council to act on this issue with immediate resolve and political courage. Unless our city eliminates RV parking ENTIRELY from our city streets, Torrance will become infested with these oversized eyesores and a haven for other RV owners in adjacent cities. Grandfathering will DO NOTHING to solve the problem. It may be the easiest thing to do politically, but it is not in the best interest of our city. I urge you and your fellow council members to require all RVs to be kept in storage, not on our city streets! I also urge the City Council to empower our police department to ENFORCE city laws instead of requiring neighbor to turn in neighbor. As one who is affected by this problem on a daily basis, I am growing increasingly impatient with our lack of political leadership and our seemingly ineffectual police department. Please do us, the concerned residents of Torrance, a favor by outlawing all oversized vehicles from our city streets.

Thank you.

David Matson
Torrance Resident

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 11:25 AM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV street parking
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

From: Pat Palyo [mailto:ppalyo@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2006 5:54 PM
To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com
Subject: RV street parking

To all concerned:

I am totally against RV parking on residential streets and am NOT in favor of grandfathering current owners!

If a person can afford to purchase such a vehicle, they should factor in the cost for private storage, just as an owner of a private airplane or boat must do.

Favor permits for loading and unloading time only.

These vehicles totally obstruct driving views, and causes owners to park their passenger cars in front of their neighbors homes, and illegally park on the curve of our cul de sac (Romano Pl).

Thank you for your consideration,

Pat Palyo

Crump, Jill

From: Werner, Margie
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 9:17 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: Sharing a voice - RV Parking

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

From: Walker, Dan
 Sent: Friday, March 17, 2006 4:01 PM
 To: 'David Herrera '
 Cc: Werner, Margie
 Subject: RE: Sharing a voice

Thank you for the information. I will forward it to our Police, planning and business license departments. This is the type of situation that we are attempting to change.
 Dan

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

From: David Herrera
 To: dwalker@torrnet.com
 Sent: 03/17/2006 1:38 PM
 Subject: Sharing a voice

Hello Sir,

My wife and I moved from Hawthorne to Torrance about 3 years ago. We made a wise calculation because we were able to buy a nice home in Torrance to secure our future. We now have a 2 year old son and we are all content being a part of this city. We are both educated with high level degrees and we made the sacrifices to leave Hawthorne to be a part of something better. This is not meant to be a folksy type of letter to you; it is to share with you what we see as problematic to our family.

We live on the corner of Greenwood and El Dorado, on a small hill, in a house we have worked very hard to fix. Our neighbor, down the street on Greenwood, has a large motor home that he parks along with his large trailer on El Dorado. I respect the arguments on both sides, but my message is that we need to avoid parking these types of vehicles on a somewhat busy street. We have had several accidents where the drivers do not stop on El Dorado, one was so bad a car flipped over. The other part of the equation is that he has a new/used motor home every few months. This means to me that he is either selling them out of his house or it his side business. A few weeks ago the city of Torrance closed down the street to tow both of his vehicles. At this time you will notice that he has a new 40 foot brown motor home that is mainly on El Dorado.

I guess that I am trying to say that I am frustrated at looking out of my window and seeing motor homes and trailers parked in off the side of my house...especially when it seems to me he is flipping them. I also feel that these motor homes along El Dorado, next to Fern School pose a dangerous situation because kids have a tendency to run out between cars during after school. In one of your council meeting someone stressed that this entire situation creates a tension between neighbors...I feel that is correct. Take some time to drive around Fern and El Dorado during school dismissal...you will see that it is a dangerous place for kids to be on the streets due to motorhomes and trailers creating dangerous situations for kids and drivers.

Thank you for your time.

David Herrera

Assistant Principal

Jane Addams Elementary School

Crump, Jill

From: jkatz [jkatz@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 6:35 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: oversized vehicles

We have several work trucks parked/stored in our neighborhood. How can we find out if they will be affected by the proposed RV/Oversized Vehicle ordinance and will need a permit to be parked on the street?

Thank you for your help.

J. Katz
326-3747

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2006 6:29 PM
To: BOWERTONK@aol.com
Subject: RE: Ordinance: Oversize Vehicle Parking

Thank you Mr. Bower, this will be added to the public record for consideration.

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

From: BOWERTONK@aol.com [mailto:BOWERTONK@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2006 3:29 PM
To: tsemaan@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com
Cc: torrancerv@yahoo.com
Subject: Ordinance: Oversize Vehicle Parking

An additional change should be made to the ordinance to permit 3 hour parking (max.) for any RV. This will allow any tourist visitor to our city to legally park while getting services, or visiting a point of interest in our city. Many is the time I have had to street park to visit such facilities because they had no parking space for large vehicles. The 3 hour limit would also solve some of the resident RV owners problems with the ordinance.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Bower

Crump, Jill

From: tom [tom_elkins@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2006 8:49 PM
To: Ted Semaan; Rod Guyton; Michael Mauno; Pat McIntyre; Paul Nowatka; Frank Scotto; Hope Witkowsky
Subject: RV & oversize vehicle parking

suggestion

Maybe there should be a LIMITED GRANDFATHERING of 4 to 5 years. This would give people effected time to make other parking arrangements for ther RV & oversize vehicles.

thanks
tom_elkins@yahoo.com

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Crump, Jill

From: Sandy Keller [sandy@advantagebridal.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2006 9:10 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Cc: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com;
pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com;
hwickowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: Torrance and RVs

Honorable Mayor Walker, City Council members, and Torrance Traffic Division:

I was born in the original Torrance Memorial Hospital, have lived here nearly all of my life, and my husband has lived in Torrance since he was eighteen months old. Just two years ago, we were given unanimous approval by the planning commission to build a new custom home here in Torrance, and we moved in last June. We did so after researching a possible move to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and finding their ordinances regarding motorhomes too restrictive for our tastes. We designed our new home so that we can park our motorhome completely off the street.

Many Torrance residents are not in the position to rearrange their properties to keep their RVs off the street. When they bought their vehicles, they did so with the expectation and intention of lawfully parking on the street in front of or near their homes. Many of them can afford to pay for storage of their RVs, but many of them cannot. We believe that it is an unfair burden upon these people to take away their privilege to park their RV on the street as they have always done. If the existing RVs are grandfathered to be able to continue to park where they currently do, yet prospective RV owners will be buying their RVs knowing beforehand that they will need to provide for storage of their vehicles, that would be the fairest policy for all. By attrition, the number of RVs on Torrance streets will gradually decrease as the years go by.

We appreciate that you are willing to consider the grandfathering ordinance, as it indicates that you are willing to work with residents who have been law-abiding and who live in Torrance because of its citizen-friendly government. We have more freedom than residents of some of our surrounding communities and we hope that you cherish this as we do, because this is a great place to live and work.

Now that I've dragged work into this, I want to add that I began my business in Torrance in 1992, moved it to Rolling Hills Estates in 2001, and moved back to Torrance in 2004. The city of RHE was tougher to work with on many issues and I'm happy to be back home.

Respectfully,

Sandy Keller
Advantage Bridal
4050 Spencer Street, Suite K
Torrance, CA 90503
310-371-2060
www.advantagebridal.com

Crump, Jill

From: Floyd Heideman [heidemanfloyd@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2006 8:49 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Cc: fscotto@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Parking Ordinance Proposal

For consideration by all Torrance City Council Members:

1.) Legal issue of prior U.S. Supreme Court decision:

Many arguments and comments have been brought for your consideration in the matter of RV, trailer and large vehicle parking on Torrance city streets. While there have been claims of such vehicles parked pose a hazard or decrease property values, there has been virtually no reliable statistical data or studies supporting such claims. I believe that the principle complaint boils down to one of aesthetics. Many individuals and home owner groups find these vehicles unsightly or overwhelming to the local residents. Those feelings certainly are understandable and should be considered. However, the issue of "aesthetics" was addressed in a case that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme court that led to a landmark decision. It is the case know as: *City of Euclid v. Fitzthum, et al., 48 Ohio App. 2nd 297, 357 N.E. 2nd 402 (1076), cert. denied 429 U.S. 1094, 51 L. Ed. 2d 540 (1977)*. While this case goes back nearly 30 years, it still remains in force and has never been successfully challenged. This fact may be disturbing to those who are primarily concerned about the physical appearance of such vehicles parked on our streets; however, it must be considered by our City Council in its drawing up any ordinance to restrict street parking of RV & related vehicles. I am reasonably certain that the City attorneys are aware of this court decision.

2.) A reasonable ordinance proposal:

A major concern of affected vehicle owners is the issue of passing an ordinance that affects the entire city populace to satisfy the complaints of certain segments of the community. Perhaps the Council could look into passing an ordinance which will restrict parking enforcement of subject vehicles only to complaints filed by residents directly affected. I realize that no homeowner (or resident) owns the parking space(s) in front of his residence. However, most of us have a general respect for the resident which in effect gives him first call on the parking space(s) at his curb. May I suggest that you in some way allow subject vehicles be allowed to be parked in front of the resident's own address without new restrictions.

If such an ordinance on street parking were put in place, it would prevent a distant citizen from filing a valid complaint against a local resident vehicle owner. Perhaps the ordinance could provide that a valid complaint can only be filed by the resident of the street address in front of which the vehicle(s) is parked. Each resident would retain the right to file a valid complaint against anyone who parks such subject vehicle in front of his residence. If this is too restrictive, the ordinance could be liberalized by allowing valid complaints to be filed from adjacent and/or across the street from the address in which the vehicle is parked. That would give some added relief to close neighbors directly affected by such vehicle parking. Homeowner association groups could also be addressed in the ordinance providing further restrictions for the community they represent without extending their restrictions to outlying areas of the community.

3.) An alternative ordinance proposal:

A simple resolution of this parking issue would be to make the entire city of Torrance a "**no overnight parking; local resident exempt; enforced by valid complaint only**" city. Local resident to be defined as: "vehicle registered by resident of this address." Valid complaint defined as: "complaint filed by resident at the address where this vehicle is parked." Such an ordinance to be applied to any and all parked vehicles would give local control of street parking without discrimination against any particular type of vehicle.

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Since parking control officers have access to vehicle registration information, it would be simple to determine that an alleged violating vehicle was or was not registered to the resident address. Limiting the complaint process to the resident directly affected, i.e. the resident of the address where the vehicle is parked, would alleviate the police from answering complaints from unaffected residents. If this would be too restrictive a complaint process, the valid complaint individual could be redefined to the resident of an address within a certain specified distance (possibly 30', 50', 100' or other reasonable distance) from the parked vehicle. The advantages of such an ordinance would be: 1.) control by local citizens affected by parked vehicles, regardless of type; 2.) easy police compliance in enforcement; 3.) simplified requirements for placing parking restriction street signs; 4.) no need to further register or otherwise identify parked vehicles; 5.) no need for parking permits for either permanent or temporary time frames

Consideration of the above suggested provisions may serve as a sensible compromise between various factions of our community.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd & Margaret Heideman

827 Teri Ave., Torrance, CA 90503 (310)320-0936

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2006 4:29 AM
To: 'Title911@aol.com'
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: from Dar Cherry

Dear Dar:

Thank you for your email. I totally understand your views and will take it into consideration when I make my final decision. Meanwhile, this email will be sent to our city department head to be included in the official documents for distribution in our city council agenda packet.

Take care.

Hope

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

From: Title911@aol.com
To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Cc: dwalker@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; letters@dailybreeze.com; sue.schmitt@dailybreeze.com; frank.suraci@dailybreeze.com; Ds3rdbaby@aol.com
Sent: 03/12/2006 7:57 PM
Subject: from Dar Cherry

Dear Hope:

I am emailing this letter to you and will cc: Dan Walker as well. I have supported you and this city council on many of your decisions.

It has helped me to know that you have a deep love for our fine city and that your passion for our lovely city has been with you for as long as I have known you.

I am not happy about passing any laws regarding RV parking in our city. This city prides itself on families and family activities. Yes, Hope you will find an occasional nuisance in any neighborhood in which case that person should be fined for their neglect and bad manners.

I would like to say that passing this law would make RV storage a much needed facility in our city which brings me to the August 2005 min's from the council meeting denying the Anastasi Proposal. Please Don't pass laws in order to get passage of this proposed project that simply is not fair to those of us that use our RV's and respect our neighbors and city. Please do not use hidden agendas to make life more difficult for those of us that abide by the laws.

Warmest Regards,

Dar Cherry
(310) 863-4715

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2006 4:31 AM
To: 'Kenneth & Laura Calderwood '
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV parking in the city of torrance

Dear mr. And Mrs. Calderwood:

Thank you for your email. I do understand your views and will use this information when I make my deciding vote. I am forwarding your email to our department head to be included as an official document to be included in our agenda packet.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: Kenneth & Laura Calderwood
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Sent: 03/12/2006 1:42 PM
Subject: Re: RV parking in the city of torrance

Dear Mayor and City Council,
 I have been a resident of the City of Torrance for over 40 years, and have always loved this city. We own an RV and we put it in front of our home to load and unload it. We never leave it for more than 3 days. We do not feel there is a need for a change in the parking code. The City should go after those who abuse the parking rule and the non-registered and non-Torrance residents who park the RV's in violation of the 3 day rule. Our Torrance Police are the finest in the State and have a tough enough job keeping our city safe. One of the issues I hope you consider is we do pay DMV tags and I might add a great deal higher than car tags to drive and park on the city streets. Those with complaints should have their problems looked into, but not sweep everyone into a group that are not violators.

We RV owners may be in the minority, but I feel you have always protected the rights of the minority in the City and would continue to do so.

Thank You for taking the time to read this letter.
 Ken and Laura Calderwood

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Sunday, March 12, 2006 9:32 AM
To: 'Nagitrah@aol.com'
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Torrance RV Parking Discussion

Dear Mr. Nagitrah:

I totally understand your view. Looking for parking for RV's in Torrance is one of my priorities.

I am forward this email to Mr. Ted Semann for inclusion in the documents of our new agenda items on this matter.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: Nagitrah@aol.com
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; andcddtraffic@torrnet.com
Sent: 03/11/2006 4:08 PM
Subject: Torrance RV Parking Discussion

Torrance Mayor & Council,

I submitted the below article to the Torrance RV bulletin board. I was asked to forward a copy of same to you and have complied. I wish you luck in finding a workable solution to this problem.

 First let me say, I own a class A 30 foot motor home. I occasionally park it in front of my house to load, unload, or to do interior maintenance on it. I try to be gone within 3 days or so. But know that I have at times run over 3 days due to various circumstances, such as returning from one trip and leaving on another trip a week or so later. Doesn't make sense to put it in storage for just 3 or 4 days. My neighbors have never complained and I try to be as considerate as possible. When not in use for periods of time, I do keep it in a storage lot. The lot is in Downey, as I could not find a space open in any local storage lot when I bought the RV, plus the lots in south bay wanted 2 to 3 times as much as I spend at my current location. Not as convenient, but cheaper.

I was a law enforcement officer in a city near Torrance for almost 32 years. One of my duties as watch commander was to supervise the parking control officers. Yes, we did have some complaints about RVs either being stored on the street or blocking views of intersections. Same as complaints about cars, vans, trucks, and even some motorcycles. However, the vehicle code allows for a city to mark a vehicle for removal if it is being stored (parked in one location for more than 72 hours) or causing a safety hazard. It also allows for the city to add their own rules if needed. That is the important part.

The complaint I have heard is that when an RV is marked for being in violation of the 72 hour rule, the owner simply moves it a couple feet forward or backwards. At times that is true, and I had to deal with that problem while working at the PD. We simply required the vehicle to move several feet (50 is the best as that is the length of most property lines) to avoid being considered for storage. If the owner continually moved the vehicle only a few feet, or even the required distance, but seldom if ever actually used the vehicle, thereby, in effect, storing the vehicle on the street, we would mark the vehicle for storage, notify the owner by mail and in person if possible, and if not moved, then we would store same. This procedure held true for all vehicles, and worked for us. The

vehicle code does not differentiate between an RV, truck, or VW bug. Storing is storing, and the law should be enforced the same for all. RV owners pay DMV fees (big ones) which gives them the right to park on the street. Without paying the fees and getting a current tag, RV owners would have to park on private property to avoid storage. If we pay our fees, and therefore have the right to park on the street, why then should an RV owner be treated differently than any other vehicle, big or small.

Getting permits to load or unload and RV every time you use the RV, will not only be a major pain in the patoot and headache for the RV owner, but for the city as well. They don't know what a problem and bureaucratic mess they will be getting themselves into. Believe me, I know. They will end up using more man hours on this permit scheme than they could ever imagine. There are better ways than what they are proposing. Use the existing CVC codes, and add local language to better enforce the codes.

Of course there are RV owners that abuse their parking privilege and store the RV on the street for months or years at a time. Weeds grow up around the vehicle and dirt piles up at the curb because the street sweeper cannot clean the area. They should be reported and enforced as stated above. If an RV is parked in a safe manner, and none of the neighbors mind the vehicle left for a period of time (i.e., no complaints to the PD), then why not leave well enough alone. There most certainly are enough vehicles (mainly cars) obviously illegally stored and causing an eye sore all over Torrance, to keep the parking officers busy on a continual basis. Why go out looking for problems if they don't exist, just because of a few violators, or people who just don't like RVs.

Certainly the city has to walk a fine line to try to keep all of it's citizens happy. But writing a very lengthy procedure regarding RV parking, will not only be confusing to all, difficult to enforce, a waste of taxpayers money and law enforcement's valuable time, but will cause problems to law abiding RV owners that were not causing a problem in the first place.

If the city would come up with new and reasonably priced RV parking lots, I would love it. It would be nice to have my own RV stored locally. I cannot believe that will ever happen though. Finding the location, the city having to maintain, control, collect rent, and insure the lots, plus the pressure from existing storage lots that they would lose business, will more than likely keep the idea of city owned lots in the, "Wouldn't it be nice" stage.

Anyway, the above is only one mans opinion. Hope I made some sense. Sorry this message got a little long, but thanks for reading.

Patrick Hartigan
Nagitrah@aol.com <mailto:Nagitrah@aol.com>

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2006 11:04 AM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: SUV/Motor home parking

From: Tom Hascup [mailto:thascup@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 9:49 PM
To: pmnowatka@torrnet.com
Subject: SUV/Motor home parking

Mr. Nowatka,

I'd like to add my thoughts to the current discussion regarding large SUV/motor home parking on city streets. Just to set the record straight I do not own any of these vehicles. Having said that I'd like to put my vote strongly against street parking of these large and unsightly vehicles. Not only do they block access on many of the side streets they clearly detract from the aesthetics of the city. I understand the other side of the issue but I feel that part of the cost of owning one of these vehicles is the cost of finding reasonable parking for it. I am a strong believer in personal responsibility and feel that the owners should bear the cost and inconvenience of owning them, not their neighbors. I am also against the compromise position of grandfathering the current owners and only requiring new owners to do the right thing.

Thank You

Tom Hascup
5110 Scott Street

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2006 7:46 PM
To: 'Citrowski, Jo Ann A (Space Technology) '
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV parking

Dear Jo Ann;

Thank you for your email. I will send this to our city department head to have your email become a part of the record. The city Council has not made any recommendations at this point and this will come back to the council for a decision.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: Citrowski, Jo Ann A (Space Technology)
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; torrancerv@yahoo.com
Sent: 03/10/2006 10:50 AM
Subject: RV parking

It's obvious that the reason you are even attempting to take away our private property rights is because of the new dense pack construction you are allowing in the city (with the exception of the Hillside where the restrictions and caveats are too ridiculous to list). All be it, you get more revenue from packing in residents practically on top of one another but this is the reason you have a parking problem, not the lowly RV. The greater good here is to leave the parking restrictions as they are, and handle each complaint on a case by case basis. All it takes is wisdom to see that you can't trample on private property rights.

Once your inside your residence does it really matter what's parked outside at the curb.

Oh and by the way, are these restriction your contemplating going to apply to just the city of Torrance residents or does it cover the mailing address city of Torrance residents? If it doesn't cover the latter how is that fair.

Joann Citrowski
 jcitrowski@earthlink.net

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2006 7:20 PM
To: 'john mc govern'
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Parking on street OVERSIZED VEHICLES

Hello John:

I understand your views. I will be sending this email to be a part of the record to Mr. Semaan.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: john mc govern
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com
Sent: 03/09/2006 8:54 PM
Subject: Fw: Parking on street OVERSIZED VEHICLES

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Attn: Ted Semaan.

As, my wife and I are unable to attend the upcoming meeting on March 28th, 2006, we would like this e-mail to be part of the record against "Oversized Vehicles parked on Torrance City Streets".

We would also like to address our concerns on the following violations on parking regulations.1

(a) Boats and trailers on the streets, and some obstruction of the sidewalks.

(b) Residents parking their commercial vans and trucks on the streets. Some of these vehicles are parked in their driveways and overhang into the sidewalk. Thereby forcing pedestrians to step into the street, to get around them. We feel that residential neighbourhood streets should not be used as commercial vehicle parking lots.

(c) Households with more than 2 passenger vehicles, parking additional vehicles in their driveways, partially blocking the sidewalks again forcing pedestrians, to step into the street to get around them. Not only that, they also obstruct the view of residents backing out of their driveways; thereby creating traffic hazards.

I know we have parking regulations, and restrictions, however I cannot remember seeing any parking enforcement agents patrolling our area.

In these times of tight monies for our city, I feel that were there to be tougher parking restrictions and enforcement : (ie: parking ticket) substantial revenues could be realized, and earmarked for:

(SCHOOLS-POLICE-FIRE DEPARTMENT) .

Mr & Mrs John Mc Govern
 2738 Loftyview Dr,
 Torrance, CA 90505

Crump, Jill

From: Patti [wildthings@acn.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 11:08 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: On Street Parking of Large Vehicles

Dear Mr. Semann,

We're writing this letter to voice our opinion on the issue of on-street parking of oversized vehicles in Torrance.

We've recently had problems with our neighbors. They had a 30' trailer attached to their full size truck parked directly across the street from our house. The truck and trailer were large enough to effectively block the street in front of two houses. It was parked there for several months. I called parking enforcement numerous times to cite for movement within 72 hours. The only thing my calling accomplished was for the owner to move his truck and trailer a few inches.

We witnessed the truck and trailer being towed away last month. We don't know why it took over 6 months for the city to finally do something about this situation. Fortunately, we have not seen the trailer since. I can't begin to tell you how nice our neighborhood looks now!

On top of being a huge eyesore, RVs and trailers unfairly take up the already limited on street parking in our community. Especially during evening hours, when it seems passenger vehicles compete for parking space.

We have also witnessed at least three near misses with people trying to pull their cars out of their driveways, not being able to see traffic due to the view obstruction.

We're sure the enforcement of the 72 hour restriction is very time consuming for city resources and, as we have witnessed ourselves, has little effect in controlling the number of large vehicles that are visible to the public.

While we understand that large vehicles have some rights to be in the community (for loading, unloading, accommodating short-term guests, etc.), we do not believe large vehicles should be constantly parked in our neighborhood.

Current regulations for RV and trailer parking are largely ineffective. There must be something that can be done to accommodate those who own large vehicles, and those that don't.

We look forward to the implementation of any solution that would make our neighborhood safer, cleaner, and protect our property values.

Thank you for your consideration,
Tom and Patti Gibson

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 5:07 PM
To: 'R F Waller '
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Large Vehicle Street Parking

Dear Mr. Waller:

Thank you for your email. I understand your views. I am sending your email to staff so that it can be a part of the record.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: R F Waller
To: dwalker@torrnet.com
Cc: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmnowtka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com
Sent: 03/08/2006 12:32 PM
Subject: Large Vehicle Street Parking

Torrance City Council:

Having attended the Council meeting on February 28th. I have come to the conclusion that the city council will pass some sort of ordinance for large vehicle parking on the city streets. I personally feel that it is meant primarily toward large RVs.

I am one of the lucky ones who can park an RV on their own property.

That is as of now. It bothers me that next someone will go after RVs parked on ones own property. As stated in an earlier email I for one can not afford to park my RV in a storage facility. And I am sure that so many more Torrance resident's with RVs cannot afford such fee's.

Thus, I am against any ordinance to force RV owner to find off street parking that they may or may not be able to afford.

I hope that whatever you come with I hope you consider what kind of hardship it may have on some RV owner due to complains by I am sure, a very small segment of neighbors who talked all about what could happen but did not show any evidence to such complains.

With registering RVs to show that the owner's live in Torrance is a good idea Permits I am not too much in favor of. I pull my RV out to hook up my tow vehicle and am not on the street that long. I believe that it is a waste of time for me and the police to take time to issue a permit

for such a short period of time. Time will not cost me anything but

what about the those issuing the permit.

A decal for the back of the RVs could work to let any police officer driving by that the vehicle in question does indeed belong there.

One last issue, I can do most everything in my driveway but on occasion I must run a water hose a power cord to my RV while it is on the street.

I do not agree with not being able to use these items when needed.!

Thank you for doing what I hope is best for the RV owners of Torrance that love the life style for which we have come accustomed to. A little inconvenience for our neighbors that love a certain life style that does not really harm anybody, should be taken into consideration.

Sincerely

Ron Waller

Crump, Jill

From: richard peters [buzzcindy@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 10:09 AM
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV parking

Dear Mayor,

I live at 4409 Vista Largo,Torrance.My next door nieghbor parks a large RV in front of my house and the house on his other side,never in front of his house.

Last year the nieghbors daughter rearended the RV,her car was destroyed.This accident was not reported as all the damage was to his own property.This morning another nieghbor rearended the RV again causing major damage to his car.Do we have to wait until someone is killed to end this safety hazard?No grandfather clause!

Richard T.Peters

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 12:49 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill; Herren, James
Subject: FW: RV Laws... Thank you for your time

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

From: Torrance RV Enforcer [mailto:torrancervenforcer@hotmail.com]
 Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 8:31 AM
 To: dwalker@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com;
 pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com
 Subject: RV Laws... Thank you for your time

I wish to thank you for your time last night during the long duration of last nights meeting.

Looks like we are moving in the right direction but time will tell.

I would like to pass on one experience though that I had last night. During one of your breaks which allowed many to discuss their views I was approached by a Neighbor who did not share my views on RV storage. Although I kept my composure with this citizen who feels it is his right to STORE his 40 foot 5th wheel in our neighborhood, I was threatened by this neighbor who Quote " If you don't like where I park my trailer I'll park it in front of your house!"

This is what we are dealing with in our city and I do not think that you are aware of the conviction some of these RV owners have toward those who do not share their views of a right to storage on our streets.

PLEASE over the next few weeks develop something that will not only provide some sort system that can control the STORAGE issues. It seems to me that the out of town abusers are your main objective and I hate to disagree with you but that is not the biggest issue. The Current Torrance Residents who Store 24-7 are the biggest offendert. Why should I have to conform to the law and others not! How can we as a city change the 72 hour rule so it is actually enforcable? The Police last night even admitted that they do not enforce a law on our books. What kind of example is that? Yes RV owners should be able to load, unload, prep their vehicles, but at the same time the bad apples must be penalized for the lawlessness.

Looking forward to a reasonable ordinance for all but one that will allow the city to ENFORCE this storage situation as well. How can we do this part of it now?

Respectfully

Torrance RV Enforcer

Don't just search. Find. Check out the new MSN Search!
<http://search.msn.click-url.com/go/onm00200636ave/direct/01/>

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 11:55 AM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV Parking , etc.

From: johnbalestra@earthlink.net [mailto:johnbalestra@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2006 2:38 PM
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Parking , etc.

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

Thank you for taking time to carefully consider this issue. We could not attend last night's hearing due to a business conflict and thought we would provide input as this is a "hot button" issue for us and clearly a complicated one for you.

We believe that not only does on-street parking of RV's (and boats) create a safety hazard (and we do not think you should wait until accidents, injuries or some child's death occurs before taking a stand) , but they are an eyesore. We not only believe that all RV vehicles and boats should be prohibited from all City streets in Torrance (other than for a very short time period for loading/unloading) , but we also believe that this issue is not being taken far enough in the current debate. If you vote to restrict all on-street parking of RV's and boats for more than a few days, these people will just move them into their driveways or front yards, making for an equally undesirable outcome. RV's, boats, motorcycle trailers and the like should not only be restricted from all City streets, but they should also be restricted from parking on any residential property for more than 24 hours unless they are effectively screened from public view.

We oppose any "grandfathering clause" to allow current owners of RV's to park on our streets, period. Why make an exclusion to accommodate a relatively small percentage of residents with RV's and allow street parking just because they currently have an RV, yet exclude those who subsequently acquire one? We see no logic in this at all and it does not address the issue-we need to ban all of these vehicles from our streets and neighborhoods.

If you were to decide to ban all of these vehicles from both streets and driveways (unless properly screened) plenty of options for offsite storage will emerge in the marketplace when demand for this service increases, and some entrepreneurial business person will find a location that will serve this need. Edison right of ways are currently used for this purpose in many communities, there are acres of them with short term leases Edison will generate more revenue with RV storage than it does with with nursery's. Will this be an added cost to the boat and RV owners? Sure it will. But if they want to play, they ought not complain if they have to pay.

As it now stands, those of us who do not own boats and RV's (who are the majority, no doubt) are paying a huge price in our loss of views, light, diminishment of safety on our streets, lack of available street parking and having to put up with the eyesore that these recreational vehicles create. We fear that the vocal minority, as unusual, may prevail in the City of Torrance on this issue, but why not survey the entire community in order to make a more informed decision? We bet most residents will share our perspective.

As homeowner's in the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance for the past 16 years, we find it interesting and very ironic that the City takes such great care and effort to preserve neighbor's light, air and view corridors when residential remodeling or development takes place in our neighborhood, yet it is ok when one of our neighbors parks a bulky and

massive 28 foot boat or 40 foot RV onto the street or into their front yard (which is usually within the minimum side yard setback and only 2 feet from the property line) and the result is that views and light are greatly diminished, privacy is invaded and the neighbors have to put up with the periodic noise and smoke/fumes from running motors or a generator. In the event the RV or boat is stored in the driveway long term, for the 359 of the 365 days in the year that the boat or RV typically sits idly in storage in the front yard, the impacts are even worse!

We do not think that the minority of citizen's of Torrance that own boats or RV's have any entitlement to visually pollute our neighborhoods with this recreational equipment, and it should be banned entirely from our neighborhoods after a reasonable time period for people to make other accommodations. We would hope the City would take this opportunity to beautify our neighborhoods and make our streets safer, like many other communities across the country already have. It will enhance our property values and improve our quality of life.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide our opinion and we ask for you to protect the rights of the majority of Torrance citizen's that do not own these vehicles and force those that do to be considerate enough to store them where they belong-someplace other than on the street or in the front yards of our neighborhoods!

Sincerely,

John & Jacqueline Balestra

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Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 11:45 AM
To: Gibson; Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: Storing of Oversize Vehicles

From: Sue Aaron [mailto:sueaaron@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2006 9:14 PM
To: PM Nowatka
Subject: FW: Storing of Oversize Vehicles

Council Member Nowatka,

I attended the full Torrance City Council meeting on February 28, 2006. This meeting primarily concerned oversize vehicle storage on Torrance city streets. I came away with these thoughts:

"Grandfathering" is not a good idea because it will create a two tier system of residents. Any restrictions should apply to all residents. Additionally, it would do little to solve the problem because it would allow the chief offenders to continue to offend.

Any restrictions should be citywide, not just area by area or street by street. This would create another system of two tier residents. An eyesore or a safety hazard is an eyesore or a safety hazard on every street.

Some contend that the parking of large vehicles on city streets has not hurt property values. However, with no restrictions and growing street storage of OVs, there will come a time when this will effect property values. Nearby cities have found this to be true. This is the time to work on the problem before it gets totally out of hand.

Though I personally would prefer to ban all on-street and front yard OV parking, I believe that in fairness Torrance should have a registration system and issue permits for 48 to 72 hours for parking only in front of one's own house for loading and unloading. Also, permits for a reasonable length of time should be issued to OV owners who are visiting Torrance residents for parking only in front of that host resident's house. Banning all OV street parking will surely result in the parking of these vehicles in people's front yards, which will certainly be unsightly.

Some think that others' convenience or others' opinion of what is visually appealing should not affect their ability to park their OV on the street in front of their house. They are missing the point that public streets are not theirs alone. Unfortunately, some people are thinking only of what is advantageous to them and are not being sensitive to their immediate neighbors and the city.

Reasonably priced city-sponsored OV parking makes sense. This storage, and any registration and permitting process, must be self-supporting and not in any way subsidized by taxpayer money except in the use of undeveloped city land.

Restrictions on OV storage on city streets must be put in place, and enforcing these restrictions is imperative.

The comments you made at the end of the meeting lead me to believe that the council

will enact a plan that will be in the best interests of the whole city of Torrance.

Thank you,
Sue Aaron

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 2:59 PM
To: 'BOWERTONK@aol.com '
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Ordinance: RV On-street Parking

Thank you for your views on the RV parking. I will forward this to be a part of the record

Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: BOWERTONK@aol.com
To: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; tsemaan@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Cc: torrancerv@yahoo.com
Sent: 03/06/2006 11:14 PM
Subject: Ordinance: RV On-street Parking

For many, many, years the city has encouraged on-street storage of RVs by not taking effective enforcement (or other) action to discourage it. This inaction has made the city a responsible party to the oversize vehicle parking controversy. As such, the city has a moral obligation to be pro-active in the problems solution. Any solution must be humane for the lower income RV owners drawn in by the citys failure to act. Low cost storage on city property may be a partial solution. Permit parking on certain sections of selected city streets, where safety and "visual blight" are not serious issues, may be a partial solution, and could be used as an interim fix for neighborhood conflicts while a permanent answer is found. I favor the "grandfather clause" proposed by the Traffic Commission in combination with the storage solutions suggested above. This should satisfy the RV owners and home owners alike. Please call me at 310-325-7693 for further input on the subject.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Bower

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2006 12:50 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: Motorhome Parking

From: pjstoneberg@sbcglobal.net [mailto:pjstoneberg@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 9:34 PM
To: R Guyton; M Mauno; P Mcintyre; D Walker; P Nowatka; F Scotto; H Witkowsky
Subject: Motorhome Parking

Council Members,

I am wathching the meeting and reading the handouts and relized, while the all americian with boats and motorcycles was talking, that there was no mention of trailers, such as boat, utility, car, or motorcycle. I think these should be included in ordiance. I do not think there should a grandfather clause. Ther should be a start date and all vechile owners now and future should have to follow the same rules.

James Stoneberg

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2006 3:20 PM
To: 'BOWERTONK@aol.com'
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Ordinance: RV On-street Parking

Thank you for your email. I have forwarded this to staff for inclusion to our next agenda item on this subject.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

From: BOWERTONK@aol.com [mailto:BOWERTONK@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2006 9:03 PM
To: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; tsemaan@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Cc: torrancerv@yahoo.com
Subject: Ordinance: RV On-street Parking

I wish to repeat, an RV owner should not have to appear and stand in line at city hall to get a parking permit. The ordinance should REQUIRE the Chief of Police to impliment some sort of phone-in permit system prior to initiation of ordinance enforcement. I recommend a computer-automated phone system that prompts the caller to "punch in" his vehicle license number and desired dates/times to obtain a parking permit. The RV owner could easily get his permit from anywhere anytime of day or night without delays, hassles, or the inconvenience of having to appear at city hall and stand in line to fill out an application. He could call-in from the storage yard after determining his vehicle is still operable, or from his RV on the way home. He could call to cancel if something happens. Such a system has real advantages for the city, also. Virtually no manpower would be required for the permit process. Parking enforcement officers could easily call the computer to see if an observed vehicle has a permit. Parking complaints could be quickly checked for enforcement action. The computer could be set up to verify vehicle registration in Torrance, and number of permits given that RV. No manual filling of duplicate permits.

I also want to reiterate the need to delete Section 61.12.070 which bans running a power cord or water hose to a parked RV. How is an owner to clean and wash his vehicle, fill and flush its fresh water tanks, pressurize tires, or do minor maintenance without using power and water readily available from his residence? Most RV storage yards do not provide these facilities, and they are not readily available anywhere else. This could be a serious problem for any RV owner not lucky enough to be able to park on his own property.

I also repeat the need to delete "adjacent to their residence" from Section 61.12.040 or change to "in the vacinity of". Of course the RVer or his guest is going to park in front of the residence if he can!

Please add language to the ordinance giving the police lots of latitude in granting parking permits. Who can forsee the many reasons for issuing or extending permits, much less include them all in the ordinance.

If you would like to review the above, or any other issue relating to the ordinance, please call me at 310-325-7693.

Sincerely,

J. Edward Bower

Crump, Jill

From: Ann Baker [abaker@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 04, 2006 12:20 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: On Street parking of oversized Vehicles

I live at 17801 Glenburn Ave. It dead ends in 2 directions. My neighbors trailer has been parked in front of my house since I bought it in 1991. If I park a car there to keep him moved forward so I can put my trash out it will be ticketed after 72 hours. So he has me beat unless I go next door and make him move it. The trailer was towed several weeks ago, and he brought it back and parked it the exact same spot it was towed from.

It is not RV parking that is the problem, it is RV storage. I missed the council meeting, but I watched online. So I just want to get my comments in.

Thank you,
Ann Baker

Crump, Jill

From: Danieljamesinc@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2006 11:59 AM
To: CDDTRAFFIC@TORRNET.COM
Cc: COTTONFAMILY@HOTMAIL.COM
Subject: RV / TRAFFIC PROPBLEM

THIS E-MAIL MISSED THE MEETING.. CAME BACK INCORREECT E-MAIL ADDRESS??

PLEASE LET ME KNOW THAT YOU RECEIVED THIS MAIL. THANK YOU.

JAMES D. BABB, BUSINESS OWNER, HOMEOWNER.

AS A BUSINESS OWNER FOR 20 YEAR PLUS. AND A PROPERTY OWNER FOR 25 YEARS THE INCREASE IN MOTOR HOMES, CAMPERS, OVERSIZE CAMPERS, TRUCK PULL OVERSIZE TRAILERS, BOATS, JET SKIES, HAD COME TO AND ALL TIME HIGH. (UGLY) !!!!

IT IS VERY SIMPLE, (IF YOU CAN AFFORD THIS TYPE OF OUTSIDE OFF PROPERTY VEHICLE IT MUST BE PARKED ON A LOT FOR SUCH.)

I LIVE IN THE SOUTH TORRANCE, NEWTON AREA, OUR PROPERTY VALUES HERE ARE AT STATE FOR SUCH ITEMS NOTED ABOVE. TIME HAS COME TO REMOVED THEM FROM THE STREET OF TORRANCE.

IT IS NOT SAFE FOR A CAR TO PASS ON OUR STREETS, TO BIG, TO WIDE, TO LONG. ONE NEIGHBOR HAS ONE 60 FT. LONG. ANOTHER 40 -45 FT. PARKS IN THE DRIVE WAY FOR THE FAMILY TO LIVE IN AND HOOKUP TO THE HOUSE. BOATS, SKI'S, TRAILER ALIKE ON OR OFF THE PROPERTY IS A SORE EYE TO OUR HOMES HERE. IT'S BEING TO LOOK LIKE HAWTHORNE, AND LAWNDALE, NOT THE RIVIERA AREA FOR WHICH I PAID FOR.

I AM A RENTAL PROPERTY OWNER, AND DO NOT ALLOW PARKING OR THE USE OF SUCH ON MY RENTAL PROPERTY, (ITS STARTS AT HOME AS THEY SAY)....IT'S FOR THE CITY, MY FRIENDS, THE KIDS, NEIGHBOR HOOD PROPERTY VALUE, IF I WANTED ONE I WOULD STORED IT AWAY AND PICKUP ON THE WAY OUT OF TOWN.

MOST OF THE SENIORS, BUY THIS LIFE TIME DESIRE, TO FIND OUT THEY CAN'T SEE TO DRIVE IT, GAS COST TO MUCH, INS. OUT OF LINE, TO MUCH UPKEEP, THEN END UP SELLING FOR A LOST TO THEM SELF. IF THEY USE IT THE GET ROBBED AT THE PARK, OR CAMP, SITE, BREAKS DOWN ON THE ROAD, CATCHES ON FIRE ETC:

I AM GOING TO FORWARD A CD-DISC OF PICTURES TAKEN IN THE AREA TO MICHAEL COTTON, PRES. RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS , ALONG WITH THIS E-MAIL, I SUPPORT A COMPLETE BAND OF ALL KINDS OF SPORTS, BOATS,TRUCKS,TRAILOR, SKI, CAMPER'S SETTING IN FRONT THE OF HOUSE STREET OR YARD, THAT CAN BE SEEN BY PASSER.

ONLY IF THERE TOY'S COULD BE NOT SEEN (HIDDEN)) FROM THE STREET, AND POSE NO DANGER TO OUR CHILDREN WOULD I SUPPORT ANY OTHER KIND OF ACTION.

IT'S TIME THE CITY PUT A STOP TO OUR CHILDREN BEING HURT, BECAUSE THE CARS CANNOT SEE THEM, OR ARE YOU GOING TO WAIT UNTIL THEY GET KILLED!! HOW SELF CENTERED CAN A PERSON BE WITH THERE VACATION HOME IN THERE FRONT YARD!!

AWAITNG YOUR REPLY,
 DANIELJAMESINC@AOL.COM

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Crump, Jill

From: Barbara Boughton [bb0630@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2006 9:14 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Parking

**Mayor Walker
Council members**

Usually when the citizens of Torrance come before you for a resolution on an issue, it is usually going to make a profound change in our community.

If the Daily Breeze printed it correctly, nothing is going to change on the parking of RV'S on our city streets.

Ordinances must be enforceable when written.

The current seventy-two hour rule is a joke.

My first suggestion would be to find land as suggested, at a reasonable cost to store the RV'S.

My second suggestion would be to allow seventy-two hours to load and unload and then off the streets.

My third suggestion would be to get the 400 or more RV's that are not registered to a Torrance homeowner out of here.

This is a no brainier. You cannot and will not make either side happy. To issue passes and grandfather some and not the rest is a terrible idea.

Most progressive cities today do not allow RV parking on their city streets.

If an ordinance is written it must have teeth and be enforceable, otherwise FOR GET ABOUT IT and do nothing.

Remember, KEEP IT SIMPLE AND ENFORCEABLE.

Sincerely,

Chuck Boughton

4039 W 175th Place

(310) 370-7776

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 1:17 PM
To: 'pjstoneberg@sbcglobal.net'
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Motorhome Parking

I am forwarding your email to Ted Semaan so that it becomes a part of the records for our next meeting.

Thank you,
Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: pjstoneberg@sbcglobal.net
To: R Guyton; M Mauno; P Mcintyre; D Walker; P Nowatka; F Scotto; H Witkowsky
Sent: 02/28/2006 9:34 PM
Subject: Motorhome Parking

Council Members,

I am wathching the meeting and reading the handouts and relized, while the all american with boats and motorcycles was talking, that there was no mention of trailers, such as boat, utility, car, or motorcycle. I think these should be included in ordiance. I do not think there should a grandfather clause. Ther should be a start date and all vechile owners now and future should have to follow the same rules.

James Stoneberg

Crump, Jill

From: Joy Peeraer [j_peeraer6@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2006 11:19 AM
To: r guyton; mh mauno; p mcintyre; pm nowatka; f scotto; cd traffic; d walker; h witkowsky
Subject: RV ORDINANCE; RESPONSE TO "LAUNDRY LIST" OF SAFETY ISSUES BY MICHAEL NANNINI

Dear Honorable Mayor Dan Walker and Councilmembers:

I would like to formally respond to Mr. Nannini's unfounded "Laundry List of Safety Issues."

I reside at 4814 Via El Sereno, Torrance, California 90505, with my family, including 3 daughters, ages 13 (Richardson), 9 (Riviera) and 4 (John Adams), across the (quasi) "cul de saq" from Michael Nannini (hereinafter "Nannini"), the gentlemen who addressed the Mayor, the Councilmembers and the Public with his safety concerns regarding our family RV. I was not able to be present at the meeting due to illness but I would like to respectfully request that this email response be added to the record on this matter.

Nannini contends that the parking of the RV on our street causes safety issues due to the size of the vehicle and the causation of blind spots, etc., etc.

However, I find it very interesting that he had an out of state family member here for several days with an even lengthier RV/vehicle combination, parked on the same street as our RV, which he says causes safety concerns? I have a well thought out response to that, which includes words not appropriate for this forum.

While I want to take caution in not stating anything defamatory regarding the integrity of Nannini's moral turpitude, it is clear that this has nothing to do with safety issues, and that the contentious "Laundry List of Safety Issues" is merely a guise which Nannini (and others for that matter) is using to express a very fundamental debate between the haves and the have nots. As this relates to our family, this is simply a furtherance of a harassment campaign initiated by other neighbors regarding issues unrelated to the parking of our RV. However, I will respectfully state my response to Nannini's alleged "safety concerns" as follows:

- THERE ARE MORE SAFETY CONCERNS GENERATED BY THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE ACCESS ROAD, WHO CARELESSLY SPEED BY AND THROUGH OUR "CUL DE SAQ," THAN THOSE WHICH ARE PURPORTEDLY CAUSED BY OUR RV! IF ANYTHING, IT CAUSES THE TRAFFIC TO SLOW DOWN AND DRIVE WITH CAUTION. WE HAVE NEEDED SOMETHING TO SLOW THESE PEOPLE DOWN FOR A LONG TIME. YELLOW SIGNS INDICATING "CHILDREN AT PLAY" OR ORANGE CONES, DO NOT WORK. I HAVE TRIED THIS APPROACH. THE NEIGHBORS WITHOUT CHILDREN DO NOT TAKE KINDLY TO IT.

- THE STREET UPON WHICH WE LIVE IS NOT ONE OF THE NARROW, OLD TORRANCE STREETS, IN QUESTION...IT MEASURES 35 FEET, WHICH IS ONE FOOT WIDER THAN THE PROPOSED LIMIT OF 34 FEET FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF RV PARKING.

- THE SAFETY CONCERNS ABOUT THE CHILDREN RIDING THEIR TOYS IN AND AROUND THE CUL DE SAQ PRE-DATED THE PURCHASE AND PARKING OF OUR RV. THIS HAS BEEN A CONCERN OF EVERYONE FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND IT IS NOT A NEW CONCERN. !; AS I ALREADY STATED, IF ANYTHING, IT **FORCES** DRIVERS TO BE EVEN MORE CAUTIOUS.

- THE STREET ON WHICH WE LIVE IS WIDE AND OPEN AND VISIBILITY IS NOT A PROBLEM. THE SAFETY CONCERNS ARE AGAIN JUST EXCUSES AND ARE UNWARRANTED. IF SAFETY CONCERNS ARE TO BE RELIED UPON IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS, THEN SOME LEGAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF THESE CONTENTIONS! HOW MANY

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CHILDREN GET HIT BY VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS WHERE THERE ARE NO VISUAL OBSTRUCTIONS SUCH AS RV'S? I WOULD VENTURE TO GUESS SEVERAL. WE REALLY SHOULD EXAMINE THE NUMBER OF RV RELATED INJURIES BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE THERE ARE MANY...AT LEAST NONE TO DATE ON THIS STREET. THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INJURY OR ITY CAUSED BY OUR RV PARKED IN FRONT OF OUR HOME IS SEVERELY REMOTE. IF SOMETHING WERE TO OCCUR, IT WOULD MOST DEFINITELY BE A SPEED ISSUE ANYWAY.

Dear Honorable Dan Walker, Councilmembers and the Public:

If you take away our right to park our RV in the street in front of our home, you will be robbing our family of our basic right to happiness and unity.

We use our RV twice, sometimes three times a month. It takes me personally several days to clean it and get it prepared for the next trip. If we are required to store it elsewhere, we will no longer be able to utilize it as intended. We should not be stripped of our lifestyle and the desire to raise healthy, positive children. These are the very ideals that the City of Torrance has come to be known for.

I humbly beg of you respond fairly.

Kind regards,

Joy Maria Peeraer
4814 Via El Sereno
Torrance, CA 90505
310-750-0520

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We own a recreational vehicle and support the "grandfathering" ordinance being proposed by the Traffic Commission. We understand that this proposed ordinance will permit current Torrance residents to continue to park their recreational vehicles on city streets. We will continue to abide by the 72 hour law. We have owned several RVs through the years; our first was in the mid 1970s. We wonder what our position will be when we decide to purchase a new one.

We are concerned about current Torrance citizens who might want to purchase an RV for the first time in the future. We are also concerned about those people who want to move to Torrance who will not be permitted to have an RV. The problems of safe local and affordable storage that exist today are more than likely to continue. Will we establish a "second class" citizen mentality? We have been homeowners in Torrance since 1962. I opened a business in Torrance in 1958; my wife began teaching for the Torrance Unified School District in 1960. We are proud of the fact that Torrance has been a city of very positive diversity with a community that made room for everybody. We remember the ALL AMERICAN CITY award that Torrance earned in the 50's and 60's.

We have attended most of the Traffic Commission meetings called to discuss the street parking for recreational vehicles. We understand that one of the major objections of the group that opposes RV parking has to do with visual obstruction at intersections. Perhaps the Traffic Commission could propose a regulation to address that issue. We believe that the city of Torrance can find solutions.

Respectfully,

Richard and Connie Vendeland
23310 Grant Avenue
Torrance, CA 90505

Dear Torrance City Council,

I am writing regarding RV parking on the streets in Torrance. I am an RV owner and have temporarily parked my RV on the street. Before we upgraded to a larger trailer (we had parked in our driveway) 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 1 week for an open spot. I understand that people are irritated regarding unlimited parking on the streets. Our streets should not be used for long term parking of large RV's.

RV's 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 4 or 5 vehicles. The trailer and 1 car are parked in the driveway, the large motor home and other vehicles are parked in the street. There are 3 drivers in the house.

As for solutions, outlawing RV's 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 RV's and should be tolerable for neighbors. Enforcing existing laws is all that needs to be done.

Kim Riebsomer
Riebsomer2@aol.com

Crump, Jill

From: Fellows, John
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 3:45 PM
To: Herbers, Sue; Semaan, Ted; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: RV street parking

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

From: Portway, Dan (Contr) [mailto:Dan.Portway@ngc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 2:07 PM
To: jfellows@torrnet.com
Subject: RV street parking

Dear Torrance City Attorney,

Concerning the RV street parking issue. I do not have one, but I may get one.

When advising the City Council, I'd like you to know my feeling about laws.

I do not like a two tier law, with one group of residents having a right, that other do not, just based on who owns an RV right now.

Except, of course, the grandfathering in of building codes, on existing structures. Which, RV parking is not.

If they are a problem, then both current, and future owners, should abide by the same rules and law.

Also, I do not like laws that create another law enforcement problem.

Thank you,
Dan Portway
2837 Sonoma St.
Torrance, Ca. 90503

PHONE CALL

FOR M+C DATE 2-27 TIME 10:05 A.M.
 P.M.
 M Resident on 233RD St
 OF Comments on RV situation.
 PHONE/
 MOBILE _____ FAX _____
 MESSAGE Hard to get out of driveway TELEPHONED
Owners play musical chairs with RVs RETURNED YOUR CALL
Streets are narrow PLEASE CALL
old & ugly ones are parked w/ for sale WILL CALL AGAIN
Does not like the CAME TO SEE YOU
 SIGNED grandfathering WANTS TO SEE YOU
thing. on them.

PHONE CALL

FOR M+C DATE 2-28 TIME 7:53 A.M.
 P.M.
 M Resident on 234th + Western
 OF _____
 PHONE/
 MOBILE _____ FAX _____
 MESSAGE Re: RV Ordinance TELEPHONED
Would like to RETURNED YOUR CALL
see ordinance PLEASE CALL
pass. WILL CALL AGAIN
 CAME TO SEE YOU
 WANTS TO SEE YOU
 SIGNED _____ WANTS TO SEE YOU

PHONE CALL

FOR Mayor + Council DATE 2/28 TIME 2:30 A.M.
 P.M.
 M Florence Heuland
 OF _____
 PHONE/
 MOBILE _____ FAX _____
 MESSAGE Unable to attend TELEPHONED
Council meeting - RETURNED YOUR CALL
Against RV Parking PLEASE CALL
on public streets - WILL CALL AGAIN
for an ordinance. CAME TO SEE YOU
 WANTS TO SEE YOU
 SIGNED _____ WANTS TO SEE YOU

PHONE CALL

FOR M+C DATE 2-28 TIME 9:17 A.M.
 P.M.
 M Terry Schenker
 OF Resident on 231st St
 PHONE/
 MOBILE 310-534-0494 FAX _____
 MESSAGE _____ TELEPHONED
Would like to see RETURNED YOUR CALL
ordinance pass - PLEASE CALL
Grandfathering is Ludicrous! WILL CALL AGAIN
The ones opposing are the worst CAME TO SEE YOU
 SIGNED (T) offenders. WANTS TO SEE YOU

COUNCIL MEETING OF
March 28, 2006

SUPPLEMENTAL #1 TO ITEM 12A

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL #1 TO COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM 12A

The attached correspondence was received after Agenda Item 12A was prepared, and is submitted herewith for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERY W. GIBSON
Community Development Director

By 
TED SEMAAN
Manager, Transportation Planning,
Engineering Permits and Records
Division

CONCUR:


Jeffery W. Gibson
Community Development Director

NOTED:


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

12A

Crump, Jill

From: Werner, Margie
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2006 2:43 PM
To: Semaan, Ted; Crump, Jill; COUNCIL2
Subject: RV Parking Comments

For the record...Terry Schmoker (310-534-0494) and Kimberly Guterrez (310-320-5859) will not be able to attend this evening's council meeting and phoned to let Council know that they oppose RV parking on city streets and are against "grandfathering" for even one day.

Margie Werner
Assistant to the
Mayor and City Council
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90503
PH: 310-618-2801
FAX: 310-618-5841
Email Address: mwerner@torrnet.com

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2006 10:33 AM
To: Gin, Mike; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: End RV on-street storage

From: CranKings@aol.com [mailto:CranKings@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2006 10:15 AM
To: Walker, Dan; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: End RV on-street storage

I wholeheartedly agree with the rejection of the grandfathering provision. I believe the permit system is the only way to effectively control the rampant RV storage on Torrance streets by hardened scofflaws. RVs would be permitted to park on city streets only for the time periods displayed on the permit. Without permits, I believe the situation would deteriorate so that scofflaws would still be able to circumvent the intent of the law. Parking Enforcement would have to be empowered and expanded to enforce the law. As for Torrance getting involved in providing storage, us taxpayers already support Malibu waterfront, airplanes and yachts. The city should not subsidize consumer discretionary luxury items like RVs. At most, a private company should run the storage operation on land leased from the city.

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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Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2006 10:12 AM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: DRAFT- RV letter

From: Jim Dilamarter [mailto:jld.dilassoc@adelphia.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2006 12:01 PM
To: pmnowatka@torrnet.com
Subject: DRAFT- RV letter

Parnelli Jones
20501 Earl St. Suite 2
Torrance, CA 90503

March 21, 2006

Councilman Paul Nowatka
City of Torrance

Dear Mr. Nowatka,

I would like to add my thoughts and opinion to the RV street parking vote which will affect in various ways, many residents and all property owners of Torrance. As a long time Torrance property owner myself, I am very concerned that RV parking may be allowed to continue on city streets and driveways in the almost unabated fashion as it is presently.

Let me make it clear however, that I do not oppose the needs of a RV, boating or motorcycle enthusiast who require a reasonable amount of time to load or unload a RV or a trailer in the street or driveway. What I am adamantly opposed to are those who flagrantly flaunt the spirit of the law just by moving their parked RV's or trailers, a few inches every 72 hours or worse, move their RV's onto someone else's street for the next 72 hours. I personally know of a van, filled with junk, which has been parked continuously on Earl St. for over FOUR years in the same spot, give or take an inch or two! Further, the owner does not even live on this street.

I also have a problem with RV's that are stored in driveways for extensive periods and never seem to move from that spot except for a week or two during the year.

Owners of street parked RV's, some who aren't even residents of Torrance, are blatantly using our city streets as a storage yard, essentially abusing and beating the system. More importantly however, as has been pointed out on previous occasions by others, among other problems these vehicles cause, is a dangerous situation for children at play and, for drivers attempting to exit driveways, or view approaching traffic at intersections because their view is sometimes blocked by RV's that are inappropriately parked by their inconsiderate owners.

For me it is also about respect; respect for the spirit of the law, respect for the City, respect for your neighbors and the neighborhood. Which is another reason that RV's just don't belong parked on city streets, driveways or front yards, and that is because as most realtors will tell you, their presence

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devalues that area's property and creates the potential for deterioration of the city's stature in the region. In my opinion, if someone can afford to purchase an RV, put gas in it, and maintain it, they certainly could, or should be able to store it at proper RV storage yard. Of course then we hear the RV owners complain that it's inconvenient or expensive for them. I say what about the inconvenience to others that have to put up these unsightly houses on wheels parked in the street or in a neighbor's front yard for what seems to be endless periods of time.

I would like to thank you for taking a moment to read my message and for your serious consideration to this matter which, as I stated earlier affects each and every property owner in the City of Torrance.

I urge you to adopt a law which will eliminate the parking of any RV or trailer on a city street, driveway or front yard except for a reasonable period to load and unload, and that you DO NOT insert a grandfather clause of any description.

Sincerely,

Parnelli Jones

Crump, Jill

From: Joy Peeraer [j_peeraer6@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 1:43 PM
To: Jim Harrigan
Cc: r guyton; mh mauno; p mcintyre; pm nowatka; f scotto; cd traffic; d walker; h witkowsky
Subject: Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"

Dear Mr. Harrigan:

I'm sorry that you see this as a "game." Should you truly see it that way, please, for the sake of all concerned, keep this civil and legal.

Yours cordially

Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

Jim Harrigan <jh@econdevsys.com> wrote:

Game on

From: Joy Peeraer <j_peeraer6@yahoo.com>
Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2006 11:34:25 -0800 (PST)
To: Jim Harrigan <jh@econdevsys.com>
Cc: r guyton <rguyton@torrnet.com>, mh mauno <mhmauno@torrnet.com>, p mcintyre <pmcintyre@torrnet.com>, pm nowatka <pmnowatka@torrnet.com>, f scotto <fscotto@torrnet.com>, cd traffic <cddtraffic@torrnet.com>, d walker <dwalker@torrnet.com>, h witkowsky <hwitkowsky@torrnet.com>
Subject: Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"

Dear Mr. Harrigan:

Yes, we have given it thought. We have put it in our driveway to please the neighbors too, damaging the new \$13,000 driveway I might add. That wasn't enough. We also offered to move it to a storage facility if the neighbors wanted to collectively pay the monthly fee.

However, due to the amount of use our RV gets because of our daughters' racing schedule, just about every weekend, we have changed our opinion on that matter and we feel it is our right to store it on front of our home. Period.

Again, we wish no ill feelings and wish a peaceful resolution of this matter. However, as I stated before, we will not be bullied by you or anyone else.

We will fight to oppose your efforts to the very last hour.

Please be advised that this and all further communications, in the form of emails or memoranda, will be copied directly the Mayor Dan Walker and the Councilmembers.

Kindest personal regards,

Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

Jim Harrigan <jh@econdevsys.com> wrote:

Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"

It's interesting to note that you've "only" stored your RV in front of your house for the last 10 months. Have you ever given consideration to storing it in a storage yard...out of a residential neighborhood?

From: Joy Peeraer <j_peeraer6@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2006 09:52:53 -0800 (PST)

To: Jim Harrigan <jh@econdevsys.com>

Cc: r guyton <rguyton@torrnet.com>, mh mauno <mhmauno@torrnet.com>, p mcintyre <pmcintyre@torrnet.com>, pm nowatka <pmnowatka@torrnet.com>, f scotto <fscotto@torrnet.com>, cd traffic <cddtraffic@torrnet.com>, d walker <dwalker@torrnet.com>, h witkowsky <hwitkowsky@torrnet.com>

Subject: Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"

Dear Mr. Harrigan:

Please note that we purchased our 2006 RV in June of 2005, therefore we have only stored it in front of our home for approximately 9 months. DMV records can prove that.

Where you get "the last three years" is just further evidence of your ignorance of this situation and the author's willingness to blatantly lie to the neighbors AND the City in the many attempts for personal gain. How boorish is that?

Furthermore, by and through the author's public memos to all of our neighbors and your email correspondence with me, you attempt to defame our family and the author is requesting that other neighbors engage in your campaign of harassment against us, the City and especially against Mayor Dan Walker himself by requesting that they call him "immediately and often." Squeaky wheels may be heard, it is true. Bullies are seen as just that.

Please refrain from this harassment or I will seek legal counsel to take all appropriate remedies against you, the author of the memos, and your association until the decision on this matter is made. At which time, I will lawfully abide by the City's decision, whatever that may be.

I am forwarding a copy of this email to Honorable Dan Walker and the Councilmembers so that they can witness first hand your unprofessional and inappropriate conduct regarding this issue.

You may wish to re-think who is truly being boorish in this situation. Our family is merely exercising our right to be heard regarding our views on the matter. If this is considered boorish, then perhaps you and your association may wish to lobby our lawmakers to completely re-write the Constitution.

Best personal regards to you, your family and the association.
It is our wish for a peaceful resolution of this matter.

Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

Jim Harrigan <jh@econdevsys.com> wrote:

Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"

Thank you for your explanation for the reasons on why you've stored your trailer in front of your house for the last three years. You've proved the El Sereno letter writer right. You truly come off as a selfish boor that is only thinking of yourself. Congratulations.

Jim Harrigan

Hillside Residents Association

From: Joy Peeraer <j_peeraer6@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2006 20:34:16 -0800 (PST)

To: jh@econdevsys.com

Cc: r guyton <rguyton@torrnet.com>, mh mauno <mhmauno@torrnet.com>, p mcintyre <pmcintyre@torrnet.com>, pm nowatka <pmnowatka@torrnet.com>, f scotto <fscotto@torrnet.com>, cd traffic <cddtraffic@torrnet.com>, d walker <dwalker@torrnet.com>, h witkowsky <hwitkowsky@torrnet.com>

Subject: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"

Hillside Residents Association (HRA)

To Whom it May Concern:

I am in receipt of a memorandum dated March 15, 2006 which is entitled as referenced above. However, I was not the intended recipient as I reside at 4814 Via El Sereno, the property address at issue with regard to the ownership and storage of our RV in our driveway or on the street in front of our home.

I promptly took it upon myself to respond to this anger driven memo directly to The Honorable Dan Walker and His Councilmembers. A copy of which you may have the opportunity to review at some point in the future.

I find it very comedic that you repeatedly refer to Via El Sereno as "[Your] Steet" considering that: 1) Our particular home was originally purchased by the Sawers Family and is still owned by the Sawers Family, Second and Third Generations. Needless to say, we will NEVER sell so it is indeed OUR street too; 2) A large number of you who claim that the ownership and storage of our RV affects your property values are merely newcomers, as compared to the 45+ years that this home has been in our family; and lastly; 3) Many of the homeowners on the "lower end" of Via El Sereno only have the luxury of even owning a home there because of the self-less original homeowners who signed an agreement in support of/not opposing their construction tens of years ago. Sad thing is,

you would not find that type of human regard now. Not here. Not on this street.

I am not going to trouble myself with writing a lengthy memo as to why I feel the memo secretly sent to every homeowner on Via El Sereno, except us, should be brought to the attention of the appropriate persons.

What I will say is that we feel that it is our legal right to store our RV on our property, be it in the driveway or on the street in front of our property.

Our right should not be taken away because of the current property values, realizing that the alleged safety issue is clearly a mute point. The fact that the type of people, who purchase homes at the current prices, do not live outside the box, cannot fairly dictate law.

That having been said, we will vehemently oppose your efforts to take away said right.

Cordially,
Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

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Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 3:55 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV Parking

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

From: Helene Babbitt [mailto:hbabbitt@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 12:48 PM
To: Walker, Dan; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: RV Parking

Re: RV parking in Torrance.

RV parking on Torrance streets is unattractive, People have the right to own and enjoy RV's but should be responsible for there storage, It is unfair to ask Torrance taxpayers to foot the bill for RV facilities.

Please consider the large percent of Torrance homeowners who do not own R V's and prefer not to have to look at them on a daily basis.

Helene Babbitt
5335 Sharynne Lane
Torrance 90505
hbabbitt@sbcglobal.net

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 4:21 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV parking

From: sandy sternquist [mailto:sandynmonte@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 8:38 PM
To: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Walker, Dan; Witkowsky, Hope
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RV parking

When reading the notes from the Feb. 28th meeting I noticed several things of interest. First of all there are seven (7) pages of "other town" actions regarding parking however when I called Redondo, Carson, Lomita and Lawndale (our neighboring towns) they all said "72 hr. parking, same as any other motor vehicle". Also the list of City Wide Survey of RV's and other oversized vehicles listed a lot of trailers, boats, and other non-motorized vehicles as well as pages of out- of- town vehicles parked, many of which show 'no record' of ownership. If these violations were cleared up there would be a lot less RV's on the streets.

I still strongly believe current home/RV owners should be 'grandfathered' in as all of us bought our RV's before restrictions were even considered. The term 'affordable' with respect to RV storage is a relative term and cannot be assumed that all RV owners can afford this. We have owned an RV for 32 years and to change rules on us, and others, is truly unfair. I doubt if most complainers have lived in Torrance that long so why move in and want things changed.

We noticed at the council meeting 2-28-06 that the people who are in favor of restricting RV parking are on the aggressive side of this argument and the RV owners are the victims of this aggression. We, the RV owners, are not trying to change anything and want parking to remain the same as it always been.

In closing please just consider enforcing the current laws on the books and not add additional laws. Our Police Dept. has enough to do without issuing special permits and etc to we RV, and in most cases homeowners, of Torrance.

Thanks to the traffic commission for the time and effort they put into this project to make it come out fair. We will all be at the council meeting Tues, March 28th to see how you vote on this issue.

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 3:54 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV & oversize vehicle parking

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

From: tom [mailto:tom_elkins@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 11:17 AM
To: crankings@aol.com; Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: RV & oversize vehicle parking

2nd thoughts on RV & oversize vehicle parking

In my opinion the GRANDFATHERING of RV & OVERSIZE VEHICLES does not solve the problem, it just leaves use at status quo.

I believe the original idea was to eventually get rid of all RV & OVERSIZE VEHICLES parked on Torrance Streets.

If we just have an ordinance that stops all RV & OVERSIZE VEHICLE parking on Torrance streets that also solves the problem of other cities dumping there RV & OVERSIZE VEHICLES on Torrance Streets (30% of RV & OVERSIZE VEHICLES on Torrance Streets not owned by Torrance residence). It would also solve the problem of gated communities that do not allow parking of RV & OVERSIZE VEHICLES inside of their gates. Three (3) problems solved with one ordinance.

I believe 6 mo to 1 year for the present owners of RV & OVERSIZE VEHICLES to find other parking places would be sufficient.

thanks
tom_elkins@yahoo.com

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Crump, Jill

From: Joy Peeraer [j_peeraer6@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 10:29 AM
To: r guyton; mh mauno; p mcintyre; pm nowatka; f scotto; cd traffic; d walker; h witkowsky
Subject: 4814 Via El Sereno, RV Issue

Dear Honorable Dan Walker and Councilmembers:

First of all, I wanted to apologize for the numerous emails being sent your way in a sudden gust. It is not my intent to cause any unrest but I do feel that I have the right to defend my family in this battle.

As a sidenote, I wanted to say that my family uses our RV almost every weekend. My entire family, including our 4 daughters, race their quads in the desert or just trail ride for fun. We try to teach them a true appreciation for the outdoors, from the desert to the ocean, because we are also avid surfers. These daughters are going to be s in this community and is our goal to ensure that they become upstanding happy citizens, as free as possible from the poison of our morally deteriorating society and as free as possible from the negative effects of , alcohol and bad associations. My 9 year-old daughter Katherine just won her first motocross trophy last week which was a very big self-esteem booster. A happy occasion that would not be possible without the regular use of our RV.

If we are forced to keep our RV elsewhere, it will be virtually impossible for me to prepare our family for these trips every Friday afternoon, as well as unloading on Monday and doing the necessary chores to ensure for a smooth next trip.

Moreover, I suffer from Lupus which is difficult to manage in and of itself. The stress that this war is causing me and my family is only further exacerbating my health issues. The harassment we are enduring, i.e. being targeted and called names, etc., is simply unjust.

So, again, I apologize for creating another lengthy memo, I just wanted to let you know that we use our RV a lot, not just once a year or once in a while. We need the ability to have it in front of our home.

Thank you for your audience in this regard. I appreciate your time and consideration. Best wishes for a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Joy M. Peeraer
4814 Via El Sereno,

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Crump, Jill

From: Joy Peeraer [j_peeraer6@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 6:43 AM
To: jh@econdevsys.com
Cc: r guyton; mh mauno; p mcintyre; pm nowatka; f scotto; cd traffic; d walker; h witkowsky
Subject: Correction to prior email: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"

Hillside Residents Association (HRA)

As I reviewed my email to you regarding the above, it occurred to me that I used the word "mute" incorrectly...I got a chuckle when I re-read it as silly as the mistake is.

Anyway, the word "moot" was intended as it relates to alleged safety issues concerning our RV. The street on which we live is a wide street with ample visibility, not the narrow streets of Old Torrance or the like. There is minimal traffic as it is a partial cul de sac and most obey the speed laws. Our RV does not cause any visual disturbances affecting the safety of our children. Period. Any visual disturbance caused by our RV is only a matter of personal taste of a very loud few.

Furthermore, the safety issues as they relate to this neighborhood are merely used as fuel for the fire, given that there are no safety issues even referenced in your most recent memo.

I apologize for any misunderstanding this slight typographical error may have caused, but I'm sure you understood the intended point upon reading it. It was late and I was very tired, especially tired of having to defend what I feel is our legal right.

Lastly, we do not take kindly to your bullying tactics, i.e. your request stated in your memo that all neighbors harass us every three days through complaints to the City, nor do we receive well the use of degrading words, i.e. "boorish neighbors," etc. To your discredit, it only brings to light the true underlying basis for your argument, which I'm absolutely sure Honorable Dan Walker and his Councilmembers will take into consideration being the fair leaders that they are.

Very truly yours,
Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

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Crump, Jill

From: Joy Peeraer [j_peeraer6@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2006 5:27 PM
To: dwalker@torrnet.com
Cc: r guyton; mh mauno; p mcintyre; pm nowatka; f scotto; cd traffic; h witkowsky
Subject: Letter dated March 15, 2006 Regarding "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on Our Street"
Attachments: 405538283-scan0001.jpg

To The Honorable Mayor Dan Walker and Councilmembers:

As resident and family member of the owner of **4814 Via El Sereno**, the property being attacked for the ownership and storage of a Recreational Vehicle, I am writing on behalf of our family and perhaps the families of other RV owners to address my concerns regarding a memo which was graciously provided to us by one of the neighbors on our street who emphathizes with us regarding the vicious battle which we currently face. Not all of the residents on our street have such aggressive views regarding this issue. As a matter of fact, they are only a very loud few. **(Attached hereto is a copy of the above-referenced memorandum dated March 15, 2006.)**

That having been said, I will respond to the memo by paragraph so as to facilitate the true understanding of each issue:

See Memo, Paragraph 3: The memo states concerns regarding property values and the recent sale of 4816 Via El Sereno, however, the memo conveniently omits a very important detail, the **reason** why the home was put on the market in the first place.

The owners at 4806 Via El Sereno have spoken with us at length regarding the sale of their home and have indicated that among the many reasons for the sale of their home, one of them is NOT our family...(NOT OUR RV, NOR OUR ATV's) nor our "trendy" lifestyle but rather the hostility and animosity which they have been the victims of by a select few neighbors who have made it their job in life to try to inappropriately micro-manage the neighborhood. The same leaders of this war against us.

They indicated that they were concerned for the future of their daughters in a neighborhood lacking neighborly love. These owners were even the victims of a vandalous act wherein the children of one of the militant neighbors placed offensive material on their front doorstep and, when questioned, **tried to blame the incident on OUR CHILDREN** since (given the size and circumstances of our family) they would seem the most likely suspects, only later to find out the actual truth of the matter.

They further indicated that they would write a letter on our behalf and expressed only their utmost support for our RVing/ATVing lifestyle.

Furthermore, the **5** (NOT 6) All Terrain Vehicles, each owned outright by the owner of 4814 Via El Sereno and cumulatively valued in excess of at \$40,000, are **NOT stored... "in [our] front yard"** but rather **ARE IN FACT STORED INSIDE THE RV** or our **GARAGE**. This statement, as well as others, is a blatantly untrue and self-serving statement made with injurious intent. There is nothing in or around our property which would be considered in violation of ANY Torrance City Code.

See Memo, Paragraph 5: "We feel that this is a residential neighborhood and all RVs and **commercial trucks** (with the exception of pick-ups) should be parked in an appropriate industrial storage facility, out of sight to neighbors..." (Emphasis added.)

This raises a very good question as to the many LARGE trucks and extra vehicles regularly parked in the residents' driveways and on our street for days and weeks at a time while they are doing home improvements, i.e. new roofs, tree trimming, interior reconstruction or refuse disposal. Again, this paragraph is worded in a self-serving manner because every one of us has had home improvement done, some of us recently, thereby causing visibility of large "commercial trucks" or refuse bins for several days at a time in excess of 3 days.

Also, let me mention that one of the neighbors who recently spoke at the last City Council meeting (aggressively against parking our RV in front of our home) actually had an out of town family member with an RV parked in front of their home (jutting into the cul de sac, and perpendicular to the street I might add) for I believe an excess of 3 days, causing a similar eyesore, the same eyesore we are being accused of.

See Memo Paragraph 6: "As we are tired of playing games, we now request that all residents call the City Parking [E]nforcement" at 310-618-2344 every 3 days..."

We too are tired of playing games. By this statement, the author of this memo is making an attempt to rally homeowners to harass us pending the outcome of the City's decision...."to call and keep calling..." "Squeaky wheels that vote are noticed by all politicians. Please discipline yourself to call these two numbers IMMEDIATELY AND OFTEN." (Emphasis added.)

It is incomprehensible how you, Honorable Dan Walker, as ultimately fair as you are and it appears a very kind man indeed, could find this persistent harassment of the privileged minority anything but just that. This is a war between Daniel and Goliath and we are being unfairly bullied pending this decision. It is the responsibility of the City to cite us as necessary, not this group of militant homeowners.

See Memo Paragraph 7: "these boorish neighbors..." "trendy selfishness because they can afford it." This is character degradation at its best. By the use of these words, the basis for their argument has undertones of a very personal nature which should NOT be the basis for any legal decisions made regarding this issue. Furthermore, we take great offense to these words as they, by definition, attempt to suggest perhaps a lower level of civil refinement because of our lifestyle.

"Thank you for keeping our neighborhood clean, attractive and expensive."

I am appalled at the arrogance of this sentence. This neighborhood wasn't always known for its "expensive" qualities but rather a beautiful community in which a family could be raised happily. AN RV FOSTERS FAMILY UNITY. Why should the people with families who still live here (and have lived here since the home was built over 45 years ago) be bullied by newcomers or those with moral characters reflective of a community of exorbitant property values and money arrogance. Hardly fair. Highly discriminatory.

I respectfully request that this issue be treated with the utmost of fairness to **all** concerned, not just the very vocal and aggressively harrassing anti-RV homeowners.

Kind personal regards,

Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

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From: kk

To: Ted Serrano and Traffic Commissioners

Sent: Tuesday, 14 June, 2005 07:28

Subject: Proposed Ordinance: On Street Parking of Certain Vehicles

First, may I extend my appreciation and understanding of the time/energy/effort expended by you, your staff, and the Traffic Commissioners, with respect to this subject. With the framework/ground rules you were originally given, to draft the proposed ordinance, the NO VOTE shows that the welfare of all sides of the issue are being taken into consideration.

Please forward this email to the Traffic Commissioners, in time for due consideration at the sub-committee meeting being held about the 18th. of July. Will this meeting be an open meeting? If yes, would appreciate notice of the time and place of this meeting. Also, request to have my name included on your list of names to be notified of upcoming meetings regarding this important matter.

Another prescription, along with the enforcement of the 72 hour parking rule, would be to utilize other Municipal Codes currently "on the books". May I place the following for serious consideration:

- **DIVISION 4 - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE: ARTICLE 5 - REMOVAL OF ABANDONED, WRECKED, DISMANTLED, OR INOPERATIVE VEHICLES OR PARTS THEREOF ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY**

- **DIVISION 6 - TRAFFIC CHAPTER 1 - TRAFFIC SECTION 61.6.10 PARKING ON NARROW STREETS. (Amended by O-1618)**

a) The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to place signs or markings indicating no parking on any street when the width of the roadway is less than twenty-seven (27) feet, or upon one side of a street as indicated by such signs or markings when the width of the roadway is less than thirty-four (34) feet.

- **SECTION 61.6.11. PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES WHEN SIGNS, MARKINGS, OR DEVICES ARE ERECTED.**

The City Traffic Engineer shall appropriately sign or mark the following places and when so signified or marked no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle.

a) At any place within twenty (20) feet of a point on the curb immediately opposite the sidewalk or a crosswalk.

b) At any place within twenty-five (25) feet of an intersection in any business district except that a bus may stop at a designated bus stop.

c) Within twenty-five (25) feet of the approach to any traffic signal, boulevard stop sign, or official time-of-day flashing device.

d) At any place where the City Traffic Engineer determines that it is necessary in order to eliminate an unusual traffic hazard.

- **SECTION 61.6.31. REGULATING VEHICLE HABITATION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY (Amended by O-3146)**

No person shall use any vehicle parked or standing upon any public street, alley, right-of-way, public park or other public property for the purpose of living, sleeping, cooking, bathing or housekeeping; provided, however that no person shall be found in violation of this section who sleeps in a vehicle in an alleyway for a period of time not to exceed twelve (12) hours in any thirty (30) day period where parking is not otherwise prohibited.

- **SECTION 61.6.32. RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING. (Added by O-3120, Amended by O-3530, O-3562, O-3663)** Residential permit parking districts are hereby established within the City of Torrance. The vehicles displaying a sign, sticker or other identification that has been issued by the City of Torrance will not be construed to be a permit of or approval of, any violation of any other provisions of this Code or any other law or regulation. (note: verbiage of current Code would have to be modified to include the following: "as amended by proposed ordinance, on streets other than already included with a Sign Permit.")

Respectfully,

karen k. fitch 48 year resident

2414-236th. street 42 year homeowner

torrance, ca 90501 low income senior citizen/RV owner

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A Friendly Sign

We're seeing RV FRIENDLY on more and more highway signs, which makes our life much easier. **By Sue Bray**



HOW MANY TIMES have you found yourself trying to navigate a big motorhome or tow a large trailer into a parking lot or gas station, only to find that you have no business being there at all? There's simply no room for your RV.

Even if you arrive at a destination where you do fit, there's often that uncertainty as you pull in: Am I going to be able to make that turn? Is that overhang high enough so that I don't scrape my air conditioner? Will I find a place big enough to park? Am I going to wind up having to back out of a small space or, worse yet, have to disconnect my tow car?

I probably shouldn't tell stories, but I remember driving a mini motorhome through central California with just my two children who were ages 4 and 1. We'd had a bad morning, and after several hours of crying and whining, the baby had finally fallen asleep in her car seat. Of course, by this point my son was hungry and I was afraid to stop the engine and wake up his sister to go inside a restaurant. But I had a solution: The friendly arches of a fast-food restaurant were in sight.

We headed for the drive-through, ordered our hamburgers ... and wound up taking a small part of the restaurant's overhang with us, attached to the air conditioner.

In some states, help is on the way. In 2003, Oregon became the Federal Highway Administration's model state to test a program where RV Friendly markers were added to highway exit signs (also known as GAS/FOOD/LODGING signs) for businesses that cater to the needs of people driving an RV. Since then, state legislations in Michigan, Tennessee, Washington, Louisiana, Texas and Florida have passed laws incorporating the RV Friendly markers on their highway signs, and legislation is currently pending in Mississippi and Alabama.

The states are able to design their own RV Friendly logo, but it's usually a small yellow circle with the letters

RV and a big smile.

Standards for all the RV Friendly highway-sign legislation passed so far were established by the Oregon Travel Information Council. They are:

1. Roadway access and egress must be hard surface, free of potholes and be at least 12 feet wide with a minimum swing radius of 50 feet to enter and exit the facility.
2. Roadway access, egress and parking facilities must be free of any electrical wires, tree branches or other obstructions up to 14 feet above the surface.
3. Facilities requiring short-term parking — restaurants, tourist attractions, etc. — are required to have two or more spaces that are 12 feet wide and 65 feet long with a swing radius of 50 feet to enter and exit the spaces.
4. Fueling facilities with canopies are required to have a 14-foot clearance and those selling diesel fuel are required to have pumps with non-commercial nozzles.
5. Fueling facilities must allow for pull through with a swing radius of 50 feet.
6. For campgrounds, two or more spaces that are 18-by-45 feet are required.

Not only does the RV Friendly designation make it easier for us as we drive the highways, it benefits local communities and states.

In the summer of 2004, RVers spent an estimated \$3.8 billion in local communities throughout the United States. Not only does the RV Friendly designation make it easier for us as we drive the highways, it also benefits local communities and states. We're much more likely to stop if we see the designation, rather than bypassing local businesses because we are uncertain that we can be accommodated.

It's anticipated that another five to 10 states will adopt the RV Friendly legislation this year, and we, the RVing public, can help it become more widespread. If you live in a state where it has not been considered, contact your state legislator and tell him or her about it. If you don't know the name of your legislator, or if you want more information about this issue, visit www.goodsamclub.com/rvact. Click on "State Officials" and enter your zip code.



This is our opportunity to make our states more RV friendly.

Sue Bray is the Executive Director of the Good Sam Club.

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March 28, 2006

Honorable Mayor and City Council

It is obvious to all of us there are RV and oversize vehicle parking problems in our city.

The solutions range from banning them altogether to doing nothing at all: either of which is unacceptable. We need to find some middle ground.

The proposed ordinance comes too close to first extreme as it effectively bans parking except for loading and unloading, and that by temporary permit only. This is clearly overkill and is not acceptable to most RV owners. The ordinance also limits the owner's ability to service their vehicles on the street.

There are several actions short of the proposed ban which can greatly reduce the RV parking problem. I propose a 4 point alternate plan.

FIRST Permits and Parking Limits

I would register and issue parking stickers to all resident RV owners: who would continue to be governed by the 72hr rule. All other RVs would be limited to 6 hour parking unless issued a temporary permit.

This does 4 important things.

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1. **It gets non-resident RVs stored on our streets off our streets.**
2. **It does not burden the resident RV owner with the requirement to get a temporary permit every time he wants to put his vehicle on the street. A saving to the city also.**
3. **It recognizes the needs of tourist and visitor RVs passing through or visiting our city to stop for supplies and services, visit attractions, etc.**
4. **It provides an opportunity for city parking enforcement to educate RV owners. A flier could be handed out at the time of RV registration summarizing all applicable parking regulations.**

SECOND Restrict RV Parking

1. **Near boulevard stops, intersections, school crossings and commercial driveways.**
2. **Narrow streets where 2-way traffic is allowed unless all parking is banned on one side of the street.**
3. **Roads where unique safety hazards would result.**
4. **Additional parking restrictions should be considered for some vehicles that are not self-propelled such as boat trailers.**

THIRD 72 Hour Code Enforcement

The Police need new tools to make enforcement of the 72 hour code easier, especially where neighborhood conflicts exist. In addition to citations and towing the police should have the option to revoke a resident parking permit based on written complaint of three or more immediate neighbors who allege violation of the code.

This will provide a process for preventing the offender from continuing to store his vehicle in the neighborhood, and put him in the same position as a visitor to our city. The 6 hour limit would apply unless a temporary permit is issued for loading and unloading.

Except for acting on the neighbor complaints or important safety issues the city should suspend any enforcement of the 72 hour code until sufficient off street parking can be arranged.

FOURTH Off-Street Parking

The Community Development Department should be mandated to find suitable low cost off-street facilities for those RVs displaced from our streets by strict enforcement of the 72 hour code.

The lack of effective enforcement of the code has made the city largely responsible for the RV parking problem,

and this should obligate the city to actively participate in providing off-street parking somewhere in the city.

Capital outlays and operating subsidies are justifiable. After all, the many parks and other city recreation facilities were bought by the city, and their operation/maintenance is paid with taxpayer funds. RV owners provide a small but important recreational resource for many residents without using taxpayer funds. In fact they pay way more taxes for the privilege of using our streets than most other vehicle owners.

CONUCLUSION

In conclusion I recommend the city council take two actions tonight.

First The first is to send the proposed ordinance back to Community Development for simplification and consideration of the ideas and concerns expressed now and previously.

The department should be instructed to appoint a volunteer working group (think-tank group) to assist in this task. The group should consist of at least eight citizens but not more than 12.

RV owners and non-owners must be equally represented. The group must also include a representative of Traffic Enforcement and a couple Community Development staffers. A City Council

member such as Rod Guyton should be considered for the working group. And I want to be the first volunteer for it.

After the working group has finished revising the proposed ordinance it should be presented to one more public hearing before being finalized and sent back to City Council for action.

The parking problem has been festering for years, so spending a few more months to achieve an acceptable solution is justified. Let's spend the time and effort to get it right the first time.

Second My second recommendation is to task the Community Development Department to define and implement a plan for providing sufficient low cost off-street parking to accommodate those RVs forced off our streets by the ordinance and strict enforcement of the 72 hour code. Where these parking facilities are located in the city and who operates them are secondary as long as the job gets done in a timely manner.

If the council follows my two recommendations I think we can come up with an acceptable solution which will not put too much hardship on anyone.

This concludes my comments unless the council has some questions. Thank you for listening.

J. Edward Bower

310-325-7693

City of Torrance
City Council Meeting
March 28, 2006

Submission by Joy M. Peeraer,
Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno, Torrance 90505

In Support of the Homeowners' Legal Right
to Park Lawfully Owned and Registered Operable
Recreational Vehicles
in Their Driveways or Streets Near Their Homes

Received/Made Part of the Record
City Council
3/28/06 2006 No. 12A

**To Honorable Dan Walker, the Councilmembers and All Concerned
(Collectively referred to as "The City of Torrance")**

I reside at 4814 Via El Sereno, Torrance, 90505, and appreciate the opportunity to address the City of Torrance regarding the issue of RV use and storage.

First, I'd like to read to you an excerpt from a statement issued by Jane Harman on April 9, 2002, honoring the career of former Torrance Mayor Dee Hardison: Jane Harman writes: **"I have always treasured Dee's advice, passion, dedication and, most importantly, her hands-on approach."**

Former Mayor Dee Hardison addressed City Council at the last meeting regarding Torrance Municipal Code, Section 61.6.4 ("The 72 Hour Law") which reads as follows:

SECTION 61.6.4. PARKING VEHICLES IN EXCESS OF SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS.

(Amended by 3226)

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. (Emphasis added.)

Former Mayor Hardison further clarified what she felt was the City's intent for which this ordinance was created. This intent was to eliminate **inoperable and abandoned vehicles** from public City streets. This Code was not written to govern **fully operable, lawfully owned/registered, and regularly used recreational vehicles**. If this law is interpreted as intended and is implemented fairly, then the City of Torrance would have to mark, cite and/or tow **every vehicle, every three days**.

OUR PARTICULAR FAMILY USES OUR RV ALMOST EVERY WEEKEND. WE PARK IT IN FRONT OF OUR HOME, NO ONE ELSE'S. ON MONDAY I DUTIFULLY CLEAN IT AND REMOVE

ITEMS. ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, I PREPARE IT AND PACK IT FOR THE NEXT WEEKEND. WE MOVE IT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK TO ADHERE TO THE CURRENT 72-HOUR LAW. WE ARE COMMITTING NO WRONGDOING.

* * * * *

In addition, I conducted some research as to the Torrance City Code regarding RV storage in general. I was able to extract the following from the City of Torrance website. It states as follows:

SECTION 92.5.13. PARKING ON RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PROPERTY.

(Added by O-3153)

a) No person shall park or store or let stand any vehicle on the front yard of any residentially zoned property other than on a paved driveway or paved parking area with entrances and exits to the street.

b) For purposes of this section, “vehicle” means any automobile, truck, boat or any device, operable or inoperable with or without wheels, by which any person or property may be propelled, moved or drawn upon any street or highway.

By stating that “any vehicle” (as defined above) **may not be parked on one’s own front yard but rather “on a paved driveway or parking area... ,”** the City of Torrance legally allows the right of a homeowner to store their “vehicle” in their own driveway or other paved parking area, be it the street in front of one’s own home as it may.

AS HOMEOWNERS AND TAXPAYERS, IT IS OUR LEGAL RIGHT TO REGULARLY USE AND STORE OUR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON OUR OWN PROPERTY OR IN FRONT OF OUR OWN HOMES. THIS RIGHT CANNOT FAIRLY BE STRIPPED OF US BECAUSE OF THE BULLYING CLOUT OF THE ANTI-RV ACTIVISTS.

THE LAW AS IT IS STATED SHOULD REMAIN AND/OR IT SHOULD BE AMENDED TO REFLECT WITH SPECIFICITY THE

RIGHT TO PARK ONE'S RV ON ONE'S OWN PROPERTY OR IN FRONT OF ONE'S OWN HOME.

Attached hereto are copies of memoranda and emails, as well as the most recent letter to the editor of the Daily Breeze Newspaper, by a Mr. Jim Harrigan, a member of the Hillside Residents Association (HRA).

While it would take too much time this evening to respond point by point to each item contained in these documents, I would like to request that they be read thoroughly so that the City may form its own opinions as to the underlying tones of this issue. This is clearly an issue of aesthetics and personal taste, nothing more.

As I sadly pondered this issue today, I took special care to glance around our neighborhood at the different homes, yards and driveways...this coveted neighborhood with property values in such desperate need of protection by people like Jim Harrigan and his HRA, who by the way doesn't even live on our street, I glanced around at our neighbors' homes and although I never really paid too much attention to things of this nature before,

- one of them uses a permanent chain link fence in their front yard
 - one of them refuses to use curtains on their windows so that they can monitor the cul de sac, and you can see from the street piles of cardboard boxes and unused material THROUGH THE GARAGE WINDOW.
 - one of them has an old asphalt driveway with cracks and holes in it
 - one of them refuses to rid their front yard of rubbish and vegetation
 - down the hill, heck, there's a vintage John Deere tractor in someone's driveway.
- AND SO ON, AND SO ON, AND SO ON... .

Mr. Harrigan, why don't you add these things to your crusade? These things that I call being human.

While I agree with Mr. Harrigan whole heartedly, that RV's are not generally aesthetically pleasing, they serve a very important purpose:

The purpose of fostering family unity and positive child rearing,

the very thing this City is known for. Please, I respectfully beg of you to exercise utmost fairness. The RV's should stay.

Thank you.

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Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2006 17:27:29 -0800 (PST)

From: "Joy Peeraer" <j_peeraer6@yahoo.com> [Add to Address Book](#) [Add Mobile Alert](#)

Subject: Letter dated March 15, 2006 Regarding "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on Our Street"

To: dwalker@torrnet.com

CC: "r guyton" <rguyton@torrnet.com>, "mh mauno" <mhmauno@torrnet.com>, "p mcintyre" <pmcintyre@torrnet.com>, "pm nowatka" <pmnowatka@torrnet.com>, "f scotto" <fscotto@torrnet.com>, "cd traffic" <cddtraffic@torrnet.com>, "h witkowsky" <hwitkowsky@torrnet.com>

To The Honorable Mayor Dan Walker and Councilmembers:

As resident and family member of the owner of **4814 Via El Sereno**, the property being attacked for the ownership and storage of a Recreational Vehicle, I am writing on behalf of our family and perhaps the families of other RV owners to address my concerns regarding a memo which was graciously provided to us by one of the neighbors on our street who emphathizes with us regarding the vicious battle which we currently face. Not all of the residents on our street have such aggressive views regarding this issue. As a matter of fact, they are only a very loud few. **(Attached hereto is a copy of the above-referenced memorandum dated March 15, 2006.)**

That having been said, I will respond to the memo by paragraph so as to facilitate the true understanding of each issue:

See Memo, Paragraph 3: The memo states concerns regarding property values and the recent sale of 4816 Via El Sereno, however, the memo conveniently omits a very important detail, the **reason** why the home was put on the market in the first place.

The owners at 4806 Via El Sereno have spoken with us at length regarding the sale of their home and have indicated that among the many reasons for the sale of their home, one of them is NOT our family...**(NOT OUR RV, NOR OUR ATV's)** nor our "trendy" lifestyle but rather the hostility and animosity which they have been the victims of by a select few neighbors who have made it their job in life to try to inappropriately micro-manage the neighborhood. The same leaders of this war against us.

They indicated that they were concerned for the future of their daughters in a neighborhood lacking neighborly love. These owners were even the victims of a vandalous act wherein the children of one of the militant neighbors placed offensive material on their front doorstep and, when questioned, **tried to blame the incident on OUR CHILDREN** since (given the size and circumstances of our family) they would seem the most likely suspects,

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- Divorced? You can get a M/C

only later to find out the actual truth of the matter.

They further indicated that they would write a letter on our behalf and expressed only their utmost support for our RVing/ATVing lifestyle.

Furthermore, the 5 (NOT 6) All Terrain Vehicles, each owned outright by the owner of 4814 Via El Sereno and cumulatively valued in excess of at \$40,000, are **NOT stored... "in [our] front yard"** but rather **ARE IN FACT STORED INSIDE THE RV** or our **GARAGE**. This statement, as well as others, is a blatantly untrue and self-serving statement made with injurious intent. There is nothing in or around our property which would be considered in violation of ANY Torrance City Code.

See Memo, Paragraph 5: "We feel that this is a residential neighborhood and all RVs and **commercial trucks** (with the exception of pick-ups) should be parked in an appropriate industrial storage facility, out of sight to neighbors..." (Emphasis added.)

This raises a very good question as to the many LARGE trucks and extra vehicles regularly parked in the residents' driveways and on our street for days and weeks at a time while they are doing home improvements, i.e. new roofs, tree trimming, interior reconstruction or refuse disposal. Again, this paragraph is worded in a self-serving manner because every one of us has had home improvement done, some of us recently, thereby causing visibility of large "commercial trucks" or refuse bins for several days at a time in excess of 3 days.

Also, let me mention that one of the neighbors who recently spoke at the last City Council meeting (aggressively against parking our RV in front of our home) actually had an out of town family member with an RV parked in front of their home (jutting into the cul de sac, and perpendicular to the street I might add) for I believe an excess of 3 days, causing a similar eyesore, the same eyesore we are being accused of.

See Memo Paragraph 6: "As we are tired of playing games, we now request that all residents call the City Parking [E]nforcement" at 310-618-2344 every 3 days..."

We too are tired of playing games. By this statement, the author of this memo is making an attempt to rally homeowners to harass us pending the outcome of the City's decision...."to call and keep calling..." "Squeaky wheels that vote are noticed by all politicians. Please discipline yourself to call these two numbers IMMEDIATELY AND OFTEN." (Emphasis added.)

It is incomprehensible how you, Honorable Dan Walker, as ultimately fair as you are and it appears a very kind man indeed, could find this persistent harassment of the privileged minority anything but just that. This is a war between Daniel and Goliath and we are being unfairly bullied pending this decision. It is the responsibility of the City to cite us as necessary, not this group of militant homeowners.

See Memo Paragraph 7: "these boorish neighbors..." "trendy selfishness because they can afford it." This is character degradation at its best. By the use of these words, the basis for their argument has undertones of a very personal nature which should NOT be the basis for any legal decisions made regarding this issue. Furthermore, we take great offense to these words as they, by definition, attempt to suggest perhaps a lower level of civil refinement because of our lifestyle.

"Thank you for keeping our neighborhood clean, attractive and expensive." I am appalled at the arrogance of this sentence. This neighborhood wasn't always known for its "expensive" qualities but rather a beautiful community in which a family could be raised happily. AN RV FOSTERS FAMILY UNITY. Why should the people with families who still live here (and have lived here since the home was built over 45 years ago) be bullied by newcomers or those with moral characters reflective of a community of exorbitant property values and money arrogance. Hardly fair. Highly discriminatory.

I respectfully request that this issue be treated with the utmost of fairness to all concerned, not just the very vocal and aggressively harrassing anti-RV homeowners.

Kind personal regards,

Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

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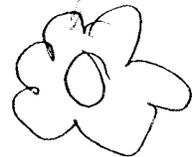
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March 15, 2006

To: Via El Sereno Neighbor

Re: **Another** Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located On Our Street



1 Thank you all for your efforts - including the motorhome owner at 4918 Via El Sereno - that resulted in the removal of that RV from our neighborhood.

2 As you are no doubt aware, we have another RV problem east of us at **4814 Via El Sereno**, across Calle De Arboles.

3 **This embarrassingly large recreational vehicle/trailer is lowering all of our property values (a discussion with the Realtors of the home for sale at 4806 Via El Sereno have confirmed that potential buyers have questioned and registered concern about the street/driveway storage and presence of this eyesore... and the six, noisy, neighborhood inappropriate ATVs being stored in their front yard. 4806 has been on the market for many months).**

4 *The problem, according to the parking enforcement people is that this RV owner religiously moves their expensive hobby 6-inches every three days, avoiding ticketing, and, more of a concern, that the current traffic commission of the City has recently recommended to the City Council that the Council allow the unfettered storage of these vehicles in our neighborhoods.

5 As a fellow homeowner, we need your help. We feel that this is a residential neighborhood and all RVs and commercial trucks (with the exception of pick-ups) should be parked in an appropriate, industrial storage facility, out of sight to our neighbors, friends, guests and/or future prospective buyers of our homes (with the exception of a permitted 24 hour loading/unloading period).

6 As we are tired of playing games, we now request that all residents call the **City parking enforcement at 310-618-2344** every 3 days to: 1) Report that this over-sized vehicle has not moved since you called three days previously, and: 2) To call and keep calling to complain to the one person that has gone on record approving the traffic commission's recommendation to keep these RVs free to park on our residential streets: your mayor, **Dan Walker at 310-328-5310**. Squeaky wheels that vote are noticed by all politicians. Please discipline yourself to call these two numbers *immediately and often*.

7 For the good of the neighborhood (**and our property values**), it is time to stop these boorish neighbors who must believe that they are entitled to their trendy selfishness because they can afford it. Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood clean, attractive and expensive.

8 **P.S.** There is a new activist, counter organization to the *laissez faire*, "fight-your-own-battles" Riviera Homeowners Association. It is the Hillside Residents Association (HRA) that is currently fighting this RV battle, as well as other neighborhood issues (e.g., ignored traffic laws, ignored building code and encroachment violations, etc.) that have been "winked at" by the City for years. For information and/or free sign-up to join the HRA contact jh@econdevsys.com. There is strength in numbers. The City needs to hear our collective, voting voice.



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Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2006 20:34:16 -0800 (PST)
From: "Joy Peeraer" <j_peeraer6@yahoo.com>
Subject: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"
To: jh@econdevsys.com
CC: "r guyton" <rguyton@torrnet.com>, "mh mauno" <mhmauno@torrnet.com>, "p mcintyre" <pmcintyre@torrnet.com>, "pm nowatka" <pmnowatka@torrnet.com>, "f scotto" <fscotto@torrnet.com>, "cd traffic" <cddtraffic@torrnet.com>, "d walker" <dwalker@torrnet.com>, "h witkowsky" <hwitkowsky@torrnet.com>

Hillside Residents Association (HRA)

To Whom it May Concern:

I am in receipt of a memorandum dated March 15, 2006 which is entitled as referenced above. However, I was not the intended recipient as I reside at 4814 Via El Sereno, the property address at issue with regard to the ownership and storage of our RV in our driveway or on the street in front of our home.

I promptly took it upon myself to respond to this anger driven memo directly to The Honorable Dan Walker and His Councilmembers. A copy of which you may have the opportunity to review at some point in the future.

I find it very comedic that you repeatedly refer to Via El Sereno as "[Your] Steet" considering that: 1) Our particular home was originally purchased by the Sawers Family and is still owned by the Sawers Family, Second and Third Generations. Needless to say, we will NEVER sell so it is indeed OUR street too; 2) A large number of you who claim that the ownership and storage of our RV affects your property values are merely newcomers, as compared to the 45+ years that this home has been in our family; and lastly; 3) Many of the homeowners on the "lower end" of Via El Sereno only have the luxury of even owning a home there because of the self-less original homeowners who signed an agreement in support of/not opposing their construction tens of years ago. Sad thing is, you would not find that type of human regard now. Not here. Not on this street.

I am not going to trouble myself with writing a lengthy memo as to why I feel the memo secretly sent to every homeowner on Via El Sereno, except us, should be brought to the attention of the appropriate persons.

What I will say is that we feel that it is our legal right to store our RV on our property, be it in the driveway or on the street in front of our property.

Our right should not be taken away because of the current property values, realizing that the alleged safety issue is clearly a mute point. The fact that the type of people, who purchase homes at the current prices, do not live outside the box, cannot fairly dictate law.

That having been said, we will vehemently oppose your efforts to take away said right.

Cordially,
Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

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Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2006 06:42:33 -0800 (PST)
From: "Joy Peeraer" <j_peeraer6@yahoo.com>
Subject: Correction to prior email: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"
To: jh@econdesys.com
CC: "r guyton" <rguyton@torrnet.com>, "mh mauno" <mhmauno@torrnet.com>, "p mcintyre" <pmcintyre@torrnet.com>, "pm nowatka" <pmnowatka@torrnet.com>, "f scotto" <fscotto@torrnet.com>, "cd traffic" <cddtraffic@torrnet.com>, "d walker" <dwalker@torrnet.com>, "h witkowsky" <hwitkowsky@torrnet.com>

Hillside Residents Association (HRA)

As I reviewed my email to you regarding the above, it occurred to me that I used the word "mute" incorrectly...I got a chuckle when I re-read it as silly as the mistake is.

Anyway, the word "moot" was intended as it relates to alleged safety issues concerning our RV. The street on which we live is a wide street with ample visibility, not the narrow streets of Old Torrance or the like. There is minimal traffic as it is a partial cul de sac and most obey the speed laws. Our RV does not cause any visual disturbances affecting the safety of our children. Period. Any visual disturbance caused by our RV is only a matter of personal taste of a very loud few.

Furthermore, the safety issues as they relate to this neighborhood are merely used as fuel for the fire, given that there are no safety issues even referenced in your most recent memo.

I apologize for any misunderstanding this slight typographical error may have caused, but I'm sure you understood the intended point upon reading it. It was late and I was very tired, especially tired of having to defend what I feel is our legal right.

Lastly, we do not take kindly to your bullying tactics, i.e. your request stated in your memo that all neighbors harass us every three days through complaints to the City, nor do we receive well the use of degrading words, i.e. "boorish neighbors," etc. To your discredit, it only brings to light the true underlying basis for your argument, which I'm absolutely sure Honorable Dan Walker and his Councilmembers will take into consideration being the fair leaders that they are.

Very truly yours,
Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

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Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2006 08:21:47 -0800

Subject: Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"

From: "Jim Harrigan" <jh@econdevsys.com>

To: "Joy Peeraer" <j_peeraer6@yahoo.com>

Thank you for your explanation for the reasons on why you've stored your trailer in front of your house for the last three years. You've proved the El Sereno letter writer right. You truly come off as a selfish boor that is only thinking of yourself. Congratulations.

Jim Harrigan
Hillside Residents Association

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Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2006 09:52:53 -0800 (PST)
From: "Joy Peeraer" <j_peeraer6@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"
To: "Jim Harrigan" <jh@econdevsys.com>
CC: "r guyton" <rguyton@torrnet.com>, "mh mauno" <mhmauno@torrnet.com>, "p mcintyre" <pmcintyre@torrnet.com>, "pm nowatka" <pmnowatka@torrnet.com>, "f scotto" <fscotto@torrnet.com>, "cd traffic" <cddtraffic@torrnet.com>, "d walker." <dwalker@torrnet.com>, "h witkowsky" <hwitkowsky@torrnet.com>

Dear Mr. Harrigan:

Please note that we purchased our 2006 RV in June of 2005, therefore we have only stored it in front of our home for approximately 9 months. DMV records can prove that.

Where you get "the last three years" is just further evidence of your ignorance of this situation and the author's willingness to blatantly lie to the neighbors AND the City in the many attempts for personal gain. How boorish is that?

Furthermore, by and through the author's public memos to all of our neighbors and your email correspondence with me, you attempt to defame our family and the author is requesting that other neighbors engage in your campaign of harassment against us, the City and especially against Mayor Dan Walker himself by requesting that they call him "immediately and often." Squeaky wheels may be heard, it is true. Bullies are seen as just that.

Please refrain from this harassment or I will seek legal counsel to take all appropriate remedies against you, the author of the memos, and your association until the decision on this matter is made. At which time, I will lawfully abide by the City's decision, whatever that may be.

I am forwarding a copy of this email to Honorable Dan Walker and the Councilmembers so that they can witness first hand your unprofessional and inappropriate conduct regarding this issue.

You may wish to re-think who is truly being boorish in this situation. Our family is merely exercising our right to be heard regarding our views on the matter. If this is considered boorish, then perhaps you and your association may wish to lobby our lawmakers to completely re-write the Constitution.

**Best personal regards to you, your family and the association.
It is our wish for a peaceful resolution of this matter.**

Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

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Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2006 11:14:40 -0800

Subject: Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"

From: "Jim Harrigan" <jh@econdevsys.com>

To: "Iov Peeraer" <i_peeraer6@yahoo.com>

CC: "Rod Guyton" <rguyton@torrnet.com>, "Michael Mauno" <mhmauno@torrnet.com>, "Pat McIntyre" <pmcintyre@torrnet.com>, "Paul Nowatka" <pnowatka@torrnet.com>, "Scotto, Frank" <fscotto@torrnet.com>, "cd traffic" <cddtraffic@torrnet.com>, "Dan Walker" <dwalker@torrnet.com>, "Hope Witkowsky" <hwitkowsky@torrnet.com>

It's interesting to note that you've "only" stored your RV in front of your house for the last 10 months. Have you ever given consideration to storing it in a storage yard...out of a residential neighborhood?

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Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2006 11:34:25 -0800 (PST)**From:** "Joy Peeraer" <j_peeraer6@yahoo.com>**Subject:** Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"**To:** "Jim Harrigan" <ih@econdevsvs.com>**CC:** "r guyton" <rguyton@torrnet.com>, "mh mauno" <mhmauno@torrnet.com>, "p mcintyre" <pmcintyre@torrnet.com>, "pm nowatka" <pmnowatka@torrnet.com>, "f scotto" <fscotto@torrnet.com>, "c d'amic" <cdamic@torrnet.com>, "d walker" <dwalker@torrnet.com>, "h witkowsky" <hwitkowsky@torrnet.com>

Dear Mr. Harrigan:

Yes, we have given it thought. We have put it in our driveway to please the neighbors too, damaging the new \$13,000 driveway I might add. That wasn't enough. We also offered to move it to a storage facility if the neighbors wanted to collectively pay the monthly fee.

However, due to the amount of use our RV gets because of our daughters' racing schedule, just about every weekend, we have changed our opinion on that matter and we feel it is our right to store it on front of our home. Period.

Again, we wish no ill feelings and wish a peaceful resolution of this matter. However, as I stated before, we will not be bullied by you or anyone else.

We will fight to oppose your efforts to the very last hour.

Please be advised that this and all further communications, in the form of emails or memoranda, will be copied directly the Mayor Dan Walker and the Councilmembers.

Kindest personal regards,

Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

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Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2006 13:11:18 -0800

Subject: Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on [OUR] Street"

From: "Jim Harrigan" <jh@econdesys.com>

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Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2006 13:43:29 -0800 (PST)**From:** "Joy Peeraer" <j_peeraer6@yahoo.com>**Subject:** Re: "Another Obnoxious Recreational Vehicle Located on FOUR1 Street"**To:** "Jim Harrigan" <jh@econdevsys.com>**CC:** "r guyton" <rguyton@torrnet.com>, "mh mauno" <mhmauno@torrnet.com>, "p mcintyre" <pmcintyre@torrnet.com>, "pm nowatka" <pmnowatka@torrnet.com>, "t scotto" <tscotto@torrnet.com>, "cd trafic" <cdtrafic@torrnet.com>, "d walker" <dwalker@torrnet.com>, "n witkowsky" <hwitkowsky@torrnet.com>

Dear Mr. Harrigan:

I'm sorry that you see this as a "game." Should you truly see it that way, please, for the sake of all concerned, keep this civil and legal.

Yours cordially

Resident, 4814 Via El Sereno

Letters to the Editor

RV ordinance must include permits

Much has been made recently over the role of the Torrance City Council in the problem of recreational vehicle parking on city streets and the storage of RVs in driveways, side yards and front lawns.

As a 20-year registered Libertarian, I am concerned about having any government entity involved in personal or "common-good" decisions that could/should be handled by individual or collective action/choice.

Unfortunately, the continuing and multiplying blight of RVs in Torrance residential neighborhoods, perpetuated and obnoxiously condoned by a selfish minority, is not something that can be solved by nongovernmental intervention.

That stated, the Hillside Residents Association believes that the only practical decision is to limit all RVs to daytime parking only, with all RV parking prohibited overnight on all city streets -- or limiting all RVs on residential streets to a 24-hour "permitted" time limit. Why? Because 24 hours is more than enough to load and/or unload a motorhome/trailer/boat/ATV. I rent an RV at least once a year. When you're paying by the day and attempting to get out of town before afternoon traffic, following the designated 10 a.m. pick-up, you can prepare/load a 36-foot motor home for a two-week trip in three to four hours.



Whatever the time limit, it must be "permitted" because, in the real world, if the time limit is not "permitted," the RV owner will:

- Use the maximum allowed time limit to park his RV in front of his home or a neighbor's home.
- Wait until a neighbor calls parking enforcement to complain that the maximum time limit has expired.

Parking enforcement will come out, eventually, to mark the tires and then will wait the designated time limit to return (maybe) to check to see if the RV has been moved. If it hasn't been moved, it might be ticketed, but we're already at six to 14 days minimum after the initial parking -- and counting

- If it has been moved a minimum of 6 inches -- and what RV owner doesn't fully understand how to circumvent the designated time limit? -- then the process needs to be repeated to no avail, over and over and over again, leading to our current, frustrating, untenable situation in our residential neighborhoods.

With a "permitted" time limit, the RV owner has no "wiggle-room" and can be/should be ticketed (or towed) after the first complaint.

The HRA opposes the parking/storage of any RV, whatever the size (or any commercial vehicle, except pickup trucks) on residential driveways, back and side yards and front lawns. We see no difference between parking/storage on public streets or moving the same eyesore 10 feet to private property. A pig is a pig.

-- JIM HARRIGAN