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Crump, Jill

From: John & Rosanne [KleinsLA@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 6:57 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV

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I would like to see the people who are organized against RV's put their considerable efforts into something that really matters and would really affect the quality of life in Torrance.

Sincerely,

Rosanne Klein

Crump, Jill

From: Bill and Jonna SEERS [treetop01@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 12:28 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV parking

February 22, 2006

My name is Bill Seers. I bought my home in Torrance in 1973. In 2002, two years before I retired from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office (after 31 ½ years of service). I bought a 31 foot motor home. I **do not** park it on the street, unless I am loading, unloading , taking it in for maintenance, etc. It would be more than inconvenient to obtain a permit every time I put my motor home in front of my house, for a day or two. I do agree the motor homes, trailers, junk cars and unkempt yards are an eyesore but there needs to be consideration for the people who do respect their neighbors and the city ordinances without placing an undue burden on them.

Thank You

William Seers

Crump, Jill

From: Susan Barber/Applicant [Susan.Barber@applicant.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 11:51 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Proposed RV Ordinance

Dear Traffic Division,

We have been residents of Torrance on Newton Street for 43 years. RVing has always been a very important part of our lifestyle. It would be a hardship to us and our friends not to be able to occasionally park on the Torrance city streets.

We are opposed to any ordinance restricting RV parking.

We understand that some people have experienced problems due to inconsiderate RV owners. We believe that our current traffic ordinance limiting parking for 72 hours only needs to be enforced to eliminate the problems that some of these people are having. I know some have said that the current ordinance cannot be enforced. Some have said that people just move their vehicles (not only RVs but cars also) a couple of feet to avoid a ticket. Wouldn't it be much simpler to modify the current ordinance to require that when a vehicle is sitting over 72 hours that it must be moved a significant distance from it's current parking space? This would be easy to enforce and deter those people who are using the street for their long-term parking places. From time to time any RV'er needs to park on the street in front of their property. It is clear that everyone understands that. The current limit of 72 hours should be more than sufficient for anyone.

Creating a new ordinance with new permits, paperwork, tracking, enforcement - should it be possible to enforce - seems to be unrealistic and an undue burden on city residents and city officials.

Please don't penalize the majority of the RV owner community because of the actions of a few inconsiderate RV owners. Enforce the existing laws on those inconsiderate people.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

George & Susan Barber
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george.barber@earthlink.net

Crump, Jill

From: Citrowski, Jo Ann A (Space Technology) [JoAnn.Citrowski@ngc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 11:16 AM
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
Cc: torrancerv@yahoo.com; jcitrowski@earthlink.net
Subject: My name is JoAnn Citrowski.doc

RV City Council Meeting

My name is JoAnn Citrowski, 4095 Bluff Street, Torrance; I am representing my family of four. We are 20 year plus residents of Torrance. By way of identification I donated the painted Mural at Walteria Park entitled "Happy".

The argument that RVs and boats are a blight which destroy the aesthetic value of a neighborhood and thus reduce the value of the homes in that neighborhood is a hoax; Torrance home sales have never been higher in quantity and price.

It is not that the city of Torrance does not have enough parking just that limited elements do not want "non-cars parked near their houses. They do not see the "resource" value of these vehicles. We keep our RV stocked with water, food, gas, propane, clothes, and significant medical supplies. So RVs, boats, and trailers (if they have generators, etc.) can be a valuable source of community support during emergency situations that would span the time until help arrives.

Private property rights are the essence and the source of basic personal freedom. People who attack property rights need to be reminded that they are attacking freedom itself, and that attacking freedom itself is no longer acceptable in America.

It is no wonder, then, that we bristle when misguided citizen groups and local governments attack our property rights. We accurately sense that our most basic and fundamental freedom is in jeopardy. These are licensed, registered vehicles, which in some cases are a citizen's main source of transportation, not an "extra vehicle".

People who want restrictions should buy into an appropriate housing complex with associations that have tight limits on property use. Leave the rest of us in Torrance with our freedoms.

Thank you and we will see you at the City Council Meeting Feb 28, 2006.

Crump, Jill

From: Floyd Heideman [heidemanfloyd@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 11:11 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Cc: pmnowatka@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com;
hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com;
fscotto@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Parking Ordinance Proposal

We are in support of the proposed ordinance, which is the result of public meetings from December 2005 - September 2006. The Traffic Commission is to be commended for its diligent work in coming up with a proposal on RV & large vehicular parking that most accommodates the wishes of the Torrance residents.

This proposal, if passed, will eliminate from Torrance streets the storage of subject vehicles of non-residents of Torrance. It protects current Torrance resident owners parking rights and privileges. It sets in motion the continuing removal of such vehicles as current owners retire their vehicles and prevents new owners from gaining such rights. While this proposal will be opposed by many, both vehicle owners and those desirous of more restrictive measures, this proposal is a realistic and reasonable means of resolving this problem over a reasonable period of time.

Respectfully,

Floyd & Margaret Heideman
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(310) 320-0936

Crump, Jill

From: HANK2PAT@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 11:01 AM
To: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Cc: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV PARKING

Dear Council Members,

We have been Torrance homeowner's since 1962. We purchased our motor home in 1997, there were no restrictions on RV parking at that time. There has always been the 72 hour parking restriction for ALL vehicle's .

There are no RV storage facilities available within the Torrance area. Any facilities near Torrance are full,expensive, and have long waiting lists.

We are a retired couple on a fixed income.

We are requesting that you "GRANDFATHER" us and the current RV owners into the existing 72 hour street parking ordinance.

A solution to this situation would be for the city to provide RV storage at a reasonable rate. Maybe the area by the airport that was a farm could be converted.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Sincerely,
Patricia and Henry Kupsa**

Crump, Jill

From: Gary Wagner [gary.wagner@lgeusa.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 9:10 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV PARKING

I am a registered voter, my wife and I vote regularly.

I have participated in as many past meetings on the RV parking issue as possible. I have listened and said very little. What I have heard is the proposal will grandfather in those of us who have RV's and use the city streets, People who choose to move into Torrance will have to park somewhere undetermined, of the streets and get a permit to load, repair clean and then store their trailers/motor home's, etc. This I believe is basically correct.

How many meeting's, how much time was spent, how many dollars to come up with a plan that will let the existing owners who abuse the current law register as current owners, get grandfathered in and we still have the problem.

I keep my trailer in my driveway; I have neighbors who are not as accommodating. One keeps his motor home in such a way as to not let anyone else park in front of his house, his visitors park everywhere else and take up spaces in front of the other houses. My neighbor across from me has a trailer that has been parked in the same spot for a year without moving it, and a Camaro that is out of registration for over 8 months. My point is that we have existing laws that are not being enforced. I can not see creating another bureaucracy that will cost taxpayer money when we have not enforced the existing laws.

My other concern is, if this is not stopped now when will the day come when someone can say, "your trailer is an eyesore" and those of us who do not have side yards to move a trailer into have to move it to a storage facility that is not anywhere near Torrance? I take exception to those who say "if you can afford the trailer you can afford the storage" Bull, let them review how I budget my household income and then tell me I can afford it. My wife is near retirement and I am 5 years away, we have given up other activities to be able to camp and fish when we want to, and yes, our daughter of 18 still wants to go with us. How many other 18 year olds want to spend time with their parents?

One last note, I have 1 truck, 2 SUV's, 2, compact cars, 2 mini dirt bikes, 1 motorcycle and a custom car. My household has 4 drivers; the truck is used to haul the trailer, the other cars are used for commuting to work and college. ALL vehicles are kept in front of my house, in my driveway and my garage. I respect my neighbor's personal space. That is for the gentleman at one meeting who wanted all people with garages to use them for cars only, he actually wanted that to be a law, last I looked this was still America, and was still free.



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" Life's Good"

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowski, Hope
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 8:05 AM
To: Herren, James; Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: PV & Trailer parking

From: Anita Johnson [mailto:anitajohnson@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 9:21 PM
To: hwitkowski@torrnet.com
Subject: PV & Trailer parking

Councilwoman Witkowski - I sat at the table with you at the Rose Float Dinner recently and we had a chance to talk. I hope your house is getting back in order and you were able to salvage some of your favorite things. It certainly sounded like a big cleanup. I enjoyed getting to know you very much.

I'm writing you, and also the rest of the council because of the RV & Trailer Parking problem. Below is what I sent to the others but I wanted to add a personal note of hello to you. I certainly hope you are able to help with this.

I understand that the current law is being considered for modification, possible on February 28. Also I understand that this law would grandfather current owners and they would have no restrictions, or very limited.

I would like to request that you make the law more restrictive. I am not in favor of grandfathering in current RV users. This will not help the neighborhoods that have abusive situations and many of us have been waiting for this law for a long time.

I have a large boat (small ship) and big truck parked on my street and it's been there for about 2 years. If they get a ticket, they will move it to meet the letter of the law. It hasn't been reported for a very long time because the last time they moved it, it was parked in a position to be a safety issue for cars crossing Pennsylvania, so rather than cause that, we just don't report it. I spoke to a Parking Enforcement Officer and was told that this new law was all that could take care of this situation. I certainly do not want this grandfathered in!

I live on 230th Place and the boat and truck are parked on the corner of 230th and Pennsylvania if you wish to drive by and see it.

WE NEED A LAW THAT WILL ELIMINATE THIS KIND OF ABUSE OF OUR CITY NEIGHBORHOODS. IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T ADD TO THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE AREA AND COULD EVEN BE A REASON SOMEONE MIGHT NOT WANT TO LIVE ON A PARTICULAR STREET!!!!

Thank you and hope is going well for you.

ANITA JOHNSON
(310) 325-5499

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 8:01 AM
To: 'John & Rosanne'
Cc: Herren, James; Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV

I totally understand your views. This will come to the whole City Council on February 28th at 7 p.m. Please come to that meeting and give you views for the record and I will forward this email to our department heads to include your name on the notification list.

Sincerely;
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

From: John & Rosanne [<mailto:KleinsLA@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 6:57 AM
To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
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Sincerely,

Rosanne Klein

Crump, Jill

From: MCPREZ485@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 7:26 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: NO on-street parking of oversized vehicles

TO: Ted Semann
Transportation Planner

For over five years, our area neighbors have been complaining about a motor home parked day and night on a narrow, busy street. The owner moves it a few feet periodically so as to not receive a citation and refuses requests to safely park or store the vehicle. This is a hazard for pedestrians and other vehicles and there have been numerous near accidents because of this vehicle.

Please enact an ordinance which will curtail this kind of situation and contribute to a safe neighborhood.

Paul and Barbara Perez
101 Via la Circula
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Crump, Jill

From: Crump, Jill
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 9:28 AM
To: Crump, Jill
Subject: RV opinion

Ms Carol Hubert called our office today to express her opinion that RV's should not be parked on public streets

Crump, Jill

From: Heinz Barthel [hetobar@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 10:21 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Public Hearing 2-28-06: ON-STREET PARKING of OVERSIZED VEHICLES

CITY OF TORRANCE

PUBLIC HEARING: On-street Parking of Oversized Vehicles – February 28, 2006 7:00 p. m.

My name is Heinz Barthel and my wife Tommie and I live at 2602 Loftyview Drive, Torrance, CA 90505 – Tel: 310-530 7894. We will not be able to attend the City Council Meeting on Feb. 28 '06, but I would like to offer the following comments on the subject of **“ON-street Parking of Oversized Vehicles”**.

Last month, after an article about this subject in relation to a planned Ordinance by the city of Hawthorne appeared in the Press, I sent an email to the Director of our Hillside Homeowners Association (the Real Estate people call it 'Victoria Knolls), commenting on the parking of Oversized Vehicles in our neighborhood.

The Ordinance contemplated by the City of Hawthorne appears to be so restrictive that the owners of recreational vehicles could hardly abide by it; we don't want to spoil those owner's fun and recreation. Laws should be made to help everybody, not discriminate upon a few.

I believe we already have Laws and Ordinances governing our streets and neighborhoods: Torrance Municipal Code – Article 41 –Section 92.32.6. and similar Parking Restrictions. We have several Motor homes and Trailers parked in our street as well as boats and inoperative cars parked in drive ways and side lawns. It appears that our existing laws are not being enforced.

The parking of oversized vehicles and other infractions of our Codes is not only an unsightly aspect of our neighborhood, it is also unsafe. These Campers and Trailers restrict the views and make it difficult for vehicles to safely pass or observe what might be coming from behind these parked obstructions. Our street, we were told is too narrow for the City to paint a center stripe down the middle (although we used to have these stripes in the past and portions of them, where the new coating has worn thin, are still visible). Without such stripes, passing an oncoming vehicle – especially one of the huge, intimidating Monster SUV's – in places where Campers or Trailers are parked on the side, is downright frightening. The excuse that parked Campers or Trailers are being moved a few feet to avoid the 72 Hour rule is a lame one. I am sure there are technical means to defeat these excuses.

Now that the city has spend an enormous amount of money to remove our 'side-walk-damaging trees, repaired the streets and sidewalks and planted new trees' we should be able to also enforce parking rules and keep the beautified streets safe for all.

Respectfully submitted by Heinz Barthel

Crump, Jill

From: tom [tom_elkins@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 10:48 AM
To: Rod Guyton; Michael Mauno; Pat McIntyre; Paul Nowatka; Frank Scotto; Hope Witkowsky; crankings@aol.com
Cc: Ted Semaan
Subject: RV, oversized vehicle parking

The city of Torrance is being over run with RVs and mobile homes parked in front yards and on the streets.

30% of the RVs parked in torrance (city survey) do not even belong to Torrance residences. Other city's are taking advantage of Torrance wtih no restrictions. I have 2 mobile homes parked in front yards within 1/2 block of me. One home owner was allowed to put in a concrete slab to park his mobile home on. I believe this is a violation of a city ordnance that says the front of your home must be 50% lanscaped, parking your mobile home in your front yard I do not think qualifies as landscaping.

RVs parked on city streets and mobile homes parked in front yards makes the city look bad and effects home prices.

The new gated community in front of the court house BELMAR looks like it has restrictions on RV parking within their gated community as I noticed 3 to 4 RVs parked outside the gates and on city streets. The city should make the owners of the gated communities accept RV parking within their gated communities. Why should the people that can not afford \$1 mill homes put up with RVs that gated communities do not want on their properites?

Please do not turn the city of Torrance into an RV & mobile home park.

thanks
tom_elkins@yahoo.com

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Crump, Jill

From: CranKings@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 7:49 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: No RV Storage on Streets

The issue (in the proposed RV parking ordinance) is not RV parking, but RV storage. On-street parking is for short term (72 hours by ordinance) for ACTIVELY used vehicles. The RVs on the street are not being parked; they are being stored. Some even have their non-Torrance friends store their vehicles here since they cannot store them where they live. The owners do this because:

- It is convenient
- It is cheap
- They feel it is an entitlement
- They disregard the impact to neighbors and traffic.

A lot of RV owners do not store their vehicles on the street. They only park on-street for short durations to load/unload.

I do not believe grandfathering existing vehicles is a solution. Torrance needs on-street RV storage to stop soon. We need RVs off the street except for short term parking. The proposed ordinance does an excellent job of listing the ills of RV parking/storage, but does little to solve it in the near future. I believe there may even be a backlash of RV owners, currently storing them off-street, who will start storing them on-street to save money and the legitimization of RV parking through this proposed ordinance.

I would like to have an ordinance, which eliminates on-street RV storage within 2-3 years and allows short-term parking. This ordinance should be enforceable as well as being enforced by the Torrance police. The current 72-hour law is a sham. Calls to Parking Enforcement result only in frustration for the caller.

I have talked to a lot of Torrance residents who live near an on-street stored RV. They are overwhelmingly against this parking because of aesthetic reasons and the traffic hazard they present to traffic and children. Perhaps you should drive around Torrance and find an RV parked on the street. You could ask the residents for a least 3-4 houses on either side of the parked RV how they feel about the parked RVs.

If Hawthorne is progressive enough to restrict RV parking, Torrance with its resources and progressive ideas could and should do the same.

Norman W Bauer
4808 Macafee Rd,
Torrance resident for 25 years.

Crump, Jill

From: kenishi523@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 10:54 AM
To: cddtraffic@tor.net.com
Subject: ON STREET PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES

I strongly feel that oversized vehicles constitute a major safety problem. They greatly restrict visibility of vehicles and more importantly people moving across the flow of traffic. Further, they restrict the normal flow of traffic, especially on narrow residential streets. Even oversized vehicle parked in driveways greatly restrict the visibility of other vehicles coming out the neighboring driveways. This makes it difficult to see children walking in on the sidewalks; or children on fast moving bikes, skateboards, or the super low hot wheel type toys.

Ken Nishi
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Torrance, CA 90503

02/21/2006

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 2:59 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV and Trailer Parking Problem

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

From: Michelle Han [mailto:michelle_han@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 6:12 AM
To: McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: Fw: RV and Trailer Parking Problem

-----Forwarded Message-----

>From: Michelle Han <michelle_han@earthlink.net>
>Sent: Feb 20, 2006 6:01 AM
>To: dwalker@torrnet.com, rguyton@torrnet.com, mhmauno@torrnet.com
>Subject: RV and Trailer Parking Problem

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>Dear Mayor & Councilmen:

>I have been live in city of Torrance since 1987, I also have seen large
>vehicles increasing parked on Torrance street, for the safety issue please do some thing
about!

>need your help!

>

>Sincerely

>~Michelle Han~

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 3:06 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV and Trailer Parking Problem

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

From: Susan Hutchins [mailto:susanhartyogareiki@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2006 3:22 PM
To: Walker, Dan
Cc: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope; crankings@aol.com
Subject: RV and Trailer Parking Problem

Dear Mayor and Councilmen and Councilwomen:

Please, toughen and enforce the existing law. RV parking on Torrance public streets is a big problem that is already way out of hand. Please do not allow the "lawbreakers" to continue this illegal parking.

Also I heard there are some of the "lawbreakers" who want to be "Grand Fathered" into this law breaking and dangerous situation of free RV parking on Torrance Streets. The rest of Torrance pays for their inconsiderate and dangerous behavior.

If we are one of the majority who do not park a RV on the public street, Why are we are paying the price in lowered property values, unsightly views the danger to pedesterines? Not to mention the filth accumulating under the RVs.

On the block I live on, there are two to three huge RVs parked at any given time. Also, throughout my neighborhood there are many of these illegal "parkers". I beg of you to PLEASE TOUGHEN AND ENFORCE THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN TORRANCE.

I just want to add that none of our neighboring cities allow overnight parking of RVs on public streets.

Thank you for the opportunity to say what has been on my mind for a long time.

Best Regards,
Susan J, Squillante-Hutchins
(A Torrance resident for 46 years)

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 3:19 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV and Trailer Parking

From: Sue1634@aol.com [mailto:Sue1634@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 2:38 PM
To: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: RV and Trailer Parking

I am a homeowner in Torrance and have lived here many years. Our family has had to backout of our driveway for years and it has become very difficult to have to watch that we do not make contact with the **HUGE** RV that is parked directly across the street from our driveway. With small children playing in the neighborhood, it is very hard to see them and all the cars that are parked on our street. This RV has been parked here for years and as far as moving it every 72 hours that remains a joke. The RV's interfere with street cleaning, is a traffic hazard, and is unsightly and can impact property values.

The people that own RV's and trailers have every right to own them. In consideration for their friends and neighbors I see no reason that they can store them in an appropriate storage facility.

Please consider all residents of Torrance and have RV and trailer parking eliminated from the streets of Torrance.

Sincerely,
The Steele Family

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 3:21 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV On-Street Parking

From: Andreoli, Kathleen [mailto:kathleen.andreoli@wylelabs.com]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 1:26 PM
To: Walker, Dan; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Rod Guyton
Subject: RV On-Street Parking

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to express the opinion of my husband and I regarding Recreational Vehicle and Trailer Parking on Torrance city streets.

We believe it should be restricted to only one or two days at a time, once or twice a year, and we don't mean that the recreational vehicle should be able to move a few feet and then start counting the days again.

There is a recreational vehicle that parks on the corner of Maricopa and Elm and never moves!!! Every morning when I go to work and have to turn at that corner, I wonder how in the world do they get away with this. If people choose to buy a large vehicle like this, then they should realize that part of the responsibility and expense is storing it somewhere, not on our residential streets.

We have had problems with people parking their campers along the grassy strip on Torrance Blvd. They park their vehicles there and seem to think its okay to stay there. I have called several times about these illegal campers in the last few years.

With the quality of life slipping every day in Torrance due to traffic and overbuilding, we believe the least the City Council should do is draw the line on how long residents should be able to park these enormous vehicles on our streets.

Sincerely,

Kathy and Leo Andreoli
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Torrance, CA 90503
328-0478

02/21/2006

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 3:31 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV parking

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

From: William Wilson [mailto:wwilson12@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2006 9:36 AM
To: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Walker, Dan; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: Re: RV parking

Please lend your support to ANY proposal regarding limmiting RV parking in residential areas. I would support a 48 hour limitation or totally outlawing RV parking on residential streets.

Ms Lillian Corner
2445 W. 229th Place
Torrance

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- They disregard the impact to neighbors and traffic.

A lot of RV owners do not store their vehicles on the street. They only park on-street for short durations to load/unload.

I do not believe grandfathering existing vehicles is a solution. Torrance needs on-street RV storage to stop soon. We need RVs off the street except for short term parking. The proposed ordinance does an excellent job of listing the ills of RV parking/storage, but does little to solve it in the near future. I believe there may even be a backlash of RV owners, currently storing them off-street, who will start storing them on-street to save money and the legitimization of RV parking through this proposed ordinance.

I would like to have an ordinance, which eliminates on-street RV storage within 2-3 years and allows short-term parking. This ordinance should be enforceable as well as being enforced by the Torrance police. The current 72-hour law is a sham. Calls to Parking Enforcement result only in frustration for the caller.

I have talked to a lot of Torrance residents who live near an on-street stored RV. They are overwhelmingly against this parking because of aesthetic reasons and the traffic hazard they present to traffic and children. Perhaps you should drive around Torrance and find an RV parked on the street. You could ask the residents for a least 3-4 houses on either side of the parked RV how they feel about the parked RVs.

If Hawthorne is progressive enough to restrict RV parking, Torrance with its resources and progressive ideas could and should do the same.

Norman W Bauer
4808 Macafee Rd,
Torrance resident for 25 years.

Crump, Jill

From: catherine luciano [valentinegalcathy@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 10:31 AM

To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com

Subject: RV Parking

Dear Mr Semaan,

I am writing regarding the RV parking issue to be discussed at the Feb. 28 Council Meeting.

I am opposed to RVs, trailers and over sized vehicle parking on the streets of Torrance for several reasons.

1) The RVs take up too much valuable parking spaces on our streets for residents and their guests and visitors. Parking is a problem on many of the streets in older Torrance.

Especially in the older parts, the streets are narrow and not designed to accommodate such vehicles.

2) They are an "eye sore" to our lovely neighborhoods.

3) They obstruct vision for people trying to back out of their driveways.

It seems to me if you can afford an RV and the upkeep of one(esp. gas), you should! be able to afford to pay to park it on special lots for that purpose. I realize it is more convenient to have it parked closer to your home, but perhaps a 2 day limit on street parking would help alleviate that problem when owners are preparing for a trip.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Catherine Luciano

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 6:06 PM
To: 'Solvay Lai'
Cc: Herren, James; Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV & Trailer Parking regulation

I will forward this email to our City department head Ted Semaan and also our Police Chief, Herren so that this email becomes a part of the record. We will be hearing this before City Council on Feb 28th at 7 p.m. Come down if you can and give your thoughts on that item.

Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: Solvay Lai
To: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com;
 pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 02/17/2006 9:48 AM
Subject: RV & Trailer Parking regulation

Dear Councilmen:

I am a resident of Torrance for more than 30 years. I strongly against RV & Trailer Parking on Torrance street without effective regulation. When you are considering modifying RV parking law on Fe. 28., Please consider the safety & benefits for majority of residents & children as well. I hope we can keep Torrance as a safe, warm, nice community to live.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
 Solvay Lai

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Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2006 6:07 PM
To: 'Susan Hutchins '
Cc: Herren, James; Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV and Trailer Parking Problem

Dear Ms. Hutchins:

I will forward this email to our City department head Ted Semaan and also our Police Chief, Herren so that this email becomes a part of the record. We will be hearing this before City Council on Feb 28th at 7 p.m. Come down if you can and give your thoughts on that item.

Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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

From: Susan Hutchins
To: dwalker@torrnet.com
Cc: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com;
 pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; crankings@aol.com
Sent: 02/17/2006 3:22 PM
Subject: RV and Trailer Parking Problem

Dear Mayor and Councilmen and Councilwomen:

Please, toughen and enforce the existing law. RV parking on Torrance public streets is a big problem that is already way out of hand. Please do not allow the "lawbreakers" to continue this illegal parking.

Also I heard there are some of the "lawbreakers" who want to be "Grand Fathered" into this law breaking and dangerous situation of free RV parking on Torrance Streets. The rest of Torrance pays for their inconsiderate and dangerous behavior.

If we are one of the majority who do not park a RV on the public street, Why are we are paying the price in lowered property values, unsightly views the danger to pedestrians? Not to mention the filth accumulating under the RVs.

On the block I live on, there are two to three huge RVs parked at any given time. Also, throughout my neighborhood there are many of these illegal "parkers". I beg of you to PLEASE TOUGHEN AND ENFORCE THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN TORRANCE.

I just want to add that none of our neighboring cities allow overnight parking of RVs on public streets.

Thank you for the opportunity to say what has been on my mind for a long time.

Best Regards,
 Susan J, Squillante-Hutchins
 (A Torrance resident for 46 years)

Crump, Jill

From: Bach, Lawrence J CIV (NWS N23WS) [lawrence.bach@navy.mil]

Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2006 5:18 PM

To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com

Subject: Recreational Vehicle Parking is residential areas

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to add my comments to the discussion about the proposed restrictions on the parking of recreational vehicles, boats and trailers, and oversize vehicles on Torrance residential streets. I believe restrictions should definitely be placed on parking RV's, campers and trailers on residential streets. These vehicles and trailers often sit for months in the same spot on residential streets, becoming neighborhood eyesores, blocking other residents views, and ultimately diminishing the property value of adjacent homes. Parked RV's and trailers also become traffic hazards in many instances when street width prevents oncoming vehicles from passing each other where oversize vehicles are parked.

I've stayed in New York City where most residents have no means of parking their personal automobiles at all. These folks rent spaces to park their cars in large parking structures for up to and over five hundred dollars per month. I think Torrance residents who want to exercise their right to own large RV's and boats with trailers should plan ahead and either modify their property to park their vehicles off the street or budget ahead to park their recreational vehicles in long term parking facilities.

We need restrictions in the City of Torrance on parking RV's and oversize vehicles on residential streets. We like nice looking neighborhoods, not parking lots for RV's and boats.

Lawrence J. Bach

26118 Delos Drive
Torrance, CA 90505

Crump, Jill

From: Jon Spallino [jonspallino@myway.com]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2006 10:26 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Oversized Vehicles

I have several objections to these vehicles being parked on our public streets for extended periods.

1. They are dangerous because they block lines of sight for moving vehicles
2. They are dangerous because they block lines of sight for bicyclists and pedestrians
3. They are an eyesore and are often left unwashed for extended periods
4. They make it inconvenient for those who are trying to find parking for vehicles that will use the space appropriately (i.e. short term). Plus they typically occupy multiple spaces.

Jon Spallino

Camino de Encanto, Torrance

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Crump, Jill

From: Tom Shortridge [tom@svorinich.com]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2006 11:00 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Cc: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; Mike Mauno; Pat McIntyre; Paul Nowatka; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Parking

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Please add our names to the list of those Torrance homeowners who strenuously oppose any further limitations on the parking of Recreational Vehicles on public Streets in Torrance.

New restrictions would attempt to solve a problem that does not exist and only serve to burden the owners of RVs and enrich the owners of the very few RV storage locations in the South Bay.

I would love to have a few questions answered by the city staff as part of their presentation:

- What problem are we solving with further parking restrictions?
- Can staff or the police department actually show any accidents that have been caused by RV parking?
- What is the total number of RV parking spaces available for rent in the City of Torrance? In the greater South Bay area?
- What is the average monthly rent for RV spaces?
- Are their any RV spaces even available for rent should RVs suddenly be kicked off the city streets?

I have a feeling that I know the answers to most of these, but I believe supporters of the parking restrictions do not.

We own a 26 foot travel trailer. We currently pay \$170 a month to store our trailer off the street -- and I was lucky to even find an available RV storage space! However, I should have the right to park the trailer in front of my home when preparing for a trip or in other circumstances when I need access to the trailer. A perfect example of this occurred these past two weeks when my neighbor disconnected my home from the public sewer system. Without our trailer parked out front, my family would have been forced to vacate our home for 12 days.

In conclusion, please put the Shortridge family squarely in the OPPOSE FURTHER PARKING RESTRICTIONS column.

Thank you for your service!

Tom & Cathy Shortridge
 4637 Deelane Street
 Torrance CA 90503
 310-371-8321
tom@svorinich.com

Crump, Jill

From: Patty Doyle [pattyanddi@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2006 5:28 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Public Hearing - On-street Parking of Oversized Vehicles

We will be not in town for the Public Hearing,
but would like to voice our opinion about this subject.

Having lived in Hollywood Riviera for 23 years...
we now noticed that streets are becoming more congested
and unsightly with oversized vehicles.

We recommend that on-street parking of oversized vehicles,
recreational vehicles, and trailers be prohibited.

This issue is timely because our next door neighbor has recently
purchased an older RV and started long-term parking on our street.
We wish to remain anonymous for the obvious reasons.

It is also an issue when regular vehicles remain on the city streets
for an indefinite period of time. Another neighbor had an older,
large Lincoln Town Car parked opposite our driveway for 8-10 years!
This vehicle was unsightly and it was very difficult for us to enter or
exit our driveway. Finally the vehicle was sold.

We are pleased to see issue is being addressed.

Thanks,

Patricia Doyle
Diana Neidert
206 Via Los Altos
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(310) 373-6280

Crump, Jill

From: Warren D Cross [wdcross@juno.com]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2006 4:55 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Oversize vehicles parked on residential streets

TWIMC: Please take action to remove all parked oversized vehicles off Torrance streets when left over 24 hours. We have several such vehicles on Macafee Rd. and they obstruct our vision down the street. They make it more hazardous when meeting other cars. Thank you for your concern and help.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Cross
5020 Macafee Rd.
Torrance, CA

Crump, Jill

From: C. Dreike, Advantage Automation, Inc [c.dreike@verizon.net]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2006 8:01 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Parking

I would like to see limited RV parking, not a total ban. A reasonable limitation might be 2 weeks per month within city limits for a specific RV. Long enough for a friend to visit and short enough to discourage long term parking. Enforcement would have to be through complaints by residents.

Thanks for listening.
Chris Dreike
4602 Carmelynn St.
Torrance, CA
310-214-2175

Crump, Jill

From: tomlin551@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2006 6:00 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: on street parking

The parking of RVs, trailers, boats, motor homes, etc., on the residential streets of Torrance needs to be completely eliminated. Why?

SAFETY--It is very difficult to see around these vehicles and for two cars to pass. Children are at risk and even adults because vision is blocked. Do you want people killed or injured just so someone can save a few dollars in storage fees?

BEAUTY--If we were looking for a home to buy, we certainly would not want one where our neighbors have this stuff perennially parked out on the street. These vehicles are eyesores. In other words, our property value is diminished so these vehicle owners can have free storage of their vehicles.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR--A good neighbor puts his neighbor first, himself second. Having free storage at my expense is not being a good neighbor.

LAW IN TORRANCE--section 61.65.4 "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." Let's face it--currently parking enforcement in Torrance is a game and a joke. If the owners of these vehicles move them a few inches after the 72 hours that vehicle is off the hook for citing. It is still on the street, but it has been moved and the "law obeyed".

CLEANLINESS--With these vehicles constantly parked on the street the cleaning of the whole street does not take place.

RESPONSIBILITY--Owners of these vehicles need to take responsibility for seeing that the vehicles are put in storage when they are not out on the open road with them. The city of Torrance WHICH IS US does not owe the owners of these vehicles free storage.

We all need to live together here in the city and each person must do his or her best for the neighborhood. Cluttering residential streets with these vehicles is not the best for us.

Come up with a law that will solve the problem.

The Tomlin Family
Concerned Residents of North Torrance

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 5:34 PM
To: Crump, Jill; Gibson, Jeff
Subject: FW: Parking Problem with RV/Trailer on Torrance streets

From: Barbara Nannini [mailto:bnannini@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2006 10:14 PM
To: Walker, Dan
Cc: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: Parking Problem with RV/Trailer on Torrance streets

Dear Mayor Walker and Torrance City Council,

I have lived at 4805 Via El Sereno for almost 31 years. One of the first memories I recall is our dealing with the city of Torrance because we did not know how to properly park on our street. Our family thought that since we lived in this great neighborhood with tremendous neighbors and little traffic we could park our cars in a non parallel style. We parked the front of our cars into the curb and all of the back sides would be sticking out on the street. My family did this, friends who visited our home did this as well. We stopped this practice once we received parking tickets on the windshields of our cars provided by our fine Torrance police department. We were breaking the law because the length of many of our cars were encroaching on the street and the city said that would create potential traffic problems for city emergency traffic vehicles to have access to the street. They also told us that other cars could not safely pass through the street and children's lives would be endangered. We understood our error, paid our fines, and obeyed the laws of the city.

Over 30 years later another parking problem is happening on our street and I believe many others. A neighbor who purchased a recreational trailer has parked it on Via El Sereno and it can present a problem to the neighborhood and quite possibly to the city of Torrance if it is not removed.

The problem is safety. The trailer has an approximate width of twice the space of a regular automobile thereby taking up a lane for other vehicles to drive on the right side of the street. The only way to negotiate going around this vehicle is by moving into the opposite lane of traffic if you are coming from Arboles. Because this trailer is rather tall as well as wide and occupies so much space of the city's street there is a blind spot and people coming and going haven't any way of seeing if someone is coming in the opposite lane. We have had instances where another car almost had a head on collision with my wife and 16 month old son because neither could see the other coming. It is possible that one of our wonderful neighbors traveling with their children or other family members that could have the same problem. Two of our neighbors are fearful every time they leave their driveways because they cannot tell if anyone is coming

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down the street, they are basically hoping, each time, that if there is someone that other person will be careful and drive slowly through that area. There is also a very real possibility that one of the twelve children living in our own neighborhood might be hit while riding their bikes, skateboards, or rollerblades because there is just no way to see on either side of the trailer. Three of those children live at the home with the trailer and cannot see if anyone is coming as they come out of their driveway to play.

Respectfully Mr. Mayor and members of the council I don't believe that my wife, my neighbors, other citizens, myself, and most importantly the children of the city of Torrance and this street in particular should have to experience the tragedy of any one of these realistic scenarios. I am not clear how someone can think their recreational habits should become the responsibility of the residents living on Via El Sereno? My driving is encroached by this neighbor's recreational trailer which creates potential safety, legal, and monetary issues for my wife, my child, myself, my extended family and my neighbors. For what reason? Because our neighbor chooses not to have their reconstructed driveway scraped up by this trailer. They therefore decided to put their private purchase out in a public street and affect the safety of the residents of Via El Sereno.

Speaking solely for my family and for the safety of my wife and baby. I respectfully request the Mayor and the city council strongly consider removing all RV's and trailers from the streets of Torrance. It is my understanding that trailers and RV's that were purchased before January 1st, 2006 might not be subject to a new ordinance or law under consideration. That means this trailer would not have to move. For the reasons I have stated, considering that an option does not benefit the safety of our neighborhood or any other neighborhood that may have the same situation. When it is time for you to vote, I encourage the city council to vote all trailers and RV's be removed from Torrance streets.

I invite you, Mayor Walker and/or a member of the council, to please come to my home and we will drive on the street so you have your own perspective before the council meeting on February 28th.

Please email me so that I know you have read my letter and please provide a response regarding coming to my home to see the location of the trailer and its affects on the safety of the residents of our street.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Nannini
4805 Via El Sereno
Torrance, Ca. 90505
310-375-6965

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 5:31 PM
To: Crump, Jill; Gibson, Jeff
Subject: FW: RV Parking

From: R F Waller [mailto:rwallya4fun@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 12:28 PM
To: Walker, Dan
Cc: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; facotto@TorrNett.com; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: RV Parking

Dear Mayor

This morning I read the question of the week in the Daily Breeze regarding the possibility that the city council may put restrictions on parking of RVs on city streets. I talked to a neighbor who does park is RV two doors down from my house. He filled me in on what was possibility going to happen.

I have an RV, I do park it in my driveway. It is my understanding I would need a permit just to pull it on the street to hook my tow vehicle and get prepared to go. Also one for when I return. I don't always know when I will return. Having to get a permit for something that I have been doing for over 33 year's just doesn't seem fair. And I mean not only for myself but everyone else in Torrance.

As far as RVs and other larger vehicles being a problem parked on the street, I don't see that as a problem but to more t! hen just likely a very few. I notice that when my neighbor's RV is on the street cars slow down for the most part. When they are gone you would think we had a 35 or 40 mile speed limit on our street, and we have a school across the street.

I hope the you and the city council also considers the cost for all those that would have to find a storage facility, which there are few of. Not being able to park their RVs on the street by their home's I am sure will make a lot of RVers stop enjoying a life style that is really hard to beat. I know if I wasn't able to park mine on my property I would have to sell it. I could not afford the cost of storage that they charge. Also, If this law passes does this mean the city council may go after RVs parked on ones own property?

I believe the 72 hour law as is written now should stay as is.

I really hope Mr. Mayor that you! and the city council really consider on how many people you will hurt if you restrict all RVers parking on city street's, and not pass a law such as this.

Thank You

Ron Waller

cc: All city council member's

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Crump, Jill

From: ida kemperman [i.kemperman@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2006 10:19 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Recreational vehicles

We are absolutely appalled at the number of campers parked in our upscale residential neighborhood. Friends who visit from other areas joke about Torrance being a "Camper Village", or "Condo Country". The worst part is that these owners of so called "Recreational Vehicles" never take them anywhere, just leave them parked in front of neighbors homes instead of in front of their own home. One neighbor has had the same RV for 35 yrs. TO MOVE INTO in case of an earthquake.

We feel that if these inconsiderate people can afford to license, insure these vehicles just to clutter the streets and thereby hurt property values, etc. they should be able to afford to store them elsewhere.

PLEASE VOTE NO TO RV'S PARKED ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS. OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE CROWDED ENOUGH WITH AS MANY AS 7 CARS TO A FAMILY. THIS AREA LOOKS LIKE A USED CAR LOT.

Ida Kemperman, Joy Sweetnam, Ernie, Bernice Seagren, Lila, Glenn Moss, Mary Troke, Mable Love, Kelly, Mike Lombardozzi

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2006 5:46 PM
To: Crump, Jill; Gibson, Jeff
Subject: FW: yes for RVs

From: RMoine@aol.com [mailto:RMoine@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 5:57 PM
To: Lieu, Ted; Walker, Dan; Mauno, Michael H; Scotto, Frank; Nowatka, Paul M.; McIntyre, Pat; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: yes for RVs

Dear Torrance Council men and women,

I feel disappointed that you plan on discussing such an important issue as RVs on February 14th. This being Valentines Day I'm sure it will affect the attendance of many people who are concerned about this issues such as my family but need to be at home with loved ones.

First of all, I would like you to consider the importance of the use of RVs for Torrance residents. The way Torrance has been so highly affected with the allowed density of housing, it is even more crucial than ever that we feel the need to "get away".

On that same note, it was mentioned that these vehicles should be in RV lots. There are not enough spaces to go around and some even have waiting lists in the Sobay area. The increased "rezoning" from commercial to residential is just one more way that no more RV lots can not and will not be built to accommodate our needs.

Also, as was mentioned by someone in the Daily Breeze, PLEEEEEEEEEEEASE do not consider disallowing RVs on resident's private property. We cherish our small piece of property here and have paid close to 3/4 of a million dollars to live here. Please do not consider any restrictions as to what can be in my driveway.

*sincerely,
Rachel & Larry Moine*

PS We would definitely have been there for this council meeting to be heard on this issue but this is not how we choose to spend our Feb. 14th. I trust that you will consider the right thing for all of us fellow RVers in Torrance. Please don't disappoint us again as you did with considerable rezonings.

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2006 6:06 PM
To: HANK2PAT@aol.com
Cc: Crump, Jill
Subject: RE: RV PARKING

Hello Mrs. Kupsa, the item is tentatively scheduled to go the February 28th Council meeting. Ms. Jill Crump of our staff will be emailing and USPS mailing copies of the notice for the item. She will add your name to the emailing list for notification as well. Thanks, Ted.

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

From: HANK2PAT@aol.com [mailto:HANK2PAT@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2006 12:08 PM
To: TSEMAAN@TORRNET.COM
Subject: RV PARKING

Hi,

Could you please tell us when the City Council meeting will be, regarding the RV parking?

**Thanks,
Mrs. Kupsa**

Crump, Jill

From: Ruth [ruthguy@verizon.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2006 11:27 AM

To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com

I understand that a vote is eminent on banning RVs and other large vehicles from parking permanently on neighborhood streets. Following are neighbors that want to ban RV's from our streets.

Guy & Ruth Albright- 4533 Vista Largo, Torrance
Ingeborg Goldston- 4309 Vista Largo “
Debra & Dale Corwin- 4716 Bulova “

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 12:55 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV permanent street parking

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

From: Corwin White
 To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: 02/13/2006 9:27 AM
 Subject: Fw: RV permanent street parking

Mayor Walker and City Council Members,
 I attended two of the Traffic Commission meetings which in my estimation, ended up controlled by the RV owners who have a vested interest in a continuation of the status quo. Free street parking, 52 weeks a year, on neighborhood streets in Torrance. Many patronized the Police department by saying that Police should be chasing the "bad guys" and not enforcing parking problems. Some become the "bad guys" when the spirit of laws and regard for your neighbors is trashed in self interest. Torrance has given these self serving people a free ride for years and now it is time to do the right thing for the majority of citizens and not the special interest few. Grand fathering in rule breakers is not the answer unless you're simply deferring the problem to your successors. I notice now that more RV's are appearing on the streets in order to probably ensure their free public parking, if you do this amnesty thing that's rumored.

Please do the RIGHT THING....

Thank you
 Corwin White

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

From: Corwin White <mailto:corwinj@msn.com>
 To: tellus@dailybreeze.com <mailto:tellus@dailybreeze.com>
 Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 8:44 AM
 Subject: RV permanent street parking

RV parking on our Torrance street is a continuous safety problem for those of us sandwiched between two scofflaws for over a decade and more.
 The RV's are too tall and long to see oncoming traffic from either the East or West (usually speeding). Backing out of the driveway is truly dangerous and oncoming cars do not slow down for RV's or anything else.

Most RV owners are responsible people who park their vehicles on their property or in lots. We truly need effective restrictions on RV's and over sized vehicles and parking enforcement. These few scofflaws have loud and effective voices with our Planning Commission and City Council and could care less about their neighbors. We care about this issue enough that attending the City Council meeting will ensure my vote for those with the fortitude to to act positively for the majority of the Torrance Community.

Thank You
 Corwin White
 Torrance, CA
 310-530-5968

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 12:56 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: Residential Parking

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

From: Sprokkereef@aol.com
To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; mpmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowwatka@torrnet.com; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 02/12/2006 6:20 PM
Subject: Residential Parking

Dear Torrance Council Members:

I wanted to write about Torrance residential street parking in support of a man I heard testify before the council. I have a suggestion that would deter people from storing vehicles on the street and make the city cleaner.

Restrict parking on street cleaning days. This would improve the cleanliness of the streets and gutters and make it inconvenient for people to have multiple unused vehicles parked on the street.

I live at 2416 W 239th Street and have one neighbor with 8 very old cars and another that stores their boat year round and several work vans. This makes it very difficult for friends and family to find parking when they visit and the street very unattractive.

The amount and types of vehicles that people store on Torrance residential streets is a definite problem. I think many of the residents have lived in their homes for so long that they don't realize how asocial it is to have so many vehicles on the street -- many of them old, unused and very ugly.

The man also mentioned that parking enforcement isn't very effective and I can confirm that. When they mark a car these people just move it to another spot on the street and when they tow it away they just get it out of impound and park it back on the street. I assume they consider this option less expensive than storage and easier than getting rid of their vehicle. Just last week an early 80s model Ford Taurus in very bad condition was towed away as I took my kids to school and tonight it is parked in front of my house.

Please find a solution to this quality of individual life and value of our city issue.

Thank you for your consideration -

Michelle Sprokkereef

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2006 12:56 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: NO MORE RV PARKING IN TORRANCE...PLEASE!!!

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

From: Taraandtwins@aol.com
To: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Cc: oughc@yahoo.com; monique_valdez@sbcglobal.net; kkobe@yahoo.com; Mishbob@aol.com; Suzanne.Chai@bankofamerica.com
Sent: 02/12/2006 12:22 PM
Subject: NO MORE RV PARKING IN TORRANCE...PLEASE!!!

Dear City Council members,

Please vote to restrict RV parking in Torrance. As a city we are growing and creating an image as a "prosperous, higher end" neighborhood with family roots. RV parking on the street not only makes us look like Trailer Park, USA, but it is dangerous to our community too. I can't tell you how many near misses I've witnessed involving a parked RV, children and cars. I

It is not fair that the selfishness of a minority group is negatively impacting everyone that lives in Torrance. Please do not let this abuse of shared rights go on any longer. These people want to have their cake and eat it to. They want to have the big, expensive toy, but they don't want to pay the costs to store it properly. Instead, they want to use public streets to park their private recreational behemoths.

My family, friends and I would very much appreciate it if you supported banning/restricting RV parking in Torrance. It is something we feel strongly about and will remember at election time. I always vote, even in local elections, but I rarely make the effort to personally contact my political representatives regarding a particular issue. The fact that I'm emailing you regarding this issue is a big indicator how much this issue means to me, my family and \my friends.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Respectfully yours,

Tara C. Bartlett

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2006 10:27 AM
To: 'STEPHENBLEWIS@aol.com'
Cc: Herren, James; Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV parking

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lewis:

I totally understand your views and do agree. This will come to the whole City Council in the near future and I will forward this email to our department heads to include your name on the notification list. Please come to that meeting and give you views for the record.

Sincerely;
Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

From: STEPHENBLEWIS@aol.com [mailto:STEPHENBLEWIS@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2006 1:17 PM
To: HWitkowsky@TORRNET.COM
Subject: Re: RV parking

Dear Ms Witkowsky,

I was sending emails to councilmen to ask for support in getting the RVs off our streets. They are a hazard to driving on our narrow streets especially when an SUV/pick-up truck is parked on the other side. Visibility and negotiability are impeded. Plus with the For Sale signs up on some of these vehicles our neighborhoods are getting to look like used car lots. Please help us get back our more mellow neighborhoods.

Thanks for your help and support.

Sincerely,

Mr and Mrs Steve Lewis

10 February 2006

J.Edward Bower
 2049 W 237th St
 Torrance, CA 90501

Mayor and City Council
 3031 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, Ca. 90503
 ATTN: Margie Werner

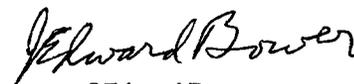
Dear Sirs:

I strongly object to, and seriously question the need for, the new ordinance being considered by the city that would outlaw or severely limit the parking of large vehicles (motor homes, campers, trailers, etc.) on Torrance streets. It does not seem to me that these vehicles are causing enough safety or nuisance problems to justify the resulting costs and inconvenience to the vehicle owners, nor the enforcement costs to the city taxpayers. Why can't nearly all of the problem vehicles be dealt with using the "72 hour" rule and other laws now in effect, plus a little mediation and education?

Why must the rights and privileges of all RV owners be curtailed to rid us of the real or perceived offenses of the very few? Is the significant cost and inconvenience to owners for storage, and for travel to and from far distant storage facilities justified? The few nearby storage lots are very expensive, have long waiting lists, and are closing for other uses. Why is the city addressing an insignificant issue while seemingly ignoring major traffic, parking, and infrastructure problems caused by rampant construction of major condominium and townhouse complexes?

I beg you, please read and seriously consider my attached comments on the draft ordinance. This proposed ordinance will seriously hamper future city residents ability to own a RV. Many will miss out on the many family adventures, joys, thrills, sense of security, and comfort a RV can provide. Based on our experience this would be a real tragedy! I am eager to discuss this issue with you anytime! You can reach me at phone; 310-325-7693, e-mail, bowertonk@aol.com.

Sincerely,


 J.Edward Bower

Encl:

2006 FEB 10 AM 11:12

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COMMENTS ON OVERSIZE VEHICLE DRAFT ORDINANCE

This city ordinance would essentially ban street parking of campers, motor homes, and trailers except by special permit. Such action would put serious hardship on the owners of these vehicles, and can not be justified by the facts. The findings cited as justification, in SECTION 1 of the ordinance, pose no meaningful degrading of public health, safety, or livability; the only valid reasons for the action. The cited findings are rebutted in the following paragraphs (paragraph numbers are the same as in the ordinance).

(a) It is the drivers of the far more numerous commercial vehicles, such as delivery trucks and moving vans, that “interfere with the normal flow of traffic” (They park where ever they can, even in the middle of the street). As whole, the drivers of large recreational vehicles (RVs) are significantly more skilled, considerate, and cautious than most drivers. They try hard to avoid even driving on narrow streets and are very cautious about where they park. Is RV parking really a problem for traffic flow?

(b) This ordinance is obviously directed toward RVs, who’s numbers are infinitesimal compared to the 100’s of thousands of other vehicles, large and small, parked on our city streets. All parked vehicles “create visual obstructions” to a greater or lesser degree. The exempted large pickups and sports utility vehicles are nearly as bad offenders and are far more numerous. A city census found only about 405 RVs, or approximately one per ¾ mile of street.

(c) Nearly all bicyclists and drivers seem to be much more cautious while passing a large parked vehicle, because they seem to take up more of the roadway than they do. The probability is, this actually enhances the cyclists safety and that of all traffic in the vicinity of the large RV.

(d) Obstruction of “emergency access” is possible but not very probable; see (a) above.

(e) Do “quantities of gasoline and propane - a highly volatile fire hazard” in RVs, parked in the street away from inhabited structures, really represent a significant safety hazard to people and property, compared to the tens of thousands of cars and barbecues present in nearly all residential driveways, patios, and garages of our city? Lets get real, there is only about 400 street parked RVs in the whole city.

(f) Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. If RVs parked on the street really do (debatable) “negatively affect the aesthetics and livability of the community and residents” what about all the other vehicles, poorly kept homes and yards, power and utility lines, just to name a few? That RVs cause a “noise level problem any more than all the other vehicles on the streets is ridiculous! Sewage odor from RVs is virtually nonexistent; just visit any crowded RV park and see for yourself. Why are RVs being singled out?

(g) Trailers do not need an “independent braking system” because their owners block or chain the wheels to prevent a runaway, just like car drivers select the parking gear and brake when parking. Is the trailer owner less likely to forget this safety precaution?

(h) To a very small degree it may be that “current parking regulations are inadequate to address the problem of parking oversize vehicles”, but is this any justification for banning parking of RVs on our streets except by special temporary permit? This puts onerous inconvenience and cost burden on all RV owners who are not lucky enough to be able to park on their own property. RV owners current parking rights and privileges will become misdemeanors? There has to be a better way!

SUMMARY: The stated reasons for this ordinance certainly do not justify a city street parking ban on all RVs except by special 24 hour limited permit! This ordinance states “oversize vehicles” but really is directed only at RVs; all other large vehicles are excluded. Of the 405 RVs found parked on city streets (by city census), certainty, only a handful presented any meaningful hazard to public safety or traffic flow, and those that did were probably improperly parked to begin with. Hazard to public safety and traffic flow is the

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only valid reason for action directed at parked RVs, and existing laws adequately deal with improper vehicle parking.

It appears parked RVs are being singled out because they are more noticeable (visible) than other vehicles, not because of the alleged problems they cause. Banning all RV parking is just the lazy-mans way of dealing with the few parking problems that may exist. Do the individuals who complain about the aesthetics of RVs recognize the value of a partially stocked RV to their neighborhood in event of a disaster, such as a major earthquake? They are a ready source of limited fuel, water, electricity, food, and first aid supplies, and can be used for emergency communications, and can provide air conditioned quarters for the critically ill or injured.

Are we going to put all RV owners (especially those who cannot park on their property) to significant inconvenience and expense to satisfy the whims of the few who do not like them? Is this fair? With the growing price of real estate, the cost of RV storage space can only go up while its availability shrinks; the proposed ordinance will greatly aggravate this problem. Local storage space is already very expensive and scarce. Ferrying your RV long distances in heavy traffic to/from storage is also quite expensive, time consuming, and stressful. How many moderate income RV owners will be able to afford to use or even keep RVs?

Many man hours have been expended to develop this ordinance and many more will be needed to complete, pass, and implement it. Then there will be the continuing administration and enforcement expenses which could be significant. I don't think real benefits (if any) to the city are going to be nearly worth the tax payer costs, and the cost and inconvenience to the RV owners. Lets dump this bad ordinance before it goes any further!

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13 February 2006

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J. Edward Bower
2049 W. 237th St.
Torrance, Ca. 90501
Phone: 310-325-7693Mayor and City Council
3031 Torrance, Ca. 90503
ATTN: Margie Werner

Dear Sirs:

I recently sent you a letter expressing my opposition to the proposed city ordinance restricting parking of "oversize vehicles" (motor homes, campers, and trailers) on Torrance streets. If my words did not convince you that this ordinance should not be enacted, I must point out a few revisions that need to be made to make it workable.

Temporary parking permits will allow residents, or their guests, to park only in front of their residence. There will be many situations, such as other parked vehicles, that will make it impossible to park right in front. Can you imagine anyone wanting to park anywhere else to load and unload? The requirement to park in front of the residence is unworkable, unnecessary, unreasonable, and should be deleted from the ordinance!

The requirement that no power cords, or hoses be run across parkways or sidewalks to an RV is also unreasonable and unworkable. How is a person 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? None of the RV storage yards provide these facilities, and these facilities are not readily available anywhere else. This would be a real problem for any owner not lucky enough to be able to park on his property. The requirement must be deleted from the ordinance!

Not mandated in the ordinance, but much needed, is an automated dial-up phone system that will prompt the caller to punch in his vehicle license number and desired dates to obtain a parking permit. This will allow an RV owner to easily get a permit from anywhere anytime of day or night without delays, hassles, or the inconvenience of having to appear at city hall to fill out an application. This is a real plus because, if properly set up, it also could provide for permit cancellation and make it easy for law enforcement to verify a permit was issued. The computer programmer I talked to thought the equipment and programming needed to implement this would be pretty simple and inexpensive. A phone in permit system should be mandated by the ordinance, not just allowed!

The ordinance does not give the police department enough latitude in deciding whether to issue a permit. Who can foresee the many reasons for issuing or extending permits, much less include them all in the ordinance. Give the police some leeway!

If you vote the ordinance in, and I surely hope you do not, I certainly hope you will see to it that my above suggestions are incorporated.

Sincerely,



J. Edward Bower

Note: All remarks are made to a draft ordinance released to the public last August. I have sent similar written comments to Transportation Planning, but have no feedback: If changes have been made since August I don't know it. This week they gave me a new ordinance copy same as the August version. To check status I have made numerous calls to staff members Semaan, Peerapol, and Crump, only to each their voice-mail. Each time I have left a message to please call back, which they have not done me the courtesy.

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 2:58 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV parking

From: Spreitzers [mailto:spreitzer@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2006 2:16 PM
To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: RV parking

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to you about the proposed change to the RV parking restrictions. I attended most of the meetings concerning the RV Parking last year. The first one I attended, Ted Semaan spoke about how ineffective the present laws were. He told us that there were over 700 complaints the previous year about people parking their RV's longer than three days. The police officer who spoke at that meeting told us how difficult it is to enforce the law because people continue to move their vehicle forward and back a few inches every three days to avoid being cited. So the staff and the meeting attendees began a process of hammering out some reasonable new rules that would allow people to park their vehicles while they loaded or unloaded for a trip. After several months it seemed that some workable plans had been made. Then suddenly a very vocal group of RV owners got wind of what was going on. They did a lot of hollering, and now a very watered down version of the original plan will be coming before you. I guess 700 hundred complaints and frustrated police suddenly don't count. Many people feel intimidated by the heated exchanges that took place and have gone silent.

As I understand it, one Council Member owns and parks a boat and trailer in front of his home. So I am assuming that council member will have to abstain from voting on this issue. This could present the possibility of a tie vote on this proposal. (And we know what a mess that can be!). I would suggest the council place this issue on the June ballot along with the mayoral and council member election. I don't know for sure that this is possible, but it seems that this action would be quite fair. We wouldn't have neighbor pitted against neighbor publicly.

I would like to see a stronger rule change but I would support any improvement to the law. RV's block your view when backing out of a driveway and are hard to maneuver around when passing an approaching car. Our streets are not large enough to accommodate these vehicles on a full time basis. We owned an RV for many years and always paid to store it in Harbor City. I think it is rude to expect your neighbors to put up with large, unsightly vehicles.

The majority of people in Torrance do not own an RV. Don't let the tail wag the dog.

Donna Spreitzer
21930 Ocean Av
Torrance, CA 90503
310-316-3939

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:34 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV Parking

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

From: CranKings@aol.com
To: Scotto, Frank
Sent: 01/10/2006 7:10 PM
Subject: Re: RV Parking

If you want to see the nightmare of RV parking drive down Macafee Rd tonight or tomorrow.

(Macafee Rd is parallel to Calle Mayor one street north (away from Calle Mayor Middle School, turn onto Carlow from Calle MAYor and turn left on the next left which is Macafee)

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:28 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV parking in Torrance

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

From: C. Fahy
 To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; mhmauno@torrnet.cm; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: 02/01/2006 9:40 AM
 Subject: RV parking in Torrance

Hello--

I have wanted to tell you about my experience with RV parking in Torrance for many years. After reading the recent letters to the editor in the Daily Breeze, and having ready access to your email addresses, I am finally motivated to tell you my story.

I bought a small bungalow at 821 Teri Avenue in June of 1999. When I looked at the house I did not notice one RV parked anywhere near the property. When I moved into the house a month later I immediately became disturbed by a large RV parked in the driveway adjoining my driveway. But I rationalized that they were entitled to use their land in whatever way they needed.

Imagine my surprise when a few months later I walk out my front door and in the FRONT YARD (!!!!!!!!!!!!!) of the house on the other side of me, an RV was parked with the rear end facing my front yard. I was appalled and shocked. I couldn't believe that in a city like Torrance, RV's would be allowed to be parked on the grass in the front yard of a home. The only word that came to my mind was "trailer trash"---I was living in a city that condoned the appearance of "trailer trash". Now I was really mad and after finding out that the city condones this behavior, I felt completely helpless. I would've begun the process of moving however I'd only moved in four months prior and I was just too tired to think about moving again. My perception of the city of Torrance, its management and its vision for its reputation was forever changed.

A few more months went by and one morning as I lifted the shade to my kitchen window that looks toward the street I saw a huge, long RV parked across from my house. It took up the whole expense from one driveway to the next--it was more than 40 feet long! I looked to my right and saw the RV parked in the front yard and looked to my left and saw the RV parked in the driveway and straight ahead was this behemoth parked in the street. I was penned in on all sides. What an oppressive experience.

I had already checked into the "laws" governing RV's in Torrance and learned that I had little power.

Fortunately the RV from across the street was only parked there for several days at a time.

That was acceptable to me. What made the whole situation oppressive was the additive effect of the RV's of the neighbors around me. Surely Torrance doesn't mean to be a parking facility for these owners of RV's? You are allowing this at the expense of the comfort of your taxpayers.

As for the argument that these people are entitled to park like this...that is ridiculous. RV owners are a small fraction of the population. If they can afford an RV, they should afford the off-site parking for the RV. Also there is the added benefit that an RV can be considered a "second home" and therefore it is a tax write off. I'm pretty sure this is the case and if it is, it makes the home parking allowance even more absurd and priveleged. Why should these people park their "second home" where a home already exists thereby doubling up on land usage. That is oppressive to the surrounding community. The

word to describe it is DENSITY. There is an oppressive feeling to a neighborhood that is too dense. One of the reasons I bought in Torrance was so that my neighbor was a good distance away and I didn't feel the sense of being on top of each other. But that need was not met because of the RV's dominance over my land.

The story gets worse. I did look into calling the police or the city department when my neighbor parked his RV on the street (moving it out of his driveway) for months at a time. No one came. They were never cited. And I was told by the neighbor that they had an "in" at city hall. After hearing that comment, I knew my efforts were futile.

Another RV owner parked their RV on Maricopa just around the corner from my house on Teri. There was often an electric cord coming from the RV to the house indicating that clearly someone was living there.

Because this RV impaired my vision as I was trying to pull out from Teri onto Maricopa, I called twice regarding this RV. I thought "surely this RV will be moved". The RV never moved! Clearly it doesn't matter what the rules of Torrance say! Somehow there are special priveleges for RV owners that supercede the regulations.

Finally my neighbor who often parked his RV in his driveway allowed his sister to pull her RV in his driveway while his RV was parked in front of his house. For many months the sister seemed to live both in the house and in the RV.

As you can see from this, the RV owners perspective is one that has some merit, but not when it is placed next to the real life experiences of the citizens of Torrance. I challenge you to make a public plea to hear more stories like mine. I bet they are out there.

I moved out of that house last year and I couldn't get away fast enough. What a terrible experience that was for me.

Sincerely,

Carol Fahy
310-318-7607

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:29 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: Traffic Imponds

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

From: CranKings@aol.com
To: Scotto, Frank
Sent: 01/30/2006 8:00 PM
Subject: Traffic Imponds

Mr. Scotto,

Could you please get me for the past year (or some recent period of time);:

- o - the number of complaints about long-term car parking;
- o - the number of complaints about long term RV/OV parking;
- o - the number of cars towed due to long-term parking;
- o - the number of tickets/fines imposed on cars due to long-term parking;
- o - the number of RVs/OVs towed due to long-term parking;
- o - the number of tickets/fines imposed on RVs/OVs due to long-term parking.

Any information you can get me would be greatly appreciated.

Norman W Bauer
4808 Macafee Rd
Torrance Ca 90505

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:29 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV parking

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

From: Ms. Cahn
 To: dwalkwe@torrnet.com
 Sent: 01/30/2006 12:29 PM
 Subject: RV parking

My name is Hilary Berry-Cahn and I live on Asteria Street in Torrance. My street has MANY RVs parked on it and I don't like it. I understand that if you own one and it is parked in front of your own house, you should have a right...but I object strongly to people from down the street or around the corner, parking their RV in front of my house for days or weeks on end. I don't want to see their huge monstrosity nor is it safe to have all these obstructions parked on residential streets where children are playing, riding, skating, running, etc. The speeders don't pay much attention now, I can only have nightmares what would happen if you allowed these view obstructions more leniency's in the parking codes. Please do NOT lessen the restrictions on parking. Tighten them!

Ms. Cahn
 Madison Elementary School
 2200 Mackay Lane
 Redondo Beach, CA 90278
 (310)798-8623

Yahoo! Autos <http://us.rd.yahoo.com/evt=38381/ylc=X3oDMTEzcGlrdGY5BF9TAzk3MTA3MDc2BHNlYwNtYWlscGFncwRzbGsDMWF1dG9z/*http://autos.yahoo.com/index.html> . Looking for a sweet ride? Get pricing, reviews, & more on new and used cars.

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:30 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV Parking in Torrance

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

From: Ronda Flanagan
 To: Walker, Dan
 Cc: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank;
 Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: 01/26/2006 10:44 AM
 Subject: RV Parking in Torrance

Dear Dan Walker and City Council Members, I know you get a lot of things said against you, I read and hear them all the time.

This is a chance for you make a difference.

I am writing to you in regards to RV parking in Torrance. I am sure you have had many letters written to you (and there has been a few newspaper articles lately) with the concerns on not letting people park their RVs, and trailers and such on the city streets. Well, I am writing to with reasons and concerns for letting people park their RVs and trailers and trucks on the street.

First, I just want to say that I fortunately get to park my RV in my driveway. I have had to move it to the street a few times due to us having some work done on our house and we parked it on the street. But, I have always been conscious of how long it had to be on the street and would move it and clean the gutter area so the gutter wouldn't get clogged up with a bunch of debris or anything. Also, I had informed my neighbors on what we were doing so they knew that we weren't just parking it there to leave it until whenever.

Second, I want to say that the street I live on is right by a school.

There is so much traffic in the morning before school starts and after school when school get outs that I have a hard time, a lot of the time getting out of my driveway because cars come around the corners so fast and don't care that people are coming and going in that area. I have heard people honk at kids on bikes riding in the street and kids trying to cross the street in my area. People block my driveway and I can't get in it at these times either. I hear people yell at each other while they wait in line at the stop signs here because they are in such a hurry.

The reason I am telling you all this is because we found that the times we have had to park our RV on the street, it makes people slow down and look at what is going on and makes them think about what is around the RV and coming at them. You never really hear of accidents because an RV was parked somewhere. Most accidents happen because people are just in too much of a hurry these days. People need a few obstacles in there way sometimes to make them realize how fast they are going and so on.

Please do not get me wrong. I do not agree that people should be able to park their RV for as long as they want, especially if they are not using it. But, when we go to use it, it is nice to be able to take it out of our driveway if we need to or when we come home, be able to leave it on the street for a day or two.

I by no means, condone the people using the street as their full time spot.

This last year in August (I think it was that month) some man taped a letter to my husbands truck (just a Chevy 2500) that was parked on the street in front of our house. Our RV was in our driveway at the time and the man had no right to tape anything on our vehicle. The letter he wrote said that it was a legal notice to inform us that if anything happened to anyone because of our RV that it would be our fault. He said he figured that due to the fact that we even owned an RV that we should be able to pay for a storage facility to store. His letter went on to say that he felt people were living in these RVs and that it makes crime come into the neighborhood due to the kind of people that would live in one. He also stated that it brought down property values and that we needed to park it somewhere behind our fences so that it couldn't be seen from the street. He said he reported our license plates to the Torrance police. This man was violating us when he taped that letter to our property.

I also, felt very threatened by him in regards to this letter and felt that if he was really that unhappy he might come and actually harm our property or us.

I have to point out that I have two children of my own that walk our neighborhood to school and to their friends houses and the store, etc...

I do understand the concerns of other people and the parking situation.

And that if I could afford to put my RV in a storage facility I would.

Storage places are not cheap. It costs me money to own the RV and insure the RV and I can't afford a storage place that is why we park it in our driveway.

I just want you to understand that RV and trailer owners do care about their neighbors and neighborhood and community. We just want to be able to use our RVs and explore the world with our children. To enjoy life with our family or spouses and not be harassed by people with threatening letters.

I have such a hard time believing that people have nothing more to be concerned about than RV parking. There is a child molester that lives just on the next block from me about a block from me and is just a block from a middle school and high school. There is a supposed half way house just a block down on my street that is just a block from our middle school. The sidewalks are so messed up in front of our houses from the big trees and roots, kids don't want to use them because they create hazard and the city has done nothing about this. I have complained many times and the city has nothing about it. Please!!! Where is the concern on these issues. You can not tell me that we should be wasting time right now on RV parking.

Where is the concern on people driving too fast on neighborhood streets.

That is the real danger to people and kids on the streets. I think that when the RVs and trailers are parked on the street people have to drive more carefully!!!!

I hope you take all of this into consideration when you are deciding on new laws regarding parking.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

<<http://us.il.yimg.com/us.yimg.com/i/mesg/tsmileys2/03.gif>> Ronda Flanagan

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Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:30 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: I'm FOR Allowing RV Parking on Torrance Streets

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

From: Etymer@aol.com
To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 01/24/2006 6:29 PM
Subject: I'm FOR Allowing RV Parking on Torrance Streets

I've been a Torrance resident for 16 years. I do not own an RV.

The reason I am FOR continuing to allow RV parking on the streets, is because I'm a firm believer that family camping trips create strong family bonds. It may not be convenient for everyone to store an RV at a remote location. It also might not be affordable.

I can understand if you need to put certain restrictions on the parking of RVs, but I would hate to see street parking totally eliminated.

Thank you for the great job you all do to continue to make Torrance a great place to live.

Ellie Tymer
etymer@aol.com <mailto:etymer@aol.com>

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:30 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV and Trailer Parking on Residential Streets

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

From: dlmatson@aol.com
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 01/22/2006 8:30 PM
Subject: RV and Trailer Parking on Residential Streets

We strongly urge the City Council to prohibit the parking of RVs and trailers on Torrance residential streets. This not only is affecting the ascetic quality of our city but poses a significant safety and traffic hazard, especially for young children. We personally have witnessed near misses due to lack of visibility caused by parked RVs.

The situation is getting out of control and the City can no longer ignore the problem. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

David and Mary Matson
Torrance residents

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:31 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: large vehicle parking

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

From: Sue Aaron
To: Scotto, Frank
Sent: 01/22/2006 8:27 PM
Subject: large vehicle parking

I am concerned about the problems related to the street parking of trailers and recreational vehicles in Torrance. It is a traffic hazard, a safety hazard, a health hazard, and an unsightly thing that has a negative impact on property values. I would like current laws to be modified to eliminate or at least be very restrictive of street parking of these vehicles. However, if any changes in the law are not well thought out, I think that many of these owners will simply park their vehicles in their driveways, or worse yet, on their front yards. I understand that there is a certain percent of your yard that can be converted into a parking space and that it is currently legal to park a vehicle on your front yard if you prepare a prescribed type of pad for the vehicle to be parked on. There is such a situation on a street near my house, and having a huge vehicle parked right at the front door of this house is detrimental to the looks of that house and the neigh!

borhood. It also blocks pedestrians' and drivers' view. I believe that the current laws need to be modified to restrict yard parking of large vehicles and perhaps cars, too.

I understand that the owners of these large vehicles will not be happy with any tightening of the restrictions. Had they observed the current laws, perhaps further restriction would not have been necessary.

There is a city near Torrance where people prefer not to buy a house because of the junk-yard appearance of the neighborhoods. Property values there have not increased in the same way they have in other cities nearby. That city is working on making improvements. Other cities, such as Hawthorne and RPV, are also currently dealing with this same problem, as was detailed in a recent Daily Breeze article. There are many residents in Torrance and in other cities around the South Bay that are opposed to the street parking of large vehicles. Torrance must restrict the parking of large vehicles and strictly enforce any restrictions that are put in place.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Sue Aaron

Sue Aaron
sueaaron@earthlink.net <mailto:sueaaron@earthlink.net>

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:31 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: R.V Parking

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

From: Marsha Cummins
To: Scotto, Frank
Sent: 01/22/2006 6:21 PM
Subject: R.V Parking

Hello Mr Scotto,

Please eliminate all R.V parking on Torrance streets. Possibly something could be worked out for 24hrs to load or unload. No one wants one parked in front of their house for days at a time sometimes weeks.

Sincerely,

Mike & Marsha Cummins

Yahoo! Photos - Showcase holiday pictures in hardcover Photo Books
<http://us.rd.yahoo.com/mail_us/taglines/photobooks/*http://pa.yahoo.com/*http://us.rd.yahoo.com/mail_us/taglines/photos/evt=38088/*http://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph//page?.file=photobook_splash.html> . You design it and we'll bind it!

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:31 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV--on--street--parking

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

From: E3036@aol.com
To: fscotto@torrnet.com
Sent: 01/22/2006 6:12 PM
Subject: RV--on--street--parking

I live at the south end of Anza Ave. near PCH, where parking is very hard to come by. One owner has two rv's. One is a 1978 Dodge Van, Az. LIC#GNG613, JAN 06. Never moves from 23540 Anza Ave. His other is a Winnebago, 28'-32', CA LIC#5KLS160. One week parked west side of Anza Ave. 23537, one week parked east side of Anza Ave. 23536.

I am sending this e-mail to each member of the City Council and to City Hall. Thank you very much.

Marcel V Naret

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:31 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: Oversized vehicles parked on Onyx Street

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

From: Anntikk@aol.com
 To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
 Sent: 01/22/2006 12:39 PM
 Subject: Oversized vehicles parked on Onyx Street

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I am writing to ask that two large SNAP-ON TOOLS trucks routinely parked on Onyx Street be banned from doing so. They are parked at the corner of Victor Street and the 5000 block of Onyx Street, near West High and Victor Elementary. This is a busy street for school children, both walking and being delivered in cars and these two large trucks create a safety hazard, making it difficult to turn into or out of Onyx Street.

The owners usually take one or both of these trucks out at some point during the weekday, so they probably can evade the 72-hour parking limit. But, they are there daily, year-round for a major portion of every 24-hour period.

Many neighbors on Onyx Street have commented about the nuisance created by these huge trucks. And although they are not Recreational Vehicles (RVs), they are certainly as large and generate the same concerns as RVs:

- * a traffic hazard
- * a safety hazard (although I notice they no longer keep an electrical cord strung across the sidewalk to plug into the trucks at night)
- *unsightly
- *negatively impact property values

I would hate to think how the neighborhood would look if every homeowner parked a similarly sized vehicle (let alone TWO) in front of his home.

I hope you will also take into consideration these types of oversized vehicles when you address the RV street parking issue in February.

Sincerely,

Ann Curtis
 5222 Onyx Street
 Torrance 90503
 (310) 542-7692

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:32 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV Parking

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

From: WML HAAS
To: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Scotto, Frank; hwitknowsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 01/22/2006 12:24 PM
Subject: RV Parking

City Council Members:

This is to voice our concern regarding the hazard that RV's pose when parking on the streets of Torrance, and in many instances in driveways.

As a long time Torrance resident, I would appreciate your vote to tighten the present restrictions on RV parking.

Thank you.

Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Haas
5114 Newton Street

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:32 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV Parking

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

From: JAMES RUDOLPH
To: Walker, Dan; Mauno, Michael H; Guyton, Rod; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope; pmnowatka@tornett.com; McIntyre, Pat
Cc: Diane Rudolph; Rudolph, James
Sent: 01/21/2006 8:26 PM
Subject: RV Parking

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

Recently, I received a letter indicating a long standing problem regarding RV parking. I find it hard to believe this issue has to be brought before the city council for a resolution. The answer is simple, please allow Torrance to remain the family oriented city it is so well known for. This is not a gated community; so lets not try and make it one.

My wife and I enjoy living and working in the City of Torrance. We also enjoy using our RV to away because this helps us to relieve our stress. When we purchased our first RV, over four years ago, we were able to park it on Calle Mayor behind our home. When parking signs were recently erected behind our house that restricted the parking on Calle Mayor, we were forced to park the RV in front of our home. Storage for our RV would be approximately \$3,000.00 a year! If we had to pay that much to store it, it would not make sense for us to keep it. Please consider we are just one family that will be impacted. There will be many families facing this same dilemma.

In closing, consider the impact this may have on the entire community. If there is a solution that will accommodate everyone, I haven't been able to find it yet. I do know there are not enough storage spaces for the current RV's in the City of Torrance; not to mention storage for future RV owners. If a change is necessary, please provide a reasonable solution for RV owner's.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Respectfully,

James Rudolph (Torrance PD)
Diane Rudolph (Pelican Products)

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:32 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV PARKING

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

From: Pat Palyo
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkorsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 01/21/2006 12:26 PM
Subject: RV PARKING

To whom it may concern:

I am very much concerned about the RV parking on McAfee Rd and I'm sure there are many others in Torrance. I have the understanding that vehicles not moved after 72 hours may be towed and some of the RV owners have been given leniency. I know for a fact, a contractor we had left his truck parked just over the weekend and was towed! Not fair.

The RV's are very unsightly for a residential area. I do hope a satisfactory resolution can be found.

Thank you, Pat Palyo

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:32 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: Parking RVs on street

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

From: Richard Dingman
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmmowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 01/20/2006 10:32 PM
Subject: Parking RVs on street

Dear Mayor Walker and City Council:

As residents of Vista Largo since 1965, we are proud of our street and its well-kept houses. However, for the past two years we have had a neighbor who parks his RV continually at the curb. Except when it was once hit and away for repairs, it always seems to be unused. To get around the 72 hour rule he moves it a few feet, but it is always in evidence somewhere on the street.

Surely this law was meant to prevent the constant parking of vehicles that give Vista Largo a trailer park look and make it necessary for people coming down the hill to go over on the other side of the street to pass.

We read that a vote is coming up on this, and we urge action that would close this 72 hour loophole.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard G. and Frances Dingman
4439 Vista Largo
Torrance 90505

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:33 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV Street Parking In Torrance

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

From: Mr. Oglio
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 01/20/2006 4:09 PM
Subject: RV Street Parking In Torrance

Dear Torrance Mayor and City Council:

I am a longtime resident of Torrance and I would like to express my support for limitations on the street parking of recreational vehicles.

I have attended some of the hearings and discussed the matter at length with friends and fellow RV owners. As an active participant in the YMCA Parent-Child programs I do a lot of camping and have had opportunity to discuss such things at Y events. In general, most people support the idea of limitations but struggle with the details of how to make the program simple and enforceable.

I wish I had a perfect solution to the problem but the best I can offer is my opinion that street parking of RVs is unsightly and a traffic hazard. I hope that you find a simple way to limit the long term parking of RVs in residential areas.

Carl Caprioglio
22640 Lupine Drive
Torrance CA 90505

Crump, Jill

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2006 4:33 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV curb side parking

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

From: Yankeesttnone@aol.com
To: Mauno, Michael H; Guyton, Rod; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 01/18/2006 10:16 PM
Subject: RV curb side parking

Dear City Council Members:

My name is Stephen Vaccarezza and I live at 4604 Macafee Rd.

I am writing this letter to let you know that on my street on any given day there are recreational vehicles that are constantly parked along the curb making navigation through the street at times a one car lane and obstructing the view of the driver. The police department is ineffective at enforcing the current city ordinance of allowing a maximum three day curb side parking of RVs. Enforcing the current law and increasing cost of the citation should be considered. Writing a new law would be inexcusable. The City police is also ineffective at enforcing drag racers on Saturday afternoons during the summer on Calle Mayor Street from Carlow Road to PCH. Motor cycle tail pipe noise is also a problem in the neighborhood. An exhaust noise abatement law if not currently on the books should be written and enforced just like it is in Laguna Beach. Police officers in Laguna Beach using a decibel meter measure the exhaust noise being emitted from the tail pipe of the motor cycle in question and impose the appropriate fine.

Regards,
Stephen Vaccarezza

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 4:30 PM
To: Crump, Jill; Gibson, Jeff
Subject: FW: Recreational vehicle parking in Torrance

From: Terry Branigan [mailto:terry.branigan@nukote.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 12:55 PM
To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; mhmauno@torrnet.co; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Cc: 'Annabel Branigan'
Subject: Recreational vehicle parking in Torrance

Dear Gentleman,

My wife Sandra and I wish to convey to you our concern with the parking situation due to R.V. and large trailer parking on our block and in Torrance. We live at 5024 Cathann St. in the Southwood area of our city. Specifically, on the corner of Cathann St. and Palos Verdes Blvd. is one example of how difficult it is to maneuver a vehicle between the large trailer there and any car parked adjacent to it. It is a traffic clearance problem. I am sure other residents have voiced negative opinions of their situations with traffic clearance problems and large unsightly parked vehicles. The large vehicles look bad on the street. We would like to add our voices of concern that the problem be properly addressed. It is in your power to enforce a strong law to insure that recreational vehicles and large trailers not be allowed to park indiscriminately on our streets. I appreciate all your work and hope that by hearing our concern you find a reasonable solution to this problem.

Best Regards, Terence Branigan

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2006 6:01 PM
To: CranKings@aol.com; Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Questions about RV Parking

Thank you Mr. Bauer. The interpretation of the "grandfathering" clause was defined and directed by the Traffic Commission with no statute of limitations (not to say that it was done without discussion on a statute). Thanks, Ted.

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

From: CranKings@aol.com [mailto:CranKings@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 8:55 PM
To: TSEMAAN@TORRNET.COM
Subject: Re: Questions about RV Parking

My confusion comes from the use of the word grandfathering. I took it to mean (as per Webster's Fourth Edition Dictionary) " a clause in some legislation regulating a certain activity which exempts those already engaged in it before the legislation was passed". I took this to mean that new parking regulations would not apply to those granted "permanent" permits. But your interpretation is that these RVs would be subject to all parking regulations existent at the time in the future. So the grandfathering in the ordinance is of the requirement to get a temporary permits, not the grandfathering of the current parking laws. I did not get this sense in your analysis or the ordinance itself.

One further question I would love to have answered - Why is there no statute of limitations on the grandfathering, i.e. why not let this "permanment" permit have a lifetime of 2-3 years or some such number?

Thank you very much for your response,

Norman W. Bauer
4808 Macafee Rd.
Torrance Ca 90505

Semaan, Ted

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2006 6:45 PM
To: CranKings@aol.com
Cc: trrische@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Questions about RV Parking

Hello Mr. Bauer,

I will attach my responses to your questions below. Please let me know if you need any additional clarifications.

Thanks,
 Ted

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

From: CranKings@aol.com [mailto:CranKings@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2006 9:01 PM
To: TSEMAAN@TORRNET.COM
Cc: trrische@yahoo.com
Subject: Questions about RV Parking

I am sorry I did not get your response to my questions. I am sending them again. In addition, I have one additional question:

New Question: In your analysis (Oct 3, 2005 Meeting, Agenda Item No. 6a), you state "The benefit of this process would allow the City to make an accurate inventory of all oversized vehicles, and allow City of Torrance residents who are owners of these vehicles to park them on public streets, obeying all current traffic laws."
My question is does current refer to current as of Dec 29, 2006 or the current traffic laws at that date in the future? It would apply to both.

Question 1: Under the 1-for-1 replacement provision, can a permit holder replace an OV with any OV or is there to be some kind of kind/ size restriction?

MY ANSWER: Yes - There is no replacement restriction. Yes the replacement is a one for one on comparable vehicles.

Question 2: If I am a permit holder and move within Torrance, is my permit valid there?

MY ANSWER: Yes it is valid anywhere a holder lives within Torrance. Yes.

Question 3: If I have a permit, move out of Torrance and return is my permit still valid?

MY ANSWER: Yes. No. Once you're out of the City, then the permit grandfathering connection is lost. But the only way to confirm is via DMV registration information.

Question 4: Is the permit holder responsible for providing yearly proff of primary residence in Torrance?

MY ANSWER: No The answer is YES & NO. No we will not be requiring the owners to provide that proof on an annual basis. But, on a case-by-case basis, if we receive a complaint, then the owner of that permitted vehicle

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will have to show proof that they are still a resident of the City.

Question 5: Does being a Torrance residence mean that the person's primary residence is Torrance even after the permit is granted?

MY ANSWER: No - no checking is called for, possibly should be an annual verification. Yes, you can not own a home in RPV, rent your property in Torrance and claim residency out of it.

Crump, Jill

From: Werner, Margie
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2006 8:27 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: NO RV PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

From: Walker, Dan
 Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 8:51 PM
 To: 'Corrina Camou '
 Cc: COUNCIL2
 Subject: RE: NO RV PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS!!!!!!!!!!!!

I should explain that the City Council does not have a proposal. We haven't seen the item. It is not before us yet. What we have is a commission recommendation and nothing more. Unfortunately some people think that we have input just because something is coming in front of us. When it is before us please make your statement in person if possible. That way everyone can hear you. We will hear all sides of the issue and then and only then, the Council will make a decision. I look forward to talking to you in person.
 Dan

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

From: Corrina Camou
 To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; CranKings@aol.com
 Sent: 01/30/2006 12:10 PM
 Subject: NO RV PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL STREETS!!!!!!!!!!!!

I think your proposal to resolve the RV PARKING issue (The proposed ordinance: would allow the current situation to exist for current vehicles owners as long as they are Torrance residents) is really preposterous !. How would you think that this will solve getting these RV's off the streets?? As you know more and more home owners have more than two car and there isn't enough parking in the streets now let alone having to deal with these UGLY RV! that take up two parking spots and stay parked for weeks, month and sometimes years with out moving. You know for sure these RV aren't going to move soon if they're set up on JACKS and they've got window covers over the front windows.

I have a question do any of you have RV's parked in your area? And if the answer is NO than I can understand why it's NO BIG DEAL for you all.

The article that was written in Sunday's paper was kind of silly Remember if you see an RV parked in front of a house that means these people don't just sit at home they go places RIGHT! I don't think so!

Once a year isn't traveling. Find a storage site for those ugly RV they don't bring up property value cause you can't see the property your hiding our beautiful homes.

Why can we pretend we're ORANGE COUNTY they don't allow RV to be parked in the street whether there a resident or not.

There needs to be an ordinance put in place for the city of Torrance so that these dinosaurs are not able to park in the streets for NO LONGER than

48 hrs. A ticket should be given to them as a warning and also this allows the city to keep track if they moved it just a few feet. Maybe if they

start

getting find they'll put them in a storage site or park them in there driveway's so we can get our views back.....

STARTING TICKETING THESE RV MAKE MONEY FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2006 8:38 AM
To: Crump, Jill; Sullivan, Patrick; Matsuda, Mark
Subject: FW: RV Parking

FYI

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 9:16 PM
To: 'LJS1422@aol.com '
Cc: Herren, James; Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV Parking

Thank you for your email. I will be forwarding your email to our Police Chief and also Mr. Semaan who has been the City staff setting up community meetings to take information to present to the City Council for determination of action steps to this problem.

I understand and agree with your statement that when we purchased our homes we enjoyed the look of our neighborhood and the landscaping of our blocks. With RV's proliferating our neighborhoods we no longer enjoy this.

You will be notified when this item goes to city council and I would encourage you to attend the meeting and come to the podium to give testimony.

Sincerely,
 Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

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From: LJS1422@aol.com
To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Cc: pmnowatka@torrnet
Sent: 01/30/2006 7:11 PM
Subject: RV Parking

Please keep RV parking off the street, it is so dangers. If a child runs out from behind or in front its hopless for the driver to see.

Trying to see around them at corner is taking a chance. North Torrance has so many and some streets you can barely pass them. Thank You Leta Stephens

18808 Cerise Ave
 Torrance, CA
 90504

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 9:52 AM
To: Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: RV's Residential Neighborhoods

FYI.....

Jill, please add them to the notification list.

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

From: Witkowsky, Hope
 Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 10:20 PM
 To: 'ida kemperman '
 Cc: Herren, James; Semaan, Ted
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It is a safety hazard for so many reasons as I am sure you must be aware.

Our friends who visit here from Palos Verde's and Orange County have commented that our neighborhood looks like Camper Village.

I know that it has hurt property values as we are personally aware of house on our block not selling for long time due to so many motor homes in area.

PLEASE SAY NO TO MOTOR HOMES AND BOATS IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS.

Sincerely,

Ida Kemperman, Kelly & Mike Lombordozzi, Joy Sweetnam, Ernie & Bernice Seagren, Lila & Glenn Moss, Mary Lou Troke, Gus & Helen Dalis, Cally & Ron Yarnell

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 6:45 PM
To: Crump, Jill; Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV's Residential Neighborhoods

From: ida kemperman [mailto:i.kemperman@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 6:29 PM
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Crump, Jill

From: Pam & John Stack [jpstack@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 3:10 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV street parking

To Mayor Walker,

We would like to express our concern regarding RV on the streets of Torrance. We personally have a large RV on our street in the Hollywood Riviera that is an eyesore and a safety concern. It has already been involved in one accident where someone ran into it on our narrow street and we are just waiting for the next accident to happen. The owner moves it every 72 hours as the law prescribes, however the movement is only about 6 inches. Once a week he moves it on Thursday for street cleaning, but again only moves it a few houses down and returns it the next day. So any change in the law to make our streets safer would be appreciated by all the people of this neighborhood and many other neighborhoods as well. Please make it so that all RV parking is limited to the storage areas for them, rather than on our narrow little streets.

Thank you, John and Pam Stack

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Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 9:16 PM
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Cc: Herren, James; Semaan, Ted
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Trying to see around them at corner is taking a chance. North Torrance has so many and some streets you can barely pass them. Thank You Leta Stephens

18808 Cerise Ave
Torrance, CA
90504

Crump, Jill

From: TheGillilands [Bgilliland@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2006 8:58 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Information re: RV parking

Please contact us for future discussions regarding RV parking on Torrance streets. We live in North Torrance and are very concerned about the safety issues involved with our neighbors' trailer parked on a dangerous curve. It has been there for months and is a constant hazard for cars and pedestrians. On trash day, the residents place their trash cans out in the street, far from the curb, thereby causing an additional driving hazard.

Ruth and Brent Gilliland
teamgilliland@msn.com

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 5:29 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV parking

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

From: sandy sternquist
To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; pmmintyre@torrnet.com; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 01/23/2006 3:23 PM
Subject: FW: RV parking

Date: Mon, 23 Jan 2006 15:11:38 -0800

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Thank you for your consideration. We will be watching to see how each of you vote on this matter.

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To: Semaan, Ted
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-----Original Message-----

From: Paci, Mark (Space Technology)
To: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank;
Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 01/23/2006 3:33 PM
Subject: RV Parking

To all City Council Members

Being a rare breed, a native (born and raised) Torrance resident that has paid taxes to our City for over 40 years I feel I have a right to park my RV on our city streets as well as cars, SUV's, full size trucks and vans etc. My RV happens to be no more than 2 feet longer than an extended cab long bed full size truck...

Please be considerate of ALL taxpayers, the 72 hour law on the books has worked for all concerned.

Thank you for listening,

Mark Paci

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 5:30 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: I'm FOR Allowing RV Parking on Torrance Streets

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

From: Etymer@aol.com
To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 01/24/2006 6:29 PM
Subject: I'm FOR Allowing RV Parking on Torrance Streets

I've been a Torrance resident for 16 years. I do not own an RV.

The reason I am FOR continuing to allow RV parking on the streets, is because I'm a firm believer that family camping trips create strong family bonds. It may not be convenient for everyone to store an RV at a remote location. It also might not be affordable.

I can understand if you need to put certain restrictions on the parking of RVs, but I would hate to see street parking totally eliminated.

Thank you for the great job you all do to continue to make Torrance a great place to live.

Ellie Tymer
etymer@aol.com <mailto:etymer@aol.com>

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 5:30 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: On Street Parking

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

From: tomlin551@aol.com
 To: Walker, Dan
 Cc: Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Witkowsky, Hope; CDD Traffic
 Sent: 01/25/2006 11:54 AM
 Subject: On Street Parking

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citizenry.

The Tomlin Family
Concerned Residents of North Torrance

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 5:28 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV-on-street-parking from Hope

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

From: E3036@aol.com
To: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 01/22/2006 6:19 PM
Subject: RV-on-street-parking

I live at the south end of Anza Ave. near PCH, where parking is very hard to come by. One owner has two rv's. One is a 1978 Dodge Van, Az. LIC#GNG613, JAN 06. Never moves from 23540 Anza Ave. His other is a Winnebago, 28'-32', CA #5KLS160. One week parked west side of Anza Ave. 23537, one week parked east side of Anza Ave. 23536.

I am sending this e-mail to each member of the City Council and to City Hall. Thank you very much.

Marcel V Naret

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 5:29 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV and Trailer Parking on Residential Streets

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

From: dlmatson@aol.com
To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; McIntyre, Pat; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 01/22/2006 8:30 PM
Subject: RV and Trailer Parking on Residential Streets

We strongly urge the City Council to prohibit the parking of RVs and trailers on Torrance residential streets. This not only is affecting the ascetic quality of our city but poses a significant safety and traffic hazard, especially for young children. We personally have witnessed near misses due to lack of visibility caused by parked RVs. The situation is getting out of control and the City can no longer ignore the problem. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

David and Mary Matson
Torrance residents

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 5:29 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: large vehicle street parking

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

From: Sue Aaron
To: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: 01/22/2006 8:38 PM
Subject: large vehicle street parking

I am concerned about the problems related to the street parking of trailers and recreational vehicles in Torrance. It is a traffic hazard, a safety hazard, a health hazard, and an unsightly thing that has a negative impact on property values. I would like current laws to be modified to eliminate or at least be very restrictive of street parking of these vehicles. However, if any changes in the law are not well thought out, I think that many of these owners will simply park their vehicles in their driveways, or worse yet, on their front yards. I understand that there is a certain percent of your yard that can be converted into a parking space and that it is currently legal to park a vehicle on your front yard if you prepare a prescribed type of pad for the vehicle to be parked on. There is such a situation on a street near my house, and having a huge vehicle parked right at the front door of this house is detrimental to the looks of that house and the neighborhood. It also blocks pedestrians' and drivers' view. I believe that the current laws need to be modified to restrict yard parking of large vehicles and perhaps cars, too.

I understand that the owners of these large vehicles will not be happy with any tightening of the restrictions. Had they observed the current laws, perhaps further restriction would not have been necessary.

There is a city near Torrance where people prefer not to buy a house because of the junk-yard appearance of the neighborhoods. Property values there have not increased in the same way they have in other cities nearby. That city is working on making improvements. Other cities, such as Hawthorne and RPV, are also currently dealing with this same problem, as was detailed in a recent Daily Breeze article. There are many residents in Torrance and in other cities around the South Bay that are opposed to the street parking of large vehicles. Torrance must restrict the parking of large vehicles and strictly enforce any restrictions that are put in place.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Sue Aaron

Crump, Jill

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2006 5:29 PM
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Subject: FW: RV parking

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From: sandy sternquist
To: Walker, Dan; Guyton, Rod; Mauno, Michael H; pmmintyre@torrnet.com; Nowatka, Paul M.; Scotto, Frank; Witkowsky, Hope
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Crump, Jill

From: Richard Klein [dklein624@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2006 9:48 PM
To: CDDTraffic@Tornet.com
Subject: Upcoming consideration of changing RV parking restrictions

Sirs:

We have read in the Daily Breeze of Sunday January 22 that the Council is during the next month going to consider changing the current 72 hour limit on RV parking on city streets. We want to go on record as being in favor of any limitation, including outright banning of RV parking at the curb at any time. Our neighbor has one, which is almost never used, and currently parks it at various locations (moving it about twice per week) on the other side of the street from where our homes are located. Several times we have had close calls when backing out of our driveway. In addition, there was one instance where the daughter of this same RV owner going east in the morning was blinded by the sun and crashed into the rear of the RV;. My wife also experienced a close call due to the early morning sun. It is not surprising that this could occur on any east-west street. Anything that can be done to require these RV owners to park their vehicles in lots that are set up to handle them, we would definitely be in favor of.

Thank you

Richard Klein
Diane Klein
4327 Vista Largo
Torrance 90505
310-373-6172

Richard Klein
dklein624@earthlink.net
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

I am a Torrance resident and have been my whole life. I am very concerned about this city since I am here for the long term. I would like to ask you, our leaders, to please contemplate the following:

- 1) Removal of trees—The city of Torrance seems to LOVE to take trees out and replace them with trees that are substandard. I bought my house seven years ago and the big, beautiful tree that used to be out front was removed not long before we moved in. It was replaced with a tree that still, after seven years, looks like a stick! Not only mine, but my neighbors as well. I drive through the streets of North Torrance and it seems I see tree removers on a regular basis. Sun Ray Estates, located behind North High School, used to have beautiful trees which added to the beauty of the neighborhood. Last year, most of them were removed. I know what the city has told us—that only diseased trees that are removed, etc. That is not true. As I recall, when one of my neighbors asked for a second opinion, they were told the tree was perfectly healthy. Yet the City of Torrance wanted to remove it. I would like to ask if anyone has seen what the City of Lawndale has done with Hawthorne Blvd.? If not, I would encourage you to drive to Lawndale and take a look. It puts the City of Torrance to shame. The Lawndale strip of Hawthorne Boulevard is gorgeous! Why can't the City of Torrance do likewise and plant sycamore trees and other trees that grow into beautiful, big adult trees and increase the aesthetics of North Torrance? North Torrance seems to be the ignored portion of the city. I don't want constant "maintenance", I want BEAUTIFICATION! When Hope Witkowsky was elected, most of her votes probably came from North Torrance as she was a long time resident here. I even went to grade school with her children. I was happy hoping that finally, North Torrance would have local representation and that our concerns would be heard. I was dismayed to find that soon after the election, Hope Witkowsky moved to the southern part of the city. Now we have Rodney Guyton, with whom I attended North High. I don't know if Rodney still lives in North Torrance, but at least he has knowledge of the area. Perhaps we can have North Torrance beautified to match the rest of the city? I feel that we are a slighted group. Yes, we have road construction, tree removal, etc., but the north end does NOT look like the rest of Torrance.
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- 3) The removal of all the trees next to the 405 freeway--- We were told that this area would be beautified. All those beautiful trees were UNNECESSARILY removed and what remains is some grass and some weeds. I love my city and want/expect it's leaders to be concerned not only with west and south Torrance but with North Torrance. Can you please address the deterioration of our neighborhoods? Any help you can give us in these areas would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you- Donna Gunnar

Crump, Jill

From: tomlin551@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 11:54 AM
To: dwalker@torrnet.com
Cc: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; cddtraffic@torrnet.com
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Concerned Residents of North Torrance

Semaan, Ted

From: LazyDazyBlu [LazyDazyBlu@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 8:21 AM
To: Undisclosed-Recipient;
Subject: Torrance Oversized Vehicle proposal

Supposedly this important proposal was to be heard this evening. City Council Agenda, online, showed otherwise. Just checked with Jill Crump's assistant. The 'draft' of the Traffic Commission's proposal is now in limbo, in so far as the City Council meeting is concerned. For now, it may be scheduled for sometime in February.

According to the gentleman with whom I spoke, all who have received past notices will be notified. If you wish your name added to the list, you may call (310) 618-5990.

Please accept my apology for previous email sent with information available at that time.

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Crump, Jill

From: Werner, Margie
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 3:48 PM
To: CDD Traffic
Subject: RV Parking Comments

John Richards, 310-373-7762, is not in favor of RV parking on public residential streets. He has already witnessed one accident involving an RV in the Hollywood Riviera.

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: Suree, Peerapol
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2006 3:22 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Cc: Crump, Jill
Subject: Resident's comments on Draft RV Ordinance

Ted,

Ms. Rita Lindberg (22902 A Nadine Circle Torrance, CA 90505) called to leave us her input on the draft RV ordinance. She would like to be notified of the next meeting regarding this matter. Here are her comments:

NO on allowing RV to park on street
NO on Grandfather clause
YES on allowing RV to load and unload on street
YES on pay parking for RV on private lots

Please let me know if you have any questions

Thank you,
PS



Irene

Dear Mayor Dan Walker

Please in February

Vote to eliminate or at least
have very restricted parking on
torrance. Streets.

I have a neighbor who lives
across the street from me +
when he takes a trip he parks his

Motor-home + Boat + trailer out on
at a time.
the street for a month ~~at a time~~

He takes up all the parking on
the street + is very



inconsiderate!
There's another Motor-home
around the corner who's been
sitting there about a month.

As long as you let
them sit on the Street
for free, there not about
to pay + put them away
where there suppose to.

Mrs. Irene Evans



Crump, Jill

From: Dlikmatson@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 3:51 PM
To: cddtraffic@tor.net
Subject: re:rv parking

I would like to strongly urge the City Council to prohibit RV and trailer parking on Torrance residential streets. This is becoming an increasing hazard to the safety of all residents but especially small children and senior citizens. These owners have no regard for the looks of their neighborhood or the safety of their neighbors. If they can afford these luxuries then they can afford to pay for a spot to park them. The situation is getting out of control. Many complaints have been brought forth to the traffic engineers and the city council. It is time for the residents of Torrance to be polled as to their feelings in this matter. I strongly feel that a majority do NOT want these "toys" on their streets.

Sincerely,

Iona Matson
4114 W. 183rd St.
Torrance, Ca. 90504

Crump, Jill

From: Sullivan, Patrick
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 9:20 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Matsuda, Mark; Crump, Jill; Caceres, David
Subject: FW: RV curb side parking

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

From: Fellows, John
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 8:35 AM
To: Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: RV curb side parking

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

From: Herren, James
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2006 8:31 AM
To: 'Yankeesttnone@aol.com'; Herren, James; Nowatka, Paul M.
Cc: Fellows, John; Witkowsky, Hope
Subject: RE: RV curb side parking

Mr. Vaccarezza,

Thank you for the additional information. I will include that with our review of the situation.

Chief Jim Herren

From: Yankeesttnone@aol.com [mailto:Yankeesttnone@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 8:35 PM
To: JHERREN@torrnet.com; PMNowatka@TORRNET.COM
Cc: JFellows@Torrnet.com
Subject: Re: RV curb side parking

Dear Chief of Police and Councilmen Nowatka:

Thank you for quickly replying back to my concern. I am sure that you have many tasks and issues to confront from day to day, so knowing that your ear is to the rail on this particular issue gives me confidence that you will do the right thing.

The one piece of information that you should be aware of is that the homeowner who parks his RV on Macafee Rd at his own choosing for extended periods of time is a Torrance Police Officer.

Regards,
Stephen Vaccarezza

Crump, Jill

From: Sullivan, Patrick
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 9:18 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Caceres, David
Subject: FW: RV letter to the editor in Daily Breeze

Today is Friday, January 20, 2006
Originally published Friday, January 20, 2006
Updated Friday, January 20, 2006

Parking RVs on street poses hazard

There is a long-standing parking problem concerning trailers and recreational vehicles in Torrance. An increasing number of very large vehicles are being parked on Torrance streets, some for months at a time. The current on-street parking law states a vehicle may be continuously parked for 72 hours before being required to be moved. Parking enforcement has been very ineffective in getting these vehicles off the street. There are RV and trailer storage facilities available, which a lot of people use.

These large vehicles are a traffic hazard, a safety hazard to children and other pedestrians, a health hazard, as they interfere with street cleaning, are unsightly and impact property values.

The City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider modifying this law in February. This may be our last best chance at having our input heard when they consider this matter. This law may be very weak due to pressure from RV and trailer owners. (The worst offender on my street is a city employee.)

If you would like RV on-street parking eliminated or at least very restricted, voice your opinion to the mayor or City Council. The phone number at City Hall is 328-5310. You can also write them at City Hall. The e-mail address for Mayor Dan Walker is dwalker@torrnet.com. For council members: Rod Guyton, rguyton@torrnet.com; Michael Mauno, mhmauno@torrnet.com, Pat McIntyre, pmcintyre@torrnet.com; Paul M. Nowatka, pmnowatka@torrnet.com; Frank Scotto, fscotto@torrnet.com; and Hope Witkowsky, hwitkowsky@torrnet.com.

-- **TERRY BAUER**

Crump, Jill

From: Sullivan, Patrick
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 10:33 AM
To: Semaan, Ted; Matsuda, Mark; Caceres, David; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV curb side parking

For inclusion in the agenda item

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

From: Fellows, John
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 10:19 AM
To: Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: RV curb side parking

For the agenda item when it goes to council.

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

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 10:16 AM
To: 'Yankeesttnone@aol.com'
Cc: Herren, James; Fellows, John
Subject: RE: RV curb side parking

Thank you Stephen, Several people have expressed similar thoughts. The ordinance being considered is far reaching and is an attempt to deal with a city wide problem of RV's and unteathered trailers being stored on city streets. I have forwarded your e-mail to the Police Chief.

Paul

From: Yankeesttnone@aol.com [mailto:Yankeesttnone@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2006 10:16 PM
To: mhmauno@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: RV curb side parking

Dear City Council Members:

My name is Stephen Vaccarezza and I live at 4604 Macafee Rd.

I am writing this letter to let you know that on my street on any given day there are recreational vehicles that are constantly parked along the curb making navigation through the street at times a one car lane and obstructing the view of the driver. The police department is ineffective at enforcing the current city ordinance of allowing a maximum three day curb side parking of RVs. Enforcing the current law and increasing cost of the citation should be considered. Writing a new law would be inexcusable. The City police is also ineffective at enforcing drag racers on Saturday afternoons during the summer on Calle Mayor Street from Carlow Road to PCH. Motor cycle tail pipe noise is also a problem in the neighborhood. An exhaust noise abatement law if not currently on the books should written and enforced just like it is in Laguna Beach. Police officers in Laguna Beach using a decibel meter measure the exhaust noise being emitted from the tail pipe of the motor cycle in question and impose the appropriate fine.

Regards,
Stephen Vaccarezza

Semaan, Ted

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2006 1:16 PM
To: CranKings@aol.com
Subject: RE: RV Parking

Hello Mr. Bauer,

I will have a copy of the last Traffic Commission item on this matter mailed to your home address (4808 Macafee Rd., Torrance, CA 90505). We are working on scheduling the item to go to Council in February, but no confirmation yet. When the matter does go before the Council, they will have the ability to concur or not concur with the Traffic Commission's recommendation, or modify the recommendation and proposed ordinance. If and/or when the Council approves an ordinance, it will become an effective law as part of the City's Municipal Code. The final decision will be in the hands of the Council. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks,
Ted

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

From: CranKings@aol.com [mailto:CranKings@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2006 6:59 AM
To: TSEMAAN@TORRNET.COM
Subject: Re: RV Parking

Hello Mr. Semaan,

I appreciate your response. I appreciate being put on the list of people being notified. I would like a copy (soft copy or hard copy) of the results/recommendations of the series of public meetings this past year concerning RV / large vehicle parking. Is the city council meeting in February (?) concerning this issue going to just discuss it or are they going to act on some proposed law? What may happen when this is presented to the council?

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Norman W Bauer

Semaan, Ted

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2006 2:42 PM
To: LazyDazyBlu; Torrance RV Team; Terry Mueller; mystefyd@aol.com; Patrick Hartigan; Yahoo! Groups Notification; Steven R. Thompson; Scott Purche; olsendon@aol.com; oryco@aol.com; Peter Hickey; Laurie & Bob; pdabbieri; Henry Enomoto; Jerri and Otto plum; paul; George Pimentel; RICHARD VENDELAND; rayodell2@aol.com; Cortez; Ron Butterworth; rctriplets@earthlink.net; Randy & Debra Langsdale; Thomas Carstery; Randy Ross; Glen & Linda Momary; Richard Rodriguez; RicknGoldie Holmes; Richard Baran; rktorrance@aol.com; Penny Shapiro; Jim & Rose Mack; Ron Wild; runnerhi3@aol.com; Rusty Davis; Sally & Tom Perkoski; BRYAN SAMPSON; sandykeller01@aol.com; Shirley Scdoris; Fred Schweisinger; John Drum; Steve Girdner; Floyd Heideman; cominsense@msn.com; Crump, Jill; Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Torrance Oversized Vehicle/RV Traffic Commission Parking Proposal goes to Torrance City Council

To Whom It May Concern:

I, like you, received this email yesterday afternoon from "LazyDazyBlu". I am happy that you have a network for information exchange, but I don't want you all to show up to the Council meeting on the January 24th and not have the item be heard.

Our Division, Transportation Planning of the Community Development Department, will send you (all of this email recipients along with others who have asked for electronic notification) an official email notice of the upcoming matter as soon as we confirm a date. We will also mail a hard copy of that notice to those interested.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience. You also have the option to email us at the Division email address, CDDTraffic@torrnet.com.

Sincerely,
 Ted Semaan

Ted Semaan
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tsemaan@torrnet.com

From: LazyDazyBlu [mailto:LazyDazyBlu@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2006 1:46 PM
To: Torrance RV Team; Terry Mueller; mystefyd@aol.com; Patrick Hartigan; Yahoo! Groups Notification; Steven R. Thompson; Scott Purche; olsendon@aol.com; oryco@aol.com; Peter Hickey; Laurie & Bob; pdabbieri; Henry Enomoto; Jerri and Otto plum; paul; George Pimentel; RICHARD VENDELAND; rayodell2@aol.com; Cortez; Ron Butterworth; rctriplets@earthlink.net; Randy & Debra Langsdale; Thomas Carstery; Randy Ross; Glen & Linda Momary; Richard Rodriguez; RicknGoldie Holmes; Richard Baran; rktorrance@aol.com; Penny Shapiro; Jim & Rose Mack; Ron Wild; runnerhi3@aol.com; Rusty Davis; Sally & Tom Perkoski; BRYAN SAMPSON; sandykeller01@aol.com; Shirley Scdoris; Fred Schweisinger; John Drum; Steve Girdner; Floyd Heideman; cominsense@msn.com; Jill Z. Crump; Ted Semaan and Traffic Commissioners
Subject: Torrance Oversized Vehicle/RV Traffic Commission Parking Proposal goes to Torrance City Council

To all interested parties:

According to the Torrance Police Department, and the Receptionist at the Torrance Traffic Commission Office, our Torrance City Council will be hearing the subject proposal on 24th. January 2006 @ 7 pm. Hopefully the City will send us an email which will include the Agenda for this particular meeting.

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Hopefully those who decide to attend this City Council Meeting will conduct themselves in the manner that intelligent individuals should treat and show respect to the authorities. Remember it is through the many long hours spent by the Traffic Commission and Staff that has made this day possible.

LDB - kk

Crump, Jill

From: tom [tom_elkins@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2005 3:15 PM
To: Ted Semaan
Subject: mobile homes in front yards

TED

Is there any plans by the city to control mobile homes parked in front yards?

Please let me know what department would address this issue?

thanks
tom_elkins@yahoo.com

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<http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs>

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2005 2:33 PM
To: Debbie Simpson
Cc: Crump, Jill
Subject: RV/Oversized Vehicle Parking - RE: Traffic On Somona

Hi Debbie, did I ever send you a reply to your January 7, 1980 email (that date does look awfully suspicious). If not, this is the excerpt of what I updated the Council with.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR RV'S, TRAILERS AND OVERSIZED VEHICLES

This matter was last considered by the Traffic Commission at the October 3rd meeting. The Commission recommended the approval of the draft ordinance to restrict the parking of these vehicles with certain conditions.

1. *Current (now to December 31, 2006) owners will be "Grandfathered" and allowed to continue parking their vehicles under today's parking restrictions, i.e. vehicle has to be moved within 72-hrs, street sweeping, etc.... A permit system will be developed for these vehicles/owners. Those Grandfathered will also have the ability to replace, on a one-for-one allowance, a grandfathered permit on traded/sold/purchased vehicles. As an example, if you own two oversized vehicles, you will only be allowed two grandfathered permits at any time. If one of those two vehicles is traded in for a new one, the new vehicle will get a grandfathered permit.*
2. *New owners or owners of additional vehicles after December 31, 2006 will be required to comply with the no parking on public streets except by temporary permit. Each resident/property of one of these vehicles will be allowed up to 96 one-day permits per year. Visitors will be allowed 15 one-day permits per year and only with the property owner/resident concurrence.*

Our staff along with the Police Department and City Attorney's Office is finalizing the draft ordinance and the permitting processes. We are targeting to bring this matter to you for review and consideration in November/December if schedules permit.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks,
 Ted

From: Debbie Simpson [mailto:debbie.simpson@acssoftware.com]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 1980 9:59 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: Re: Traffic On Somona

Hi, Ted! Do you have a recap of how the last "RV Meeting" meeting went? I would like to send out a summary of the meeting to the OTNA members, if you have one available.

Let me know -- thanks!
 Debbie :)

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

From: Semaan, Ted
To: Debbie.Simpson@acssoftware.com
Cc: Bilezerian, Craig
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2005 3:58 PM
Subject: RE: Traffic On Somona

Hi Debbie,

I am forwarding your email from Ms. Baxter to Craig Bilezerian, Project Manager at the Public Works Department. Craig now oversees the Traffic Engineering function, which incorporates considerations for stop signs as well as working with the schools on improving the drop-off/pick-up of school children.

In addition, I will forward a copy of the email to the Traffic Division of the Police Department for selective enforcement

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and other feedback on the situation.

Please let me know if I could be of further assistance on this matter.

Thanks,
Ted

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From: Debbie.Simpson@acssoftware.com [mailto:Debbie.Simpson@acssoftware.com]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2005 12:08 PM
To: TSEMAAN@TORRNET.COM
Subject: Traffic On Somona

Happy Friday, Ted! This morning I received an EMail from Cyndi Baxter who lives on, or near, Sonoma. I'm forwarding a copy to you, to see if there is anything that can be done along this street that will help what sounds like a accident-waiting-to-happen traffic situation.

Perhaps there are multiple ways to resolve this issue. For example, if you teamed with the school to penalize the child/parent who is at fault; send out a "Drive safely/courteously" notice to Nativity parents (I know Torrance EI does this on a regular basis), etc. I'm just tossing out a few ideas off the top of my head that may be able to be implemented along with some sort of traffic resolution.

Thanks in advance for looking into this!
Debbie Hays :)
President, OTNA

Today as I was watering my front lawn, I saw no less than a dozen cars speeding down Sonoma St.. At least nine of them had children in Nativity uniforms in the passenger seat.
What prompts me to write this letter is that a woman was crossing the street with her dog and just narrowly missed getting hit.
There is a tragedy waiting to happen here.
Last week I saw a car screech to a halt to miss hitting a group of children in wheelchairs.
My elderly neighbor almost got hit trying to bring in his trash cans.
I was almost hit last spring as I was crossing the street and when I yelled the woman, she swerved her car towards me deliberately. She had a child in the front seat with her. I watched as they turned left towards Nativity school.
I called the principle at Nativity and I called our Torrance police.
The lack of stop signs at both corners of the 2200 block of Sonoma prompts the speeding. I find it amazing how quiet the street gets after 8am -- when Nativity school starts.
I urge all of you to contact the Torrance Police and Nativity school to complain about the problem before it becomes worse. CALL CALL CALL!!!
I have been a member of Catholic school communities in the past where they had VERY strict traffic drop off rules just to avert the stress on a quiet neighborhood. Your child would be given detention if you failed to obey their drop off patterns.
Sonoma is not a street for speeders. It is very narrow and could use stop signs at every corner.
I urge you to pass this letter on to all our neighbors and have them call the Torrance police and Nativity School to complain.
There is strength in numbers.

Torrance police: 328-3456

Nativity school 328-5387

I welcome any other even better ideas here.

Lets keep our elderly, children and the rest of us who can't run fast, safe.

Thank You!
Cyndi Baxter

Crump, Jill

From: BOWERTONK@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, November 05, 2005 1:56 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Oversize Vehicle Parking Ordinance
Attachments: wps2.wps; wps3.wps; wps4.wps

Dear Mr Stemaan;

I have reviewed the draft copy of the of the proposed "Oversize Vehicle Parking Ordinance" sent me by Mr Peerapol (he was very helpful, I enjoyed talking to him) and my related opinions and recommendations are attached. Please review my comments and make appropriate revisions to the ordinance, or better yet, kill it. If you have questions please call me at 310-325-7693 anytime. Please keep me advised on progress. Also, please send me a final draft of the ordinance when it ready to go to City Counsel.

Thank you,
Ed Bower

02/15/2006

Nov. 05, 2005

J.Edward Bower
2049 W 237th St
Torrance, CA 90501

POSITION STATEMENT
OVERSIZE VEHICLE ORDINANCE PROPOSAL

Dear Sirs:

I strongly object to, and seriously question the need for, the new ordinance being considered by the city that would outlaw or severely limit the parking of large vehicles (motor homes, campers, trailers, etc.) on Torrance streets. It does not seem to me that these vehicles are causing enough safety or nuisance problems to justify the resulting costs and inconvenience to the vehicle owners, nor the enforcement costs to the city taxpayers. Why can't nearly all of the problem vehicles be dealt with using the "72 hour" rule and other laws now in effect plus a little mediation?

Why must the rights and privileges of all RV owners be curtailed to rid us of the real or perceived offenses of the very few? Is the significant cost and inconvenience to owners for storage, and for travel to and from far distant storage facilities justified? The few nearby storage lots are very expensive, have long waiting lists, and are closing for other uses. Why is the city addressing an insignificant issue while seemingly ignoring major traffic, parking, and infrastructure problems caused by rampant construction of major condominium and townhouse complexes?

I beg you, please read and seriously consider my attached comments on the draft ordinance. This proposed ordinance will seriously hamper future city residents ability to own a RV. Many will miss out on the many family adventures, joys, thrills, sense of security, and comfort a RV can provide. Based on our experience this would be a real tragedy!

Sincerely,

Ed Bower

PS: I would jump at the chance to discuss this issue with you anytime, any place. You can reach me at phone; 310-325-7693, e-mail; overtone@aol.com.

COMMENTS ON OVERSIZE VEHICLE DRAFT ORDINANCE

SECTION 1: This section attempts to justify the ordinance. The comments below refer to the ordinance text by paragraph.

(a) It is the drivers of the far more numerous commercial vehicles, such as delivery trucks and moving vans, that “interfere with the normal flow of traffic” (They park where ever they can, even in the middle of the street). As whole, the drivers of large recreational vehicles (RVs) are significantly more skilled, considerate, and cautious than most drivers. They try hard to avoid even driving on narrow streets and are very cautious about where they park. Is RV parking really a problem for traffic flow?

(b) This ordinance is obviously directed toward RVs, who’s numbers are infinitesimal compared to all other vehicles, large and small, parked on our city streets. All parked vehicles “create visual obstructions” to a greater or lesser degree. The exempted large pickups and sports utility vehicles are nearly as bad offenders and are far more numerous.

(c) Nearly all bicyclists and drivers seem to be much more cautious while passing a large parked vehicle, because they seem to take up more of the roadway than they do. The probability is, this actually enhances the cyclists safety and that of all traffic in the vicinity of the large RV.

(d) Obstruction of “emergency access” is possible but not very probable; see (a) above.

(e) Do “quantities of gasoline and propane - a highly volatile fire hazard” in Rvs, parked in the street away from structures, really represent a significant safety hazard to people and property, compared to all the cars and barbecues present in nearly all residential driveways, patios, and garages of our city? Lets get real!

(f) Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. If Rvs parked on the street really do (debatable) “negatively affect the aesthetics and livability of the community and residents” what about all the other vehicles, poorly kept homes and yards, power and utility lines, just to name a few? That Rvs Cause a noise problem any more than all the other vehicles on the streets is ridiculous! Sewage odor from Rvs is virtually nonexistent: just visit any crowded RV park and see for yourself. Why are Rvs being singled out?

(g) Trailers do not need an “independent braking system” because their owners block or chain the wheels to prevent a runaway, just like car drivers select the parking gear and brake when parking. Is the trailer owner less likely to forget this safety precaution?

(h) To a very small degree, “current parking regulations are inadequate to address the problem of parking oversize vehicles” exists, but is this any justification for banning parking of Rvs on our streets except by special temporary permit? This puts onerous inconvenience and cost burden on all Rv owners who are not lucky enough to be able to park on their own property. RV owners current parking rights and privileges will become misdemeanors? There has to be a better way!

SUMMARY: The stated reasons for this ordinance certainly do not justify a city street parking ban on all Rvs except by special 24 hour limited permit! This ordinance states “oversize vehicles” but really is directed only at Rvs; all other large vehicles are excluded. Of the 405 Rvs found parked on city streets (by city census), certainty, only a handful presented any meaningful hazard to public safety or traffic flow, and those that did were probably improperly parked to begin with. Hazard to public safety and traffic flow is the only valid reason for action directed at parked Rvs, and existing laws adequately deal with improper vehicle parking.

It appears parked Rvs are being singled out because they are more noticeable (visible) than other vehicles, not because of the alleged problems they cause. Banning all Rv parking is just the lazy-mans way of dealing with the few parking problems that may exist. Do the individuals who complain about the aesthetics of Rvs recognize the value of a partially stocked RV to their neighborhood in event of a disaster, such as a major earthquake? They are a ready source of limited fuel, water, electricity, food, and first aid supplies, and can be used for emergency communications, and can provide air conditioned quarters for the

critically ill or injured.

Are we going to put all RV owners (especially those who cannot park on their property) to significant inconvenience and expense to satisfy the whims of the few who do not like them? Is this fair? With the growing price of real estate, the cost of RV storage space can only go up while its availability shrinks; the proposed ordinance will greatly aggravate this problem. Local storage space is already very expensive and scarce. Ferrying your RV long distances to/from storage is also quite expensive and time consuming. How many moderate income RV owners will be able to afford to use or even keep Rvs.

Many man hours have been expended to develop this ordinance and many more will be needed to complete, pass, and implement it. Then there will be the continuing administration and enforcement expenses which could be significant. I don't think real benefits (if any) to the city are going to be nearly worth the tax payer costs, and the cost and inconvenience to the RV owners. Lets dump this bad ordinance before it goes any further!

OVERSIZE VEHICLE ORDINANCE: COMMENTS AND CHANGE
RECOMMENDATIONS

SECTION 61.12.010 Definitions

Comment: This paragraph unveils the ordinance for what it is; a ban on recreation vehicle parking, so why not say so? Why else would “pickup trucks and SUVs” who’s dimensions are larger than those defined for “oversize vehicles” be exempted?

Suggestion: Increase allowed vehicle length and delete all reference to “pickup trucks and SUVs”.

SECTION 61.12.020, Par. (b)

Comment: The trailer owner who uses his only motor vehicle to tow his trailer and also requires it to commute will have a real problem with this provision! How is he going to be able to get his trailer to/from storage, prepared, and loaded/unloaded, without taking extra timeoff (use up vacation) for this?

Suggestion: Delete the paragraph; the added limitation is of little or no value anyway!

SECTION 61,12.050 Issuance of Permits

Comment; par. (F): Isn’t the city going to track the permits it issues? Why must the (forgetful) owners do this?

Suggestion : Delete paragraph (F).

Comment; par. (H): This makes it necessary for the RV owner to appear at some designated location to get his permits (very inconvenient), probably during normal business hours. If the owner arrives home on an unplaned date (no permit) he automatically violates the law. Provisions for telephone and e-mail permitting is almost mandatory.

Suggestion; par (H): Add “Except as provided in paragraph (5)” to the beginning of the paragraph, and delete the word “form” from paragraph(2). This also applies to paragraph 61.12.100 (a),(10),(F).

Comment; par. (5): The Police Chief is authorized to set up a permit call-in system, but will he and when. This is important!

Suggestion; par (5):Change paragraph to require the Police Chief to set up a telephone call-in system prior to implementing this ordinance, and define the process in a fair amount of detail.

SECTION 61.12.060 Duration

Comment;par. (b)(1): The 24 hour permit period will seldom be enough and 3 consecutive permits may not be enough in many situations. I usually use two days plus to wash, clean, maintain, and load my RV for a trip; the working man (I’m retired) who has only evenings may want more time than that. Why not give the police a little discretion on the duration and number of permits?

Suggestion; par. (b)(1): Change the paragraph to allow the police to issue permits up to 72 hours in length and as many as the police think are justified.

SECTION 61.12.070

Comment; This paragraph creates a problem for any owner wanting to wash and clean his RV,fill its water tanks, or pump up its tires, as a hose and/or extension cord across the parking is necessary. Would you be willing to enforce this rule?. Is there enough benefit to the rule to justify it?

Suggestion: Delete the section!

Crump, Jill

From: Judith Schloff [snorkeljudy@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2005 12:01 PM
To: Ted Semaan
Subject: City Council Meeting

When will the next City Council meeting be held re: Traffic Commission proposal on RV and Detached Trailer parking???

There is still a "BIG" problem in my neighborhood and I don't think the traffic enforcement officers are responding to complaints. If they would just drive by once a week they would see all of the violations. I took pictures on Sept. 26th of 3 trailers and they are still in the same spot. The 1st one is 2703 Ridgeland, 4BJ6007. It's a detached trailer with skydoos on it. The 2nd is 2709 Portabello, 4FY9431. It's a detached trailer with a canvas cover over a boat. The 3rd is parked on Ridgeland but the owners address is 26029 Calmhill. It's on a corner with a detached trailer and nothing on it. I could go on and on. This area is small and all of the ones listed are in a 3 small block area. Please have someone patrol is area and do something about these violations. The whole community up here seems to be left out of the big picture. Talk about revenue for the city.

One of the most offensive violators is my neighbor at 2759 Portabello. It's an RV, 4TUR840, that doesn't even park in front of his own home. He parks beside another neighbor and it's hardly ever moved. Visability going around the corner from Loftyview to Portabello is compromised at best. This has been an ongoing problem since before 2001 and it's time for this RV to be gone.

Sincerely, Judy Schloff

Crump, Jill

From: Jeff Davey [jeff@meyersrv.com]
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2005 11:30 AM
To: cddtraffic@tormet.com
Subject: Jeff-Ltr (1)

October 21, 2005

Jeff Davey
Owner/President Meyer's RV
433 Alaska Avenue
Torrance, CA 90503
310/328-1515

Dear Mr. Ted Semaan:

In regards to the proposal for parking oversized vehicles on the street, we at Meyer's RV would hope you will take our situation into consideration. We are an RV repair and accessory business that is located in an industrial area. We have customers who come to buy accessories in our store or drop off a vehicle for repairs. Those customers park on the street. Sometimes a customer will park their vehicle on the street the night before and put their keys in our mail slot to avoid missing their work. Also, when we are finished with an RV we will park it on the street, in front of our business, so the customer can drive away without maneuvering in a crowded parking lot. There are usually no more than three motor homes on the street, in front of our business, at any one time.

We have noticed several motor homes parked down the street from us and on California Street. These motor homes are not connected to our business. We only park on the street, or directly across the street from our business.

If our customers are not allowed to park on the street this would greatly impact our business, our employees and our livelihood. We have been in business for over forty years here in the City of Torrance and we have always had a great working relationship with our business neighbors. I would hope that we would all work together to maintain that important relationship.

Since we are located in an industrial area where there are also trucks and tractor trailers parked here on a daily basis, we at Meyer's RV would greatly appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Davey
Owner/President
Meyer's RV

