COUNCIL MEETING OF
February 28, 2006

PUBLIC HEARING

SUPPLEMENTAL #1 TO ITEM 12A

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Supplemental #1 to Council Agenda Item 12 A Consideration of Parking Restrictions on Recreational Vehicles, Trailers and Oversized Vehicles (OV's) on Public Streets.

Enclosed please find public correspondence received after council agenda item 12A was prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERY W. GIBSON
Community Development Director

By _____
Ted Semaan, Manager
Transportation Planning, Engineering
Permits & Records Division

CONCUR:

_____
Jeffery W. Gibson
Community Development Director

_____
LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachments: A. Public Correspondence

12A

Mayor and Council
2/28/06
3:35 P.M.

Call from Scott Simpson, 530-9889, re: RV issue.

- Feels that the existing ordnance is working well
- Owns RV and parks it at the back of driveway
- Lives at 228th Street and Crenshaw Blvd.
- Will be unable to attend tonight but wanted his voice heard

Sarah

PHONE CALL

FOR M&C DATE 2-27 TIME 10:05 A.M. P.M.
M Resident on 233RD St
OF Comments on RV situation.
PHONE/MOBILE FAX
MESSAGE Hard to get out of driveway
Owners play musical chairs with RV's
Streets are narrow
Old & ugly ones are parked w/ For sale signs on them.
Does not like the grandfathering thing.
SIGNED
a 1154

- [x] TELEPHONED
- [ ] RETURNED YOUR CALL
- [ ] PLEASE CALL
- [ ] WILL CALL AGAIN
- [ ] CAME TO SEE YOU
- [ ] WANTS TO SEE YOU

PHONE CALL

FOR M&C DATE 2-28 TIME 7:53 A.M. P.M.
M Resident on 234th & Western
OF
PHONE/MOBILE FAX
MESSAGE Re: RV Ordinance
Would like to see ordinance pass.
SIGNED
a 1154

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PHONE CALL

FOR Mayor & Council DATE 2/28 TIME 2:30 A.M. P.M.
M Florence Tenland
OF
PHONE/MOBILE FAX
MESSAGE Unable to attend Council meeting - Against RV. Parking on public streets - for an ordinance.
SIGNED
a 1154

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- [ ] RETURNED YOUR CALL
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PHONE CALL

FOR M&C DATE 2-28 TIME 9:17 A.M. P.M.
M Terry Schmoker
OF Resident on 231st St
PHONE/MOBILE 310-534-0494 FAX
MESSAGE Would like to see ordinace pass - Grandfathering is Ludicrous! The ones opposing are the worst offenders.
SIGNED (TS)
a 1154

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Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 3:28 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV & Trailer Parking regulation

-----Original Message-----
From: SPENCER CHENG [mailto:spencercheng8@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2006 7:36 PM
To: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: RV & Trailer Parking regulation

Dear Councilmen:

I am a resident of Torrance for more than 20 years. I strongly against RV & Trailer Parking on Torrance street.
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,

Spencer Cheng

Semaan, Ted

From: Torrance RV Team [torrancerv@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2006 10:57 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

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Respectfully,
Andrew Podhurcak

Yahoo! Mail
Use Photomail to share photos without annoying attachments.

Semaan, Ted

From: Ralph Waters [bk494@lafn.org]
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2006 10:10 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Comments for City Council Meeting 2/28/2006 (On-Street Parking of Oversize Vehicles)

Dear Torrance Community Development,

I'm writing in regard to the discussion of **On-Street Parking of Oversize Vehicles**. My neighbors have a huge RV in their driveway, adjacent to a portable shelter. While these dominate the view from my home, I hesitate to take action. I chose this neighborhood in part because there is NO omnipotent POA enforcing arbitrary rules. Just as our society strives to celebrate personal freedom and cultural diversity, I feel we must learn to tolerate our neighbors. I would urge any legislation on this matter to be written very judiciously, perhaps to address hostile parking tactics but otherwise freely allow parking in front of the owner's home.

The enforcement of existing ordinances and traffic control is more of an issue to me because safety is involved. Many people use my section of Towers Street as a shortcut around the intersection at 190th & Anza. This includes TPD and TFD in addition to soccer moms and high school kids, all of whom we've seen flying past our home more than 20 MPH over the speed limit. At least three pets have been struck by speeding cars in recent years, my wife's parked car was totalled by a hit & run driver, and a neighbor's car was sideswiped. We can no longer park on the street in front of our own homes.

Thanks for making Torrance a great place to live,

Ralph T. Waters
5205 Towers Street
Torrance, CA 90503

P.S. I would probably voice a different opinion limiting the height and setback of "McMansions", but that's a topic for a different meeting.

Semaan, Ted

From: ltzmeharv@aol.com

Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 10:21 PM

To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com

Subject: Please read and respond before Tuesday Council Meeting

Traffic Division;

Please provide the Torrance residences who own recreation vehicles the records that were the basis for drawing up the nine items (a thru i) Section 1 of the proposed ordinance.

We want to see all accident records regarding motor homes, etc. (a) interfering with traffic flow, (b) visual obstructions causing accidents, (c) number of bikers injured due to RV's, (d) number of emergency vehicles obstructed, (e) explosions aboard RV's causing injury, (f) number of complaints concerning visual negative aesthetics and sewage spills, (g) run away trailer causing injury, (h) proof why city is not following State codes, (i) at the last meeting we were told that it is against the code to run water, electric and etc. to our RV's thus making it impossible to utilize the State's 72 hour code. If the city is going to use the above causes they must provide the citizens with complete records from the PD or HAZMAT, etc. To not do so could lead to legal action. There must be records reflecting all these causes (a -i), to justify Section 1 of the proposed ordinance. We want to see these records, and have these records recorded in the minutes of the council meeting. If these records support the proposed ordinance, then I will support the change, if not provided then Section 1 (a -I) are factitious. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD AT THREE OTHER MEETINGS, WE THE PEOPLE DO NOT NEED TO SEE THESE RECORDS, WE ON THE OTHERHAND FEEL YOU HAVE A LEGAL RESPOSNSIBILITY TO SHOW JUST CAUSE, AND TO REVIEW THESE RECORDS PUBLICLY. SINCE THESE RECORD COULD POSSIBLY DETERMINE THE OUTCOME OF THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE, TO NOT DO SO IS A VIOLATION OF YOUR CIVIC DUTY AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO THE TORRANCE CITIZENS.

Thank you Harvey H Hetrick 310 743-6148

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 4:00 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: Recreation Vehicle Parking

-----Original Message-----
From: tnttito@npgcable.com [mailto:tnttito@npgcable.com]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 2:26 PM
To: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com
Cc: fscotto@torrnet
Subject: Recreation Vehicle Parking

My main concern is for the safety of citizens pulling out of their drive ways. It is hard to see on coming traffic, because it is being blocked by these RVs parked on the streets. I have experienced of almost getting into accidents because of this problem. Especially on Evalyn Ave. An Rv has been parked at 22415 S. Evalyn Ave for years. Nothing has never been done about this problem, especacially after nemerous complaints. Please take my concern into account at the next upcoming meeting Tues. Feb. 28, 2006. Thanks so very much.

Semaan, Ted

From: Kelso Robin [rkelso@NAVCOMTECH.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 11:45 AM
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowtka@torrnet.com; fsotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Cc: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Oversized Vehicle Parking in Torrance

Dear Council Members,

I urge you to support the Traffic Commission's proposed ordinance that recommends 'grandfathering' RV's for current Torrance residents at tonight's City Council Meeting.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best Regards,

Robin R. Kelso
21509 Marjorie Avenue
Torrance, CA 90503

Semaan, Ted

From: Eglitis222@aol.com

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 10:36 AM

To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com

Cc: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com

Subject: RV parking

City Council/Transportation Department

I would like to convey my concerns with the RV parking in Torrance. I live in a very nice area in South Torrance on a street with many young children. I have seen quite a few close calls with children almost being hit by cars because there is a huge RV parked on the corner causing a dangerous blind spot for children and vehicles.
We have lived in this neighborhood for 5 years and this huge RV has always been parked in the same location. Sometimes moving across the street for a few days when neighbors complain and then back to the same spot. Moving from one side of the street to the other is totally unacceptable. This is not solving the problem and is causing a great deal of frustration with neighbors who are tired of seeing this giant eyesore. To make matters worse, the RV is not parked in front of the owners house, it is parked on a side street blocking the view of a dangerous corner. This shows the lack of consideration this RV owner has for the neighbors.
We have many friends who visit from other cities who question why these RVs are allowed to remain parked on our residential streets. This is not allowed in many other cities and is embarrassing when we hear this from our visitors who comment that our city looks like an RV park on the streets. Such comments make me aware how these RVs impact the value of our property.
Besides being a major safety concern for our neighborhood children and vehicles who cannot see around these parked RVs, it is a lack of consideration to the entire neighborhood. I hope that something can be done to solve this problem once and for all. Parking enforcement should be effective and enforced for EVERYONE.
Our neighborhood would appreciate a solution to this ongoing problem and serious safety concern as soon as possible.
Sincerely,
Cristina Eglitis

Semaan, Ted

From: Shannon B [shannonkurt@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 9:45 AM
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowtka@torrnet.com; fsotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
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Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Beyersdorff
5326 Spencer Street, Torrance, CA 90503

Shannon Beyersdorff

Semaan, Ted

From: Pene [prkoenig@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 9:41 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: rv parking

I feel that this issue needs to be addressed in a more realistic manner. First as an owner of a RV and then as a homeowner.

I do not advocate unlimited parking on public streets anymore than that of vehicles. However I do feel that I have as much right as the driver of a personal vehicle. How am I to load and unload if I can not park by my residence.

Many RV owners are retired and on a fixed income and this RV is their retirement dream. Are we going to force them to give this up?

There are few places that one can park their units in the city of Torrance even if they could afford them. The construction of homes (all types) in our city has increased dramatically and has caused an increased in the number of vehicle on the streets, however the city need to keep in mind the rights of all the residence of Torrance. The right to park on the public streets for 72hrs.

Then we need to address the families that come to visit residences of Torrance? There are no facilities in or near Torrance for these visitors to park. Where do we tell them to go?

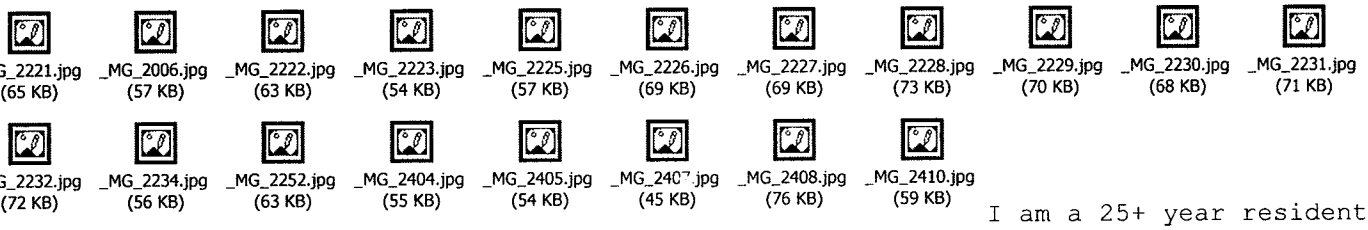
Please that these issues into consideration before taking away our rights.

P.R.Koenig
2147 W. 234th St.
Torrance,Ca. 90501

Semaan, Ted

From: Torrance RV Enforcer [torrancervenforcer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 7:58 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com; dwalker@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com
Subject: Grandfathered RV Parking Permits..... Help our citizens from these monsters!!!!

Attachments: _MG_2221.jpg; _MG_2006.jpg; _MG_2222.jpg; _MG_2223.jpg; _MG_2225.jpg; _MG_2226.jpg; _MG_2227.jpg; _MG_2228.jpg; _MG_2229.jpg; _MG_2230.jpg; _MG_2231.jpg; _MG_2232.jpg; _MG_2234.jpg; _MG_2252.jpg; _MG_2404.jpg; _MG_2405.jpg; _MG_2407.jpg; _MG_2408.jpg; _MG_2410.jpg



I am a 25+ year resident and home owner in this fine city and have chosen to locate my business in this city as well for over 15 years. Unfortunately due to the boisterous and vocal members of the RV community I find it necessary to write this to you anonymously. My family and I have attended all of the parking meetings as well as the traffic commission meetings on this issue and have spoken our views numerous times. I am NOT in any way ANTI-RV.... The issue here is enforcement! It's that simple plain old LAW ENFORCEMENT! I know this city is a big place and there are more important issues to you but in this fine city the only way for some action on traffic issues is to bombard them with multiple calls before anything gets done!
Traffic seems to feel that the "Current 72 hour law does not give them the tools" to enforce the law properly. Should it be necesssary for a Torrance Resident to make a daily phone call week in and week out to the Traffic Department to resolve a situation where someone is breaking the law?

The original traffic meetings discussed a permit system which seems to be a terrific idea, sure it had some issues but those could be resolved over time and would give the Traffic Dept. the "Needed Tools" to enforce these laws.
Since the RV contingent came to the meetings in a vocal and sometimes disruptive manner things seemed to get watered down to this current Grandfathered Permit system.
Think about this? Does this really in any way solve our problems? No I think not! and in actuality gives a current RV owner the right to park his or her vehicle in Torrance? What's up with that? Seems like we are now giving the RV owner more rights than a standard vehicle on our streets. So why has an issue of removing large veicles and trailers gone to giving them a CITY PERMIT?

Let me remind you again the issue in this city is NOT the use of an RV.
They should not be banned in our city.... BUT THE ISSUE IS THOSE FEW OWNERS WHO DECIDE THEY ARE ABOVE THE LAW AND HAVE A RIGHT TO STORE THESE MONSTERS ON OUR STREETS. This is more than a handfull just about every neighborhood has at least one if not multiple offenders. Currently all one has to do is roll his or her trailer or RV a ridiculous matter of a fraction of an inch and they are in accordance with the law. How silly is that!
These owners then play the GAME OF INCHES which allows them to STORE these monsters in the same location for months at a time. These same people feel the slight possibility they might actually get a ticket is a small price to pay since its cheaper to pay a ticket than it is to store them.

I am not going to get into the aesthetics issue, or the reduction in property values due to these vehicles. I am only addressing this because of those who feel it is their right to STORE anything they please on our streets. Thus this applies to ALL VEHICLES, TRAILERS, BOATS ETC. Do you think these items should be stored on our streets for ANY LENGTH OF

TIME!
Where do you feel it is OK to park a 5th wheel which cannot move on its own, and is almost the length of a standard city lot. It is surely not on our streets, these monsters are traffic hazards to all, and for some reason the owners feel it is their devine right to STORE them on our streets along with any detached trailer, boat or RV.

I could go on and on, but will keep my message short. Please..... Review this proposed ordinance and think about it. In my mind it seems like its only a band aid for a huge city problem! This issue is city wide, we have many items such as trailers, boats, and RV's which are stored on our streets and nothing seems to get done about them. May I remind you this is not just a residential issue, in my industrial complex and in other industrial areas of the city these owners are parking and living in these units long term and the CITY CHOOSES TO DO NOTHING!

Accepting this permit system of Grandfathering will only keep this same problem going. The same people will continue to do the same thing they are doing today but WITH A CITY PERMIT. Please adopt a new direction on this ordinance that will give the TRAFFIC DIVISION the tools needed to ENFORCE THE LAW!!! There are to many in our city (some who work for it) that believe that they are ABOVE OUR LAWS! I would like to propose a 24 hour limit on RV's with a loading permit needed for extended loading and unloading, second ban all detached trailers from parking on the street. If for some reason you feel that this Grandfathered permit system is the ONLY system you will accept Please review it for what it is worth and make some changes! I would like to again suggest a ban on detached trailers on city streets that will solve a majority of the problems as well as a penalty for multiple offences such as a revoked permit for multiple parking tickets.
Please also raise the parking ticket price for such vehicles and trailers so that it is not cheaper to get a few tickets than it is to store them. These offenders should not be able to park illegally by city permit!

I have enclosed a few images taken in my neighborhood to illustrate this problem. These are items which NEVER MOVE are always in the same place, are parked on lawns, over curbs etc. These are all a nuisance to our fine city!
Please if you have some free time drive our streets and see the problerm for yourselves.

I respect you will consider my proposal with time and thought!

Respectfully

Torrance Rv Enforcer

FREE pop-up blocking with the new MSN Toolbar - get it now!
http://toolbar.msn.click-url.com/go/onm00200415ave/direct/01/

Semaan, Ted

From: Wakeman, Emily [Emily.Wakeman@valero.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 7:18 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: On-Street Parking of Oversized Vehicles

Sir:

We live in gorgeous Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance. My next door neighbor has a humungous RV that she perpetually park on the street. She scolds anyone who attempts to park in front of her house. Ingress and egress from our driveway is an ordeal. We could not see passing vehicles since the RV creates such a blind spot.

Please prohibit parking of oversized vehicles on the street. It not only hazardous but also an eyesore. Let's us keep our community free from this overwhelming monstrosity.

Thank you.

Robert & Emelia Wakeman
Camino Del Campo
Hollywood Riviera

Semaan, Ted

From: Judith Schloff [snorkeljudy@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 6:43 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Storage

Yes, I am one of many homeowners in Torrance who believe that the problem with "most" of the RV's/5th wheel/trailers who abuse the 72 hr. law are STORING not parking to load and unload. Moving them inches every 3 days is not addressing the problem. The traffic department needs to enforce the 72 hr. law not just when a complaint is called in. Owners are playing a game and the traffic department can't seem to get the upper hand. There has to be something we can do to rid our neighborhoods of these eyesores. For example: for the past 5 years there has been an RV being "stored" in my neighborhood and even if they use it for one week every month for a year, that leaves 40 weeks of having to look at it. We live in neighborhood not an RV Park. RV's belong in storage or out of sight. Owners should ! have thought about where they were going to store it before they bought it.

Drive down Anza, Arlington, Lomita Blvd. just to name a few.This issue is not just in a few areas, it's city wide. Maybe we need more officers in the Traffic Department. Last Wed. I called and spoke to an officer re:5th wheel that not only had been parked over the 72 hr. limit but parked on the wrong side of the street. On Sat. eve it was still there, 4 days later and still parked on the wrong side of the street. We need to enforce the laws we have rather than putting a band-aid on them by grandfathering or issuing permits. Sincerely, Judy Schloff

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Semaan, Ted

From: Karalee Koenig [karalee.k@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 6:42 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Oversized Vehicle Parking

I would like to say that I am against any orinance that prohibits RV & Trailer parking on the streets in Torrance. I know there are laws that prohibited parking longer than 72 hrs in one location and if there is a true problem than use this law. There are no available locations in the area and the current cost is beyond my tight budget. If you pass this ordience the cost of private storage is sure to skyrocket and you will force myself and several others to sell thier boats and trailers, taking away good quality time we spend with our children, friends, and family. Without this type of recreation fun the children of Torrance will have to much time to sit around and watch TV, playing video games. We now we experience the great outdoors together as a family. Please do not take these memories away from my family and children.

Thank You

Karalee Koenig
2817 W 227th St
Torrancer Ca 90505

Semaan, Ted

From: Alfred Stahl [aestahl@pacbell.net]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 6:28 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
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Respectfully,

Alfred E. Stahl
2325 W. 183rd St.
Torrnace, Calif. 90504

Semaan, Ted

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 3:23 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RVs, boats, campers, trailers, trucks

-----Original Message-----
From: Saul, Susan
To: 'dwalker@torrnet.com'; 'rguyton@torrnet.com'; 'pmcintyre@torrnet.com'; 'mhmauno@torrnet.com'; 'pmnowatka@torrnet.com. ; 'hwitkowsky@torrnet.com'; 'fscotto@torrnet.com'
Sent: 02/27/2006 3:17 PM
Subject: RVs, boats, campers, trailers, trucks

Dear Mayor Walker and Torrance City Council Members,

I am glad to hear that the City Council is considering passing an ordinance regulating the proliferation of RVs, boats, campers, trailers, and trucks on our city streets.

There are already too many of them and they are growing in number and size. I have attached some slides of the commercial trucks parked regularly in our residential areas and some of the many RVs. Please take a close look at these slides.

Please keep my e-mail confidential. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
S.L. Saul

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 5:38 PM
To: Herbers, Sue; Crump, Jill; Castro, Adela; Palanca, Genie
Cc: Gibson, Jeff
Subject: RE: RV Correspondence

Thank you Sue. We received this one from Margie. As we talked a few minutes ago, we will assemble the supplemental for Council with all correspondence received after the original preparation of the item last week. Unless I hear otherwise, the cut-off will be tomorrow at 3:00.

Genie/Adela, can you please provide the supplemental cover memo for item 12A to say correspondence received up to 3:00 PM on Tuesday February 28, 2006.

Jill, can you please assemble the correspondence for the supplemental.

Thanks,
Ted

From: Herbers, Sue
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 5:20 PM
To: Semaan, Ted; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV Correspondence

Not sure if you have this one.

Sue

From: Jackson, LeRoy
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 5:08 PM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: RV Correspondence

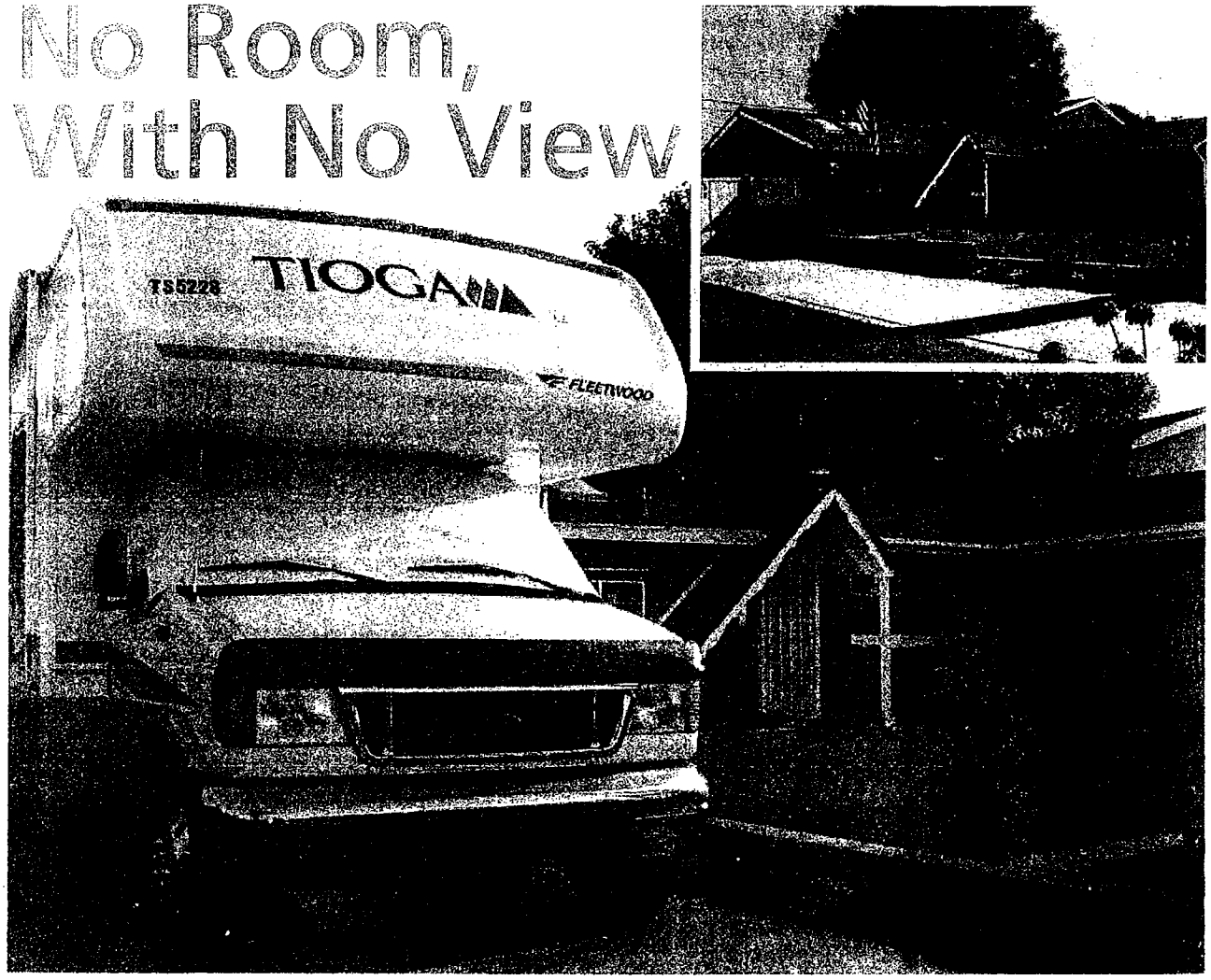
-----Original Message-----
From: Werner, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 2:45 PM
To: Semaan, Ted; COUNCIL2
Cc: Crump, Jill
Subject: RV Correspondence

<< File: RV.pdf >>
Hand-delivered to the City Council by June and Robbie Lee, 5245 Vanderhill Road, 90505.

Margie

By Kris Meyers

No Room, With No View



Photos by Kris Meyers

Where should neighbors park those pesky RVs?

Robert Frost wrote, "Good fences make good neighbors." Was he writing literally? Was he writing accurately? Recently, my Buena Park neighbor built a second driveway right next to our mutual property line. They didn't do the courteous thing and ask us if we would have a problem with it, or if we had specific suggestions. No, they just built it.

As soon as our neighbor started digging up the yard, I knew what was coming: They were planning to park their RV up against our property. I quickly made a call to the Buena Park Code Enforcement. There wasn't much I could do until they poured the concrete. So I waited.

Here it comes

Weeks later, the concrete was poured. But it went a bit too far onto city property, so a city inspector had my neighbor hammer out a small section that would have been an illegal driveway. Unfortunately, that didn't stop the overall plan. And just as I had predicted, the RV soon rolled in.

Suddenly, our view of the neighborhood was blocked by a large, metal wall. We felt boxed in; the only view lay straight ahead. We were like horses with blinders. To make matters worse, my neighbor would walk over my fenced area onto my lawn to check the connections and to see if the RV was backed in enough. We felt violated.

What's the rule?

I needed to know what the fence-height regulations were in Buena Park. Code Enforcement stated that a block fence between two neighbors in the front yard can't be any higher than 2 feet. But for some reason, parking an RV is legal. What logic . . . a 10-foot fence is illegal but a 10-foot RV is perfectly acceptable?

We asked Code Enforcement departments in other cities about regulations involving RV parking. Here are their comments:

Anaheim Community Preservation

Q: Is RV parking a common problem in Anaheim?

A: There is a 72-hour parking regulation for the street. Vehicles need to be operable and not parked on the lawn, but on a hard surface.

Q: Have neighbors ever gone to court because of an RV issue?

A: They come to court with other problems, such as garbage issues, and then the RV situation is brought up.

Newport Beach Code Enforcement

Q: Are RVs a common problem in Newport Beach?

A: A 22-foot RV has 24 hours to load or off-load. Owners can keep them in their driveways, but they have to have garage access. Side yards have to be free and clear.

Q: Have neighbors ever gone to court because of an RV issue?

A: No. We go out to mediate the problem with the people.

El Cajon Community Development

Q: Are RVs a common problem in El Cajon?

A: We have not quantified it, but yes, we have had complaints on the issue. There is the 72-hour parking regulation, like many cities have. RVs are like toys. They are fun to have, but people don't want to find the proper storage for them.

Q: Have neighbors ever gone to court because of an RV issue?

A: Not sure, but we had a situation that was brought up that 50% liked them and 50% didn't.

Q: What was the outcome?

A: The situation was left as is, and now we have the issue of RVs parked in driveways that are hanging over the public right-of-way and blocking neighbors' views.

Code Enforcement had no answers. They said RVs are acceptable as long as they are sitting on a pad and not on grass. (Of course, each city has its own rules.)

It gets uglier

Soon, our neighbors were cutting away a patio cover to better accommodate the RV. Now this monstrosity is backed up to the edge of their house and access to their side yard is blocked.

To keep a better eye on their prized possession, our neighbors then installed five video surveillance cameras. One camera on the side of his house surveys our front yard – a real invasion of privacy.

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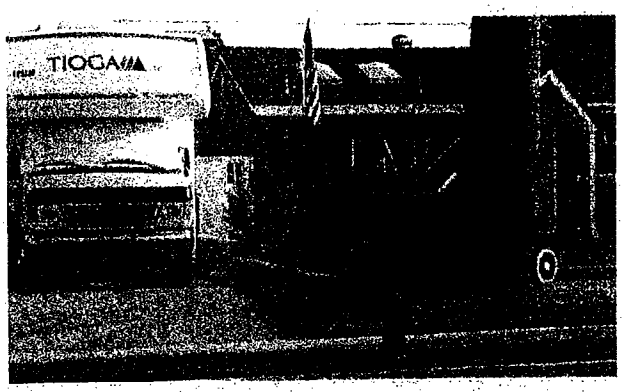

What would you do if a neighbor's RV partially blocked your view?

"Live with it, it's on their property."
...Derek Jeans, Buena Park

"I would probably go next door and kindly ask my neighbor to move his RV to a point where it is visible and safe for me to see."
...Michele Bilbao, Anaheim

"If the RV is parked on their property there's nothing you can do. On the other hand, if it's parked like on a driveway, it should be parked as far back as that driveway goes."
...Robert Martin, Costa Mesa

"Depends on how long it's sitting there. If it's there for a long time and they hadn't asked if we minded our view being blocked for a bit, I'd ask them to move it. I live in an OLD neighborhood, so there aren't any rules. Bottom line, if it's there for a long time, I'd say something.
...Kelly Early, Old Towne Orange

"I would knock on his door and explain the situation and ask him to move it. If he didn't move it, I would take pictures where it was parked and also one of the view from my window which is now blocked. I would write him a letter and include these pictures. If he decided not to move it, I would call the police and let them settle it.
...Mary Jo McDonald, La Mesa

"I would advise the city by phone and in writing, describing the impact on my family life and degradation of my property values in the immediate neighborhood, with the impact on my children and their activities with their friends in the front yard.
...Frank Meyers, El Cajon

"Ask neighbor to move the RV. Complain about the RV in view. Call city about RVs in residential area. Pass out petitions. Buy two large dogs and have them bark all night."
...Chuck Butter, Buena Park

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We asked them to move that particular camera and they promised they would. But it hasn't happened yet.

The camera above their garage is pointed directly at the RV. But when they move the RV, my whole front yard comes into the camera's view, which means my family is being videotaped coming and going. The police officer I spoke with said sure, it's rude and inconsiderate. But unless it's pointing directly into a window, there's no violation.

We hit a brick wall

We complained many times to Code Enforcement, but to no avail. After realizing that my grievances had reached a stalemate, I wanted to know what rights I have as property owner. Sadly, I discovered, none at the moment.

Apparently, there had been a similar issue brought to council members in March 2004 and September 2004. The controversy surrounded RVs that were being parked in the streets where it was difficult to see around them. It was decided that parking RVs on driveways is acceptable, as long as there is adequate space.

So RV owners, like our neighbors, are now expanding their driveways or adding a parking pad. The catch, though, is that frontyard landscaping can't be less than 30% of the overall space.

Buena Park council members need to realize there isn't enough room for these monstrosities in our neighborhoods. People take pride in their homes and invest a lot of money in upgrades to increase their home's potential value. Parking a huge RV in the front yard is not only an eyesore, it diminishes the overall value of the neighborhood.

We can't fight City Hall, but my husband and I have come up with our own solution: We planted a 10-foot tree next to the property line to obscure the video surveillance camera and to block our neighbors' unsightly RV. And we've planted bushes along the fence to keep this neighbor out of our yard. It's working temporarily. But hopefully, the city of Buena Park will find the need to change their ordinance on RV storage in the immediate future.

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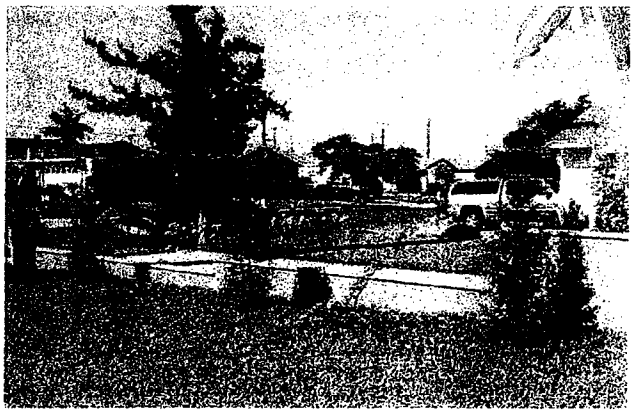

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Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 4:06 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: Proposed RV Ordinance

-----Original Message-----
From: Susan Barber/Appligent [mailto:Susan.Barber@appligent.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 11:46 AM
To: Nowatka, Paul M.
Subject: Proposed RV Ordinance

Dear Councilman Nowatka,

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
310-539-2440
george.barber@earthlink.net

Semaan, Ted

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 3:21 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV City Council Meeting

-----Original Message-----
From: Winnebagowalt@aol.com
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitowsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 02/27/2006 3:10 PM
Subject: RV City Council Meeting

I have lived in the Torrance area for twelve years now and before that in Redondo Beach for 25 years. I worked twenty four years in the gunnite construction business - Local #345 of the labor union. I am retired and getting a pension check from The Laborers Trust Fund. But I still have to work to support myself. I drive a 1987 Toyota motor home of twenty two feet. This is my only means of transportation to get back and forth to work. I rent a room from a long time friend who lives on Regina Avenue in Torrance. I do have to park it on the street and thus far this has not been a problem. There have never been any complaints from our neighbors. I would like to be included in support of the "Grandfather Clause". I would be at the upcoming meeting on the 28th of this month, but I have to work that evening. But I will wear a white shirt to work in support as I drive my motor home.

A Grand Thanks,

Walt Elzen

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 3:37 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: R V ,s

-----Original Message-----
From: PAHLS78@aol.com [mailto:PAHLS78@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 6:24 PM
To: mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: R V ,s

Dear Councilmembers, We have lived in Torrance for 50 years [original Southwood homeowners]---We ow n a small R V which parks on our driveway. It is also our " 2nd car". --It is legally liscensed, insured, & stocked with supplies.On any occasion that it is parked on the street in front of our house,it is always back in the driveway before the 73 hour limit. As we are concerned about possible restrictions, I attended one of the sponsered R V meetings. Altho we were told there were " many complaints"---I have never heard HOW many! --We have always felt fortunate to live in Torrance, have seen many changes and have felt the city was always " resident oriented".---We find it very hard to understand why such involved " rules " are being considered against legal R V owners. How many illegally parked R V ,s are being cited ?---why not increase the fine? double the 2nd fine &.etc I,m sure the traffic control knows where the offenders are. ---Please don,t place burdens on we citizens who obey the law! We cannot store it,[it is used as a 2nd "car "] Also we feel once such limitations are put on a small number of citizens ---it will escalate-- [the complainers won,t be silenced until we can no longer park on our own [tax paid] property. Thank you for your consideration, Mr & Mrs R L Pahls

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 3:27 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV issue

From: Dan Martin [mailto:hoofixr@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 7:42 AM
To: pmnowatka@torrnet.com
Subject: RV issue

I hope you support the rv grandfathering issue. I believe it will satisfy the resident rv owners and have the long term effect that the city needs.

Respectfully,

Dan Martin

1318 Elm Ave Torr. 90503

Semaan, Ted

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 3:20 PM
To: Semaan, Ted
Subject: FW: RV Proposal Before the Council

-----Original Message-----
From: Peter
To: fscotto@torrnet.com
Sent: 02/27/2006 2:19 PM
Subject: RV Proposal Before the Council

Dear Frank:

I am your neighbor at 429 VEC. I believe your wife and mine have spoken on the telephone regarding upholstering furniture, and you and I met and spoke together at a Riviera homeowners' meeting.

Normally, I would not appeal to a neighbor for help but this is a special situation involving pending legislation related to RV owners in Torrance. I believe you have undoubtedly seen my motor coach parked in front of my home when I am planning a trip or have just returned from an outing. I park only in front of my property and I keep it here only to provision or offload. Our neighbors across the street: Tom and Kathy, and Frank and Shirley, said they do not have a problem with it because they think we are courteous. Additionally I understand and comply with the 72 hour rule. While I recognize that there are RV owners who park on narrow streets and use the public thoroughfares as storage lots, I think it is unfair to punish all of us for the sins of some.

It has come to my attention that the City Council will be meeting on Feb. 28th to study a proposal to grandfather existing owners of RV's into any legislation the city may pass that limits parking on public streets. I ask your support to also insure the ordinance provides for those of us who title our RV in our company's name so that we too are grandfathered.

I hope I can count on your support in this matter Please help those of us who are conscientious about not abusing a privilege.

Your neighbor,

Pete Dabbieri
439 Via El Chico
310.375.0903

Crump, Jill

From: Semaan, Ted
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 1:30 PM
To: Crump, Jill; Matsuda, Mark; Sullivan, Patrick
Subject: FW: Please read and provide info at Tuesday meeting

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2006 10:30 AM
To: Itzmeharv@aol.com
Cc: Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: Please read and provide info at Tuesday meeting

I will forward your email for inclusion in our Tuesday the 28th RB meeting.

Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

From: Itzmeharv@aol.com [mailto:Itzmeharv@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 4:15 PM
To: hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: Please read and provide info at Tuesday meeting

Dear Council Member;

Please provide the Torrance residence who own recreation vehicles the records that were the basis for drawing up the nine items (a thru i) Section 1 of the proposed ordinance.

We want to see all accident records regarding motor homes, etc. (a) interfering with traffic flow, (b) visual obstructions causing accidents, (c) number of bikers injured due to RV's, (d) number of emergency vehicles obstructed, (e) explosions aboard RV's causing injury, (f) number of complaints concerning visual negative aesthetics and sewage spills, (g) run away trailer causing injury, (h) proof why city is not following State codes, (i) at the last meeting we were told that it is against the code to run water, electric and etc. to our RV's thus making it impossible to utilize the State's 72 hour code. If the city is going to use the above causes they must provide the citizens with complete records from the PD or HAZMAT, etc. To not do so could lead to legal action. There must be records reflecting all these causes (a -i), to justify Section 1 of the proposed ordinance. We want to see these records, and have these records recorded in the minutes of the council meeting. If these records support the proposed ordinance, then I will support the change, if not provided then Section 1 (a -I) are factitious. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD AT THREE OTHER MEETINGS, WE THE PEOPLE DO NOT NEED TO SEE THESE RECORDS, WE ON THE OTHERHAND FEEL YOU HAVE A LEGAL RESPOSNSIBILITY TO SHOW JUST CAUSE, AND TO REVIEW THESE RECORDS PUBLICLY. SINCE THESE RECORD COULD POSSIBLY DETERMINE THE OUTCOME OF THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE, TO NOT DO SO IS A VIOLATION OF YOUR CIVIC DUTY AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO THE TORRANCE CITIZENS.

Thank you Harvey H Hetrick 310 743-6148

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 3:14 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV Parking

From: Susan Miuccio [mailto:sumu@pacbell.net]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 12:09 PM
To: pmnowatka@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Parking

Dear Torrance Representatives,

This letter is in regards to the RV parking issue. As a person who grew up in a family where we used a RV extensively, and as a previous owner, I think I have a balanced opinion in regards to the ongoing problems.

When we owned our motorhome, we parked it in our side *driveway* we were fortunate to have plenty of room for our RV. As a matter of fact, we *wouldn't have bought the thing* had we not had that parking, because we considered street parking inconsiderate. What surprises me is how some people have no qualms parking something as large as a *shipping container* in front of their neighbor's home, completely obliterating any view of the street or anything beyond the curb.

The biggest issue, that I see, is that motorhomes are growing in size and girth (not unlike americans in general!) In the past, most were simply small campers and mini trailers. Now, they are huge buses that rival the size of some homes! *It is no more appropriate to park a trailer/fabricated home on the street than a giant 40 foot travel trailer.* Are Torrance streets Œtrailer parks'? It's NOT reasonable to have something as large as second home parked on the street for any length of time. What's the difference between a giant bus-sized motorhome, and a semi-truck? You can't park a semi-truck in the neighborhood, that's what.

Electrical cords used to recharge batteries are often strung across sidewalks creating tripping hazards these are often left for days, while they do their job is this any wiser than leaving your hose flopped across the sidewalk, ignored and forgotten? The extra wide girth prevents safe access to neighborhood streets for children and pedestrians, and narrows the street to the point that cars have difficulty passing one another. And, try to back out of your driveway with a n eight-foot wide RV parked in adjacent to your yard it's precarious at best. Do some SUV rival the size of some trailers? Yes, but you can fit an SUV in a typical driveway.

Motorhomes can exceed the cost of a home! Storing them in a off site storage facility must be considered with the cost of owning an item like that, much like paying for gas, camp sites , timeshares, or any other form of upkeep. If you can't afford that, maybe you shouldn't have purchased it to begin with. Or, perhaps you need to consider downsizing your purchase.

My opinion:

1. no long term parking in the street, or severely limited parking, particularly if the vehicle exceeds a certain length and/or width. Short term , for loading and unloading is necessary.
2. The streets should NOT be used for long-term storage of any vehicle, trailer, hitch or boat. *Nothing that isn't a functioning licensed motor vehicle should be parked at all in the street* whether attached to a vehicle or not - that would get trailers, boats, hitches and the like off our streets, and into storage, where they belong.
3. If RV parking, curbside, is allowed, vehicles of any size, but particularly vehicles of excessive width, shouldn't be parked within 15 20 feet of a corner/intersection.
4. If RV parking, curbside, is allowed, there needs to be clearance of a safe and reasonable length by driveways. In addition, vehicles shouldn't be parked on lawns or unpaved portions of the yard.

I will be looking to see how each representatives votes on this issue.

Susan Miuccio

February 15, 2006

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Mayor Dan Walker
Frank Scotto, City Council Member
Hope Witkowsky, City Council Member
Mike Mauno, City Council Member
Fay McIntyre, City Council Member
Rod Guyton, City Council Member
Paul Nowatka, City Council Member

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members:

We want to tell you about an ongoing problem that we are experiencing with campers, trailers, boats, and business trucks parked in our surrounding area but especially on 238th Street between Ocean and Hawthorne. On the date that these pictures were taken, there were six campers, trailers, and trucks parked on 238th Street.

They take up a lot of the parking that is needed by the families living in the apartment complexes here. Our visitors cannot find parking nearby and have to walk for blocks in the dark. Some of the campers and trucks are so long that they take up more than four parking spaces. Many of them do not move for weeks. When they do, it is because they have noticed that parking enforcement has marked them. Even then, they just move a few inches or around the corner.

Sometimes we see people living in the campers. This makes us fear for the safety of our children. We don't think that these should be parked here or anywhere near Torrance residences for that matter. Please do something about this.

Sincerely,

Residents surrounding 238th Street and Ocean

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Torrance CA 90505

Violet C Olsen
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TORRANCE, CA 90505

Jennifer Ammann
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Torrance, CA 90505

23507 Audrey Ave #A
Torrence, CA 90505

23813 Audrey

23802 Audrey Ave "#D
Torrance. CA 90505

23813 AUDREY AVE, TORRANCE, 90505

Joann Wood
23818 Audrey Ave
Torrance, CA 90505

23802 OCEAN AVE #C
TORRANCE CA 90505

MARY KIM
23803 Audrey Ave #B
TORRANCE CA 90505

These photographs of 238th Street between Ocean and Hawthorne were taken on Wednesday, February 15, 2006. There were four campers, plus one camper with a trailer attached to it, plus one large truck, and one ticketed Volkswagen van with a person living in it. In addition, the super large R.A.F. transport truck, which is often parked on 238th Street, was actually parked around the corner in front of the Riviera Little League field. That's because all of the parking spots were taken by these RVs.

Picture 1. 238th Street east of Ocean. RV camper license is 2NEW883. Truck license is 4Z36593

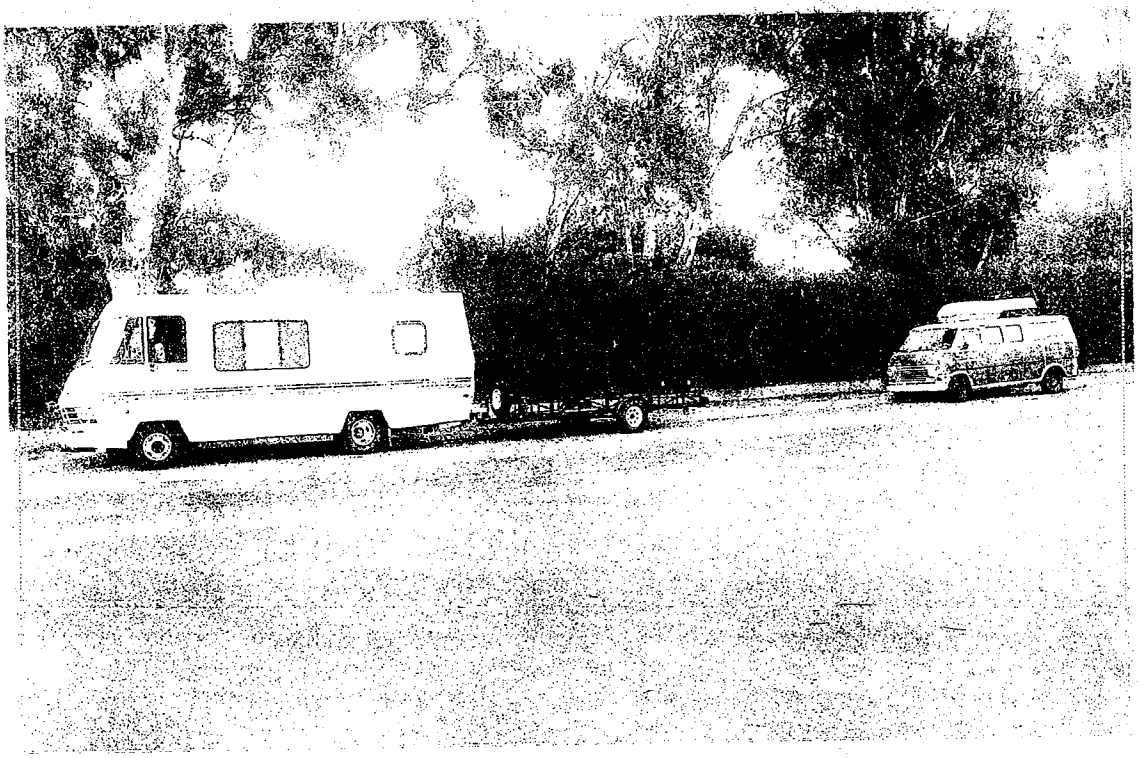
Picture 2. 238th Street east of Ocean. RV camper license is 1PJR684. Next RV camper attached to an SUV is license 1KW5940. The 3rd RV is license 3AEE146 with a trailer attached. The trailer is license 1EY9063. Then there is an old Volkswagen van with someone living in it. It has a ticket on it. The fifth and last RV is license 3DIP077.

Picture 3. 238th Street east of Ocean. This is a close up of the 3rd RV that has the license 3AEE146 with a trailer attached. The trailer is license 1EY9063.

Picture 4. Ocean Street in front of Riviera Little League. The R.A. F. Auto Transport truck parks on 238th Street or Ocean. License number 7J60590. The telephone number on the truck is (310)698-2504.

Picture 1

Picture 2



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Picture 4

Semaan, Ted

From: Albert Manabat [albert_manabat@dot.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 10:10 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: On-Street Parking of Oversized Vehicles

I LEAVED AT GREENWOOD AVE . FOR ABOUT 12 YEARS. BEFORE WE MOVED HERE THE STREET IS NOT CROWDED.
NOW THE STREET HAS A LOT OF CARS ,TRUCKS AND RV'S. I LOVE CITY OF TORRANCE SPECIALLY NOW ,BECAUSE OF THE FACE LIFT IT'S GETTING .
ONE NEIGHBOR OF MINE WHO IS A CONTRACTOR AND A VEHICLE COLLECTOR. HE HAS 2 RV'S ,A TRAILER,A COMMERCIAL TRUCK,CONSTRUCTION TRUCKS,AND LOTS OF CARS.
THE CITY OF TORRANCE HAS TO DO SOMETHING WITH THIS GUY.
I CALLED THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT MANY MANY TIMES AND I'AM TIRED OF IT.
MY SUGESTION IS THE CITY MUST PROVIDE A PARKING LOT FOR RV'S OVERSIZED TRUCKS FOR A FEE.
THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT OF HOW MANY CARS CAN YOU PARK ON RESIDENTIAL STREET ALSO.
SOME CITIES WOULD'NT ALLOW OVERNIGHT PARKING ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS AND HOME VALUES ARE GREAT.
WHY CANT TORRANCE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE OVERSIZED VEHICLES. THEY SHOULD BE TOTALLY OUT OF SIGHT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. I THINK THEY ARE UGLY,EYESORE AND AFFECTING HOME VALUES.

I HOPE THE CITY OF TORRANCE WILL DO THE RIGHT THING TO KEEP THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

Semaan, Ted

From: Connie Noehren [connie@absolute.net]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 9:39 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Public Hearing 2/28/05

Mr Semann,

We have many problems in our neighborhood with the parking of motor homes and trailers. We had a problem with a neighbor who had a trailer approximately 30' attached to their full size truck. They would park it in front of their house, then park one vehicle in the driveway, and one vehicle in front of their next door neighbors house. With enough complaints to the city and him not following the 72 hour rule, he finally got it towed away (truck & trailer).

We have a next door neighbor, who's son has an old motor home, which he parks in front of her home (the son does not live there). He works for the city, knows the parking enforcement officer, and knows how to keep from getting towed. The neighbor next door to them has called many times and complained about the view obstruction when they pull in and out of their driveway. The safety factor should always be considered. That motor home was just moved a few feet every few days and never has been towed away. The neighbors finally gave up.

On our block alone, we have three homes with 5 vehicles. The rest of the homeowners have no less than 2 to 3 cars each. If we had more motor homes or trailers on our block, there would be no parking for the homeowners or their guests. Parking is already a problem.

When people purchase an oversized vehicle they should rent a storage space. Not inconvenience their neighbors. Not make their neighborhood look bad. Think of the safety issues, and be considerate of others. Unfortunately, there are those who like making their own rules. It should not matter who you are or who you know.

Torrance needs this ordinance to pass, prohibiting the parking of these vehicles. Please consider our plea to keep our city safe and to make people proud to live in Torrance.

Thank You For Your Help,
Connie & Ronald Noehren

Semaan, Ted

From: Koenig, David
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 9:00 AM
To: CDD Traffic
Subject: Oversized On-Street Parking

I would like to talk this opportunity to voice my opinion regarding the issued related to the on-street parking of oversized vehicles. As I indicated previously I am not in favor of introducing a new ordinance and restricting on-street parking. The current laws prohibit parking in excess of 72 hrs at one location without moving the vehicle (oversized on not).

In my particular situation I live directly across the street from the front entrance of Hickory Elementary School, and during business hours on any given school day all available parking is taken by TUSD staff because there is inadequate parking for the employees. This forces the employees to park on the street. I do not mention this as a complaint, even if I personally feel they need to correct the problem. I only mention this because for a majority of the time a vehicle of one form or another will be parked on the street in front of and on the side of my corner lot a majority of the time. I am limited to where I can park any of my vehicles (boat trailer or personal everyday cars) because my driveway is two short to park in legally and it is not a legal driveway for today's requirements. I keep my vehicles moved from the front to the side of my lot on a regular basis and keep the roadway clean and free of debris on a daily basis. I do not keep my boat trailer at my residence all year, but only during the season. I have inquired about local storage; however it is limited to not available and not cost efficient.

In addition a coupe times a year (one to three) I have out of area relatives and in-laws travel to visit the family who stay with us in the house but park their vehicles in front of my house. They two are moved on a regular basis and I make sure they are not parked in any manner to create a hazard.

I could go on given several other reasons why I am not supportive of changing or adding any ordinances but I feel you have heard my opinion.

I do however understand and feel some of the complaints are legitimate. I feel these incidents can be corrected and resolved with the currents laws we have.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns and voice my opinion.

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Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2006 4:43 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV

From: John & Rosanne [mailto:KleinsLA@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 6:57 AM
To: Nowatka, Paul M.
Subject: RV

When we purchased our Torrance home in 1982, owning an RV was not even a blip in our thoughts, we were sailor. As the years progressed, and our children were born, in order to teach them the values of the great outdoors we started camping. As with most people we started with the bare necessities and moved up. As we were venturing farther and farther away an RV seemed the most logical next step to take.

Unfortunately, our lot in Torrance is not very big. Unless we park our RV on our front lawn, street parking is our only alternative. With one child in college and another starting next year, cost would be a factor in storing it somewhere other than in front of our home.

I believe another matter that the council should consider is in the case of a **DISASTER**, natural or other. For example today while the electric company is working on our wires, and we will not have any electricity, I have invited my neighbors to use our RV if they need to microwave or use electricity.

All these RV's around town with their clean water supply, ability to generate electricity, keep medicines cold, provide heat or air-conditioning, sanitation facilities (toilets), provide fuel for cooking will be a life saver. My neighbors know they can count on us for help. During one of the last earthquakes in our area, families were without these basic necessities for days. Katrina has showed us what we can expect from outside agencies.

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

Semaan, Ted

From: john mc govern [jj.mcgovern@worldnet.att.net]

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 9:06 PM

To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com

Subject: Re;RV parking on streets in Torrance

Dear Mr Semaan,
Since I won't be in town to attend the meeting I would like to at least inform you of my feelings regarding this issue.
The city of Torrance has really created a monster by allowing all these people with their oversized vehicles access to park in our streets. The streets in Torrance are beginning to look like a giant parking lot. My husband and I like to go for walks in the evenings.Last night we counted 8 huge RV's and 3 boats parked on our street alone. Along with those RV's come large vehicles. If they would only park in front of their own homes, it would not be so bad. However, the size of all these vehicles makes it impossible to park in front of their own property with the result that they bother all their neighbors as well. My husband and I own 2 very small cars which are kept in the garage. Now people are using our driveway to turn their large and oversized vehicles around since there is no other opportunity for them to turn due to all the cars parked it the streets. We really object to that, since we spent close to $10.000 for a new driveway which is now used by everyone.
To cut a long story short, we are very angry at what is happening. The RV owners might think they have a right, we as law abiding tax payers have as much of a right. It has got so bad that our neighbor across the street can't find an open area to place his trash cans out on pick up days. We have lived in Torrance for 22 years and think this place is beginning to look more and more like a third world country.
GET THOSE MONSTROSITIES OFF OUR STREETS!!!
Jackie Mc Govern
2738 Loftyview Drive
Torrance, Ca 90505

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 3:54 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: "On-street Parking of 0versized Vehicles".

From: Polecat Express - kk [mailto:PolecatExpress@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 8:38 PM
To: dwalker@torrnet.com
Cc: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; Ted Semaan and Traffic Commissioners
Subject: "On-street Parking of 0versized Vehicles".

Dear Honorable Mayor Dan Walker; Esteemed Council Members; Thoughtful Traffic Commissioners; Tactical Traffic Planning Director and Staff; along with, Able Advisors, and Caring Consultants:

First, I do wish to thank you for the care and concern that you have exhibited through-out the tedious processes involved in the "On-street Parking of Oversized Vehicle Ordinance" proposal. How difficult it must be to attempt to satisfy everyone who feels that have a "stake" in your final decision/Ordinance.

The Public Hearings, in which I was privileged to attend, do appear that:

- The proposal to "Grandfather" current vehicles owned does seem the fairest, most impartial manner to address this difficult issue. When a part of the Municipal Code was rewritten, requiring homes to have two garages and a driveway to have parking for two vehicles, my home was exempt under a"Grandfather" Clause, and still is exempt;
- Existing parking regulation(s) enforcement, would resolve 99% of the complaints;
- A "Grandfather" ordinance would have **no** punitive effect on existing vehicle owners, nor a tragic fiscal impact upon Senior and Low-Income Torrance residents; while reducing the number of oversized vehicles, parked on the street, over time.

Unless the property tax laws have changed, it is my understanding that I am paying taxes out into the middle of the street. That does cover a portion of where my RV is parked, for 72 hours at a time.

Current Municipal Codes cover most of the concerns of opponents of "On-street Parking, such as: Parking on narrow streets; close to intersections/driveways, allowing signage to be posted limiting/prohibiting same; living in those vehicles; etc., etc.. About all has been covered in previous Public Hearings and covered in the draft proposal/Ordinance.

Yes, I am an owner of an oversized vehicle, albeit only twenty-two (22) foot in length. My RV is well-maintained, in excellent running condition, and I do adhere to current on-street parking regulations. Retirement has been enhanced by the ability to travel at leisure, after taking as much

time I wish for loading/unloading. Storage facilities, in close proximity to my residence, are either FULL or priced well outside the budget of this retired, low income Senior.

The alternative would be for me to sell my home and move out of the area which has been kind, gracious and good to me, my deceased companion and life-long friend. IF I were forced to sell, where would I go that could offer the protection and convenience of our City of Torrance? That takes me back to possible punitive action, punishing the masses for the desires of a few.

Your time and consideration is greatly appreciated for seriously considering "Grandfather" -ing the oversized vehicles now owned by **current** Torrance residents.

Very Respectfully,

Karen K. Fitch
2414 - 236th, Street
Torrance, Calif., 90501
(42 year resident at the above address.)

Semaan, Ted

From: Jake1val2@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 9:02 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Parking

To the Traffic Division of the City of Torrance,

The letter below also states our feelings on the issue of RV and large vehicle parking on the streets in the City of Torrance. We have been residents of Torrance for over 45 years. We've owned an RV for 33 years. In that time we have also used our fully stocked vehicle for ourselves, as well as helping neighbors when emergency situations have occurred. Our RV being parked only in front of our house has been a source of security for me when being home alone while my husband worked the 24-72 hours at the Torrance Fire Department for 28 years.
Our vehicle is kept clean and since our street in front of our home in not swept by the city my husband moves the RV and sweeps and washes the street keeping it very clean under and around our vehicle.
We do feel that if you presently own and RV, replacing it should not cancel out our present privileges. If the current RV/large vehicle parking needs revising it should apply to new vehicle owners. Thus being fair to the city residents that have been following the present ruling on RV/large vehicle parking for all these years.
Letters below we are ones we are in agreement with:
RV City Council Meeting

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

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 â€œnonâ€'cars parked near their houses.Â They do not see the "resource" value of these vehicles.Â We keep our RV stocked with water, food, gas, propane, clothes, and significant medical supplies.Â 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.Â

Private property rights are the essence and the source of basic personal freedom. Â 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.

Â 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.Â These are licensed, registered vehicles, which in some cases are a citizenâ€™s main source of transportation, not an â€œextra vehicleâ€□.

People who want restrictions should buy into an appropriate housing complex with associations that have tight limits on property use. Â 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

We are in support of the proposed ordinance, which is the result of public meetings from December 2004 - September 2005. 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,

Jack and Joan Gordinier
1451 Post Ave
Torrance, Ca 90501

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL

2006 FEB 23 AM 10: 31

February 16, 2006

Mayor Dan Walker
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503

Dear Mayor Walker;

Our Homeowners' Association members have registered numerous complaints regarding the troublesome issue of RV's, unhitched trailers, 18 wheelers parking in our neighborhood for the past 6 years. A "no parking-street sweeping" sign merely motivates the owners of these RV's to move to another location for 24 hours; only to return again the next day to our area.

Although the Torrance Police Department has always been extremely responsive to our discontent about RV's parking in our immediate residential area, their hands are tied because there presently exists no city ordinance prohibiting the parking of these vehicles on public streets.

Is it not time for the Torrance City Council members, Torrance PD and parking enforcement department to create an ordinance that would forbid these roaming and objectionable behemoths from creating an unsightly blight upon our tax paying, responsible residential neighborhoods?

On February 28, 2006 when you all gather to address this situation please consider this; many of our surrounding cities have already addressed the issue of RV parking and they have created ordinances banning the long term parking of RV's on residential streets. These RV owners are now driving these vehicles to Torrance.

We are asking you and your colleagues to take the action that is necessary to prohibit the use of our residential streets in our neighborhoods from becoming a long term parking lot for Recreational Vehicles.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Mary Garrity

Mary & Jim Garrity

Semaan, Ted

From: jkatz [jkatz@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 11:17 AM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV/Oversized/Trailer parking

To: Ted Semaan, Transportation Planner of the Community Development Dept.-City of Torrance
Please enter this letter into the official record for the City Council Meeting of Feb. 28, 2006

re: The proposed ordinance for on street parking for Oversized/Trailers/Recreational Vehicles

Parking on the street by oversized vehicles, trailers and recreational vehicles has become a safety issue in our city. "Grandfathering in" current RVs/Trailers and wide vehicles allows the vehicles that are stored on the streets to continue to do so. These are the vehicles that caused the need for ordinance in the first place and so they will probably continue to abuse their parking privileges in the city.

Torrance's traffic has increased dramatically compared to when the city and streets were first developed. Many streets are too narrow to allow two cars to pass by safely at the same time if there is an oversized vehicle or wide trailer parked on the street. One of the reasons for the increase in traffic is due to the elimination of school buses several years ago, yet there are more students in the city than ever before. Many parents must now drive their children to and from school or have their children ride their bicycles to and from school. There are more trash and recycling trucks than when the city stated (in fact, there were no recycling trucks at all at the time). All of these have to move over when a wide vehicle is parked on the street.

More and more people are riding their bicycles in an effort to stay healthy or decrease America's dependence on foreign oil. Again, they have to swerve into traffic whenever they pass a wide vehicle parked on the city streets. This is dangerous for both the other car drivers and the bicycle rider.

It is time to update the municipal code to improve the city's safety and to eliminate street parking by these vehicles.

Sincerely,
J. Katz (address/phone on file)

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 4:12 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: Decorum at the Feb 28 City Council Meeting

From: CranKings@aol.com [mailto:CranKings@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 8:53 PM
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: Decorum at the Feb 28 City Council Meeting

In the official minutes of the August 1, 2005 MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, there appears the following:

"He (Transportation Manager Semaan) suggested that **residents who were opposed to RV parking on public streets felt intimidated to speak before the Commission**."

I have heard similar statements from others to the effect that a rowdy group of RV owners came to the meeting and took it over. A lot of the RV opponents felt compelled to leave. It was at this meeting that the grandfathering provision was passed coincidently

I am concerned there maybe a repetition of this sad spectacle. Could it be possible to do something to effect an air of civility and fairness?

As noted above, these RV owners can be quite uncivil when one of their perceived entitlements are threatened. Ask Transportation Manager Semaan.

How can 300-400 (allowing for growth) Torrance RV owners exert this type of influent? (As of July , 2005, a Torrance Police survey 404 RVs on street with 107 non-Torrance residents). There are about 147,000 citizens in Torrance, so less than 1/4 of 1% of the population is getting this special treatment.

Norman W Bauer
4909 Macafee RD
Torrance Ca

Semaan, Ted

From: George Allen [allenassoc@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 4:16 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Cc: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: RV parking

We are opposed to any RV parking in our neighborhood.
We presently reside at 4742 Sharynne Lane (Christmas light area).
Myself and my neighbors are constantly letting neighbors know that we do not want their motor homes, motor bike trailers, boats and trailers left in front of or near our homes.
As we live across the street from Seaside elementary it is dangerous as the parents dropping their children off can not see around them. We have enough of a problem due to the limited space on the streets.
Please add our input to your public hearing on 2-28-06.
Cordially.
George/Peggy Allen

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

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

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

1. Our city's liberal parking regulations and lack of enforcement is resulting in non-Torrance residents parking their vehicles within our City's limits.

2. The increas in number of RVs being sold will aggravate existing parking probems(In 1999,some 321,200d new RVs were sold and in 2004 some 364,900 were sold.). According to recent reports,a further increase in RV sales occured in 2005. (This data was taken from a Good Sam Club report.)

3. City trucks are having difficulty loading trash,etc because of RVs and other vehicles parked on the street at the curb during pick-up days.

4. The parking of such vehicles prohibit sweeping of curbs and gutters on street cleaning days.

5. Safety is compromised. Especially,when such vehicles are often parked near or at street corners and driveways.

6. Parking is at a premium in my area where families once had only two autos. Today,they may have as many as five.

7. Torrance strives to be a be beautiful city. The parking of large RVs and other such vehiles doesn't add to this.

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

Thank you,
Frank G. Rizzardi
Frank G. Rizzardi

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
2006 FEB 23 PM 2:30

Semaan, Ted

From: FearlessFred29@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 3:29 PM

To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; cddtraffic@torrnet.com

Subject: Grandfather ordinance

My name is Fred Saunders, and I have been a Torrance resident for 46 years .I own my home,and am permanently disable.My house is at the end of a cul de sac and my 24' class c motor home parks in front of it.I use my R V almost every day and have owned it since 1992.

Please do the right thing! if you have to restrict R Vs let there be a grandfather clause for us citizens that pay taxes.Thank you for your consideration.

Fred Saunders
18818 Fonthill ave
Torrance, ca
90504

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 4:13 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV parking

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From: George Allen [mailto:allenassoc@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 4:16 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Cc: rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
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Semaan, Ted

From: Marcia Lambert [mjlambert@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 5:19 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: On-street Parking of Oversized Vehicles

Dear Mr. Seamann:

My husband and I are not only residents of Torrance but I am also a Realtor with Re/Max. We have lived in Hollywood Riviera on one of the nicest, tree lined streets with million dollar homes. We bought our home in 1999 and there has always been a motor home parked across the street. Our front door and driveway faces Camino Del Campo and this street is well traveled. Not only do people use it as a cut through from PV Drive to PCH, it also leads directly to El Retiro Park and Library and has lots of foot traffic since it leads to the Village.

The neighbor who owes the motor home uses it maybe once every other month, but she moves it either forward or backward every 72 hours to keep from getting a ticket. (Most of the neighborhood has call about this.) Depending how it's parked, it makes it very difficult for us to get out of our driveway without several turns. Her next door neighbor actually goes out in the street in the morning to make sure his wife can pull onto the street without being hit. The motor home blocks her view of on coming traffic and it also blocks their driveway so the on coming traffic cannot see her.

Aesthetically, the motor home is a neighborhood eyesore. I think there is a general consciences in the neighborhood that this should not be a permanent parking place for recreation vehicles. I understand that RV owners need ample time to load and unload and even to charge a generator and 24 or 48 hours is acceptable. But this is a person that is not thinking of the neighborhood or their neighbors and does not want to spend the money to park else where. I know this is an issue in a lot of the neighborhoods in Torrance. As a homeowner and a Realtor, I don't appreciate it and I don't think the city should allow it.

I would urge the City to seriously consider not allowing permanent on-street parking.

Marcia Lambert
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mjlambert@earthlink.net

Semaan, Ted

From: Midnight Mover [midnight@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 10:16 PM
To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: Proposed RV Ordinance

I am in support of the proposed ordinance, which is the result of public meetings from December 2004 - September 2005. 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,

Robert Shellabarger
3530 Sepulveda Blvd
Torrance CA 90505

Semaan, Ted

From: Witkowsky, Hope
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 4:04 PM
To: 'Barbara Stephan '
Cc: Herren, James; Semaan, Ted
Subject: RE: RV,Trailer & Oversized Vehicles

Thank you for your email on the RV situation and parking on our city streets. I understand your views. This Tuesday, February 28th at 7 p.m. City Council meeting we will be voting on a resolution. I encourage you to attend and speak at the podium and I will also forward this email to our department heads to become a part of the record.

Sincerely,
Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky

-----Original Message-----
From: Barbara Stephan
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Sent: 02/22/2006 6:33 PM
Subject: Fwd: RV,Trailer & Oversized Vehicles

---------- Original Message ----------
From: Barbara Stephan <bonusday@iopener.net> Sent To: cddtraffic@torrnet.com
Subject: RV,Trailer & Oversized Vehicles Date Sent: 09 Oct 2005 06:57 PM

Ted Semaan...

I'm still shaking my head, after the parking meeting last Monday..Oct.3..... When,did the traffic Commission get run off the road, from the origninal complaints.. [Persons using public streets in Torrance for thier own personal RV Park .... JUST READ ALL YOUR E-MAIL COMPLAINTS

With Torrances... Narrow steets.. along with Existing out of ones driveways... The streets have becomes a obstacle course , do to these oversize overwide vehicles..& trailers....That are Parked... DAY....
AFTER DAY... AFTER DAY..MONTH... AFTER MONTH...YEAR... AFTER YEAR...Moving only if sighted [that's around the block] or Onces or Twice a year for a 2-3 week summmer trip.....

The registration is a great ideal...BUT LETS NOT GET ALL MESS-UP IN THE MUCK AND MIER....OR THE RAZZLE-DAZZLE'EM, BUREAUCRATIC GOBBLE-DE-GOOP....It's the violartors, who defeat the spirit of the ordinance.....not the ones who have respect for their neighbors and neighborhood..remove their RV .. Oversize and Trailers off the streets when not getting them ready for use....

TICKETS should be issued for parking on..... Trash and Street Cleaning Days ...[Follow what other citys have done... SUCCESSFULLY] TORRANCE NEEDS TO BE PROACTIVE ....WITH A ROAMING TEAM OF TRAFFIC ENFORCERS TO SIGHT THE VIOLTORS OF THIS ORDINANCE....

Thanks for all the hours of work.... Barbara Stephan

P.S. How about putting this on the ballot for a vote from the people of Torrance.....

--------- End Original Message ---------

Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 3:59 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV Parking

From: Bruce [mailto:mrbasc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2006 10:20 PM
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; mhmanuno@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com
Subject: RV Parking

To whom it may concern:

I am against recreational vehicle (RV) parking on the public streets and in residential driveways. RVs mar are beautifully tree lined streets. They are also traffic hazards by blocking the view of oncoming traffic, forcing bicyclists to serve into the street, and obscuring the view of pedestrians. A littler known problem is that the RVs tires are usually butted against the curb (due to the RVs wide profile), which cause stagnate water to collect along the curb. Lastly, in my particular case, the RV is always parked in front of my house, and not the RVs owner's house. The owner might have his reasons for doing this, but I do not experience any advantages from his RV, so it's only fair that I do not experience any disadvantages from it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Bruce Arnold
Torrance Home Owner

Robert Compher

From: "Robert Compher" <bobcomph@verizon.net>
To: <CDDINFO@TorrNet.com>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 4:46 PM
Subject: ON-STREET PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES

The issue of on-street parking of oversized vehicles affects the property value and esthetic value of our neighborhood. I live in the Hollywood Rivera section of Torrance and to many of our streets look like a recreational storage facility. I took a few minutes to go around my neighborhood and document some of the vehicles and THINGS that clutter our street.

I will be unable to attend the meeting on February 28th, but I will deliver my photographic evidence of my findings. Furthermore, it seems to me if a family has enough wherewithal to possess a giant motorhome or beautiful boat, they should be able to afford the price of a storage space. I know this another issue, but should we not be able to be on streets without it appearing we are in the woods camping out?

ROBERT COMPHER
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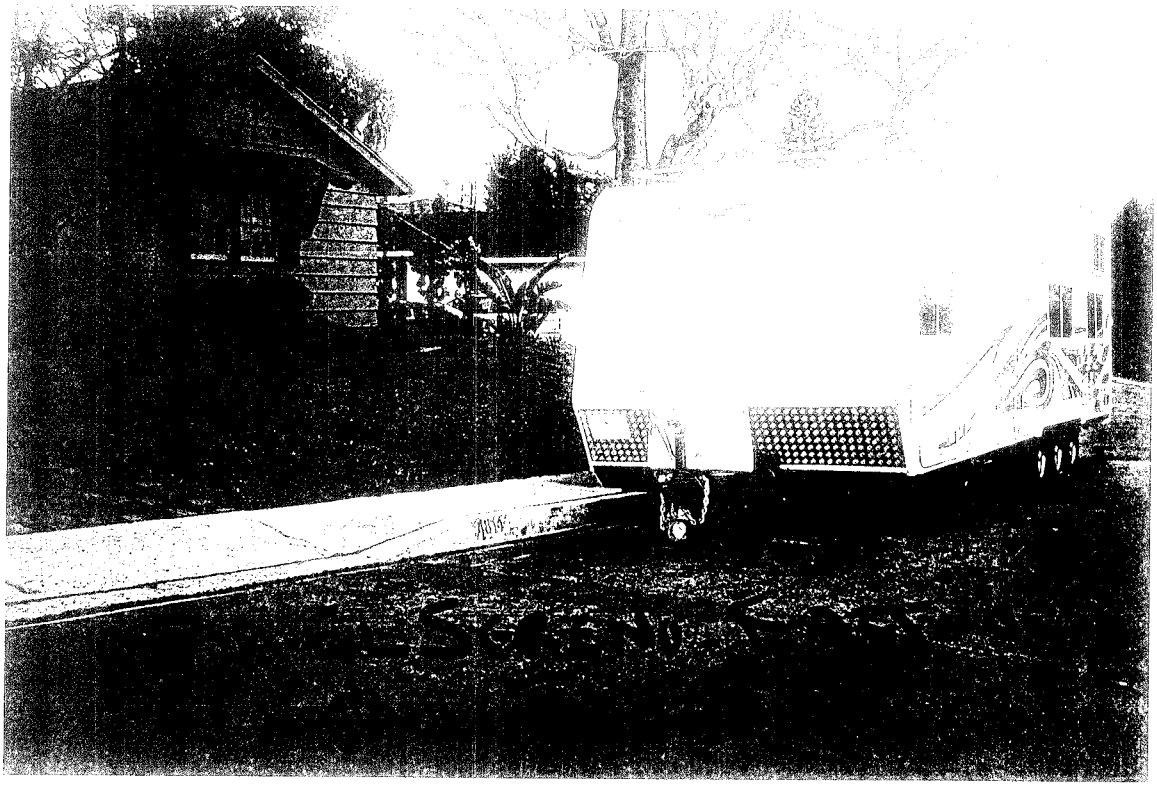

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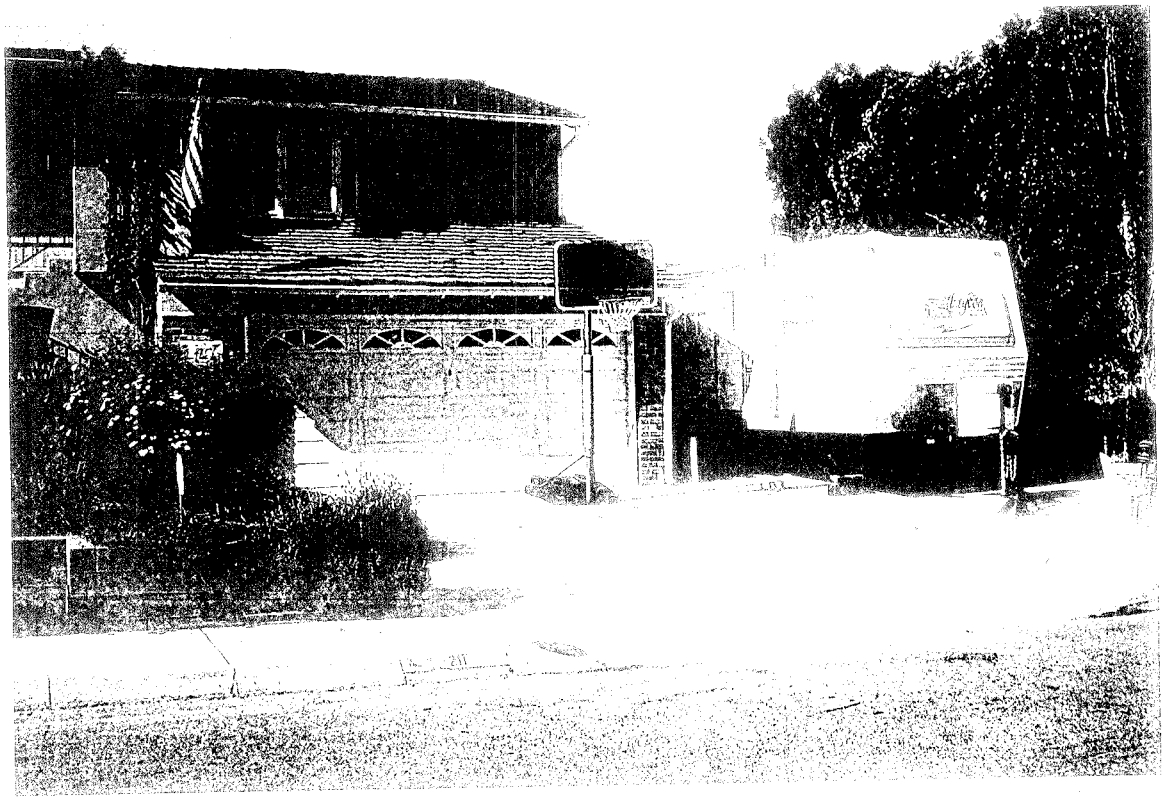

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RV issue is about storage, not parking

The issue (in the recreational vehicle parking ordinance proposed for Torrance) is not RV parking but RV storage. On-street parking is meant for the short term (72 hours by ordinance) and applies to 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 1) it is convenient, 2) it is cheap, 3) they feel it is an entitlement and 4) 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 to stop on-street RV storage 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.

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

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Torrance

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From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 8:45 AM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
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Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 3:21 PM
To: tom
Cc: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: RE: RV, oversized vehicle parking

Thanks Tom, We will hear this matter on Tuesday and as we chat I'm waiting for the item to be delivered.

Paul

-----Original Message-----
From: tom [mailto: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.

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

thanks
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Crump, Jill

From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 3:25 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: Stop on-street RV parking

From: CranKings@aol.com [mailto:CranKings@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2006 7:54 PM
To: pmnowatka@torrnet.com
Subject: Stop on-street RV parking

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

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From: Nowatka, Paul M.
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2006 3:44 PM
To: Gibson, Jeff; Crump, Jill
Subject: FW: RV Parking on Torrance Streets

From: GT Gerry & Jeri Kinzel [mailto:gkinzel@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2006 3:50 PM
To: dwalker@torrnet.com; mhmauno@torrnet.com; rguyton@torrnet.com; pmcintyre@torrnet.com; pmnowatka@torrnet.com; fscotto@torrnet.com; hwitkowsky@torrnet.com; tellus@dailybreeze.com
Subject: RV Parking on Torrance Streets

- **Reference:**
  - **upcoming City Council discussions concerning Recreational Vehicle Parking on Torrance City streets.**
  - **Daily Breeze Question of the week**

Parking of the huge RVs on the street for extended periods cannot be allowed. I note with dismay that the 72 hour law goes unenforced but under no circumstances should the law be rescinded or made more lenient. I would like to see greater enforcement. I can understand parking of these huge vehicles for a short period while loading, unloading, cleaning, visiting, etc. but storage cannot be allowed.

Our streets are much too narrow for parking of such machines..

G.T. & J.D. Kinzel

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