

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 10.24.076, 10.24.077, 10.24.078, AND 10.24.079, AND ADDING SECTIONS 10.24.005 AND 10.24.080, RELATING TO PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the parking of oversized vehicles can have a negative effect on traffic safety by obscuring clear views of other traffic, pedestrians, and traffic signs and signals, as well as obstructing driving lanes; and

WHEREAS, the parking of oversized vehicles in residential areas can create safety hazards for drivers and pedestrians, and consumes needed on-street parking, especially in areas of the City where streets are narrow or where a shortage of off-street vehicle parking exists; and

WHEREAS, the parking of oversized vehicles on non-residential public streets can obstruct business and informational signs, to the detriment of the businesses in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 10.24.076 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

10.24.076 Continuation of existing oversized vehicle regulation.

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, and except as amended or altered from time to time under the authority of this Chapter,

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1 all oversized vehicle restrictions and prohibitions heretofore placed in the
2 City shall remain in full force and effect. The elimination from this Code of
3 previously-enumerated locations for such regulation does not constitute
4 the repeal of such regulations.

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6 Sec. 2. Section 10.24.077 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended
7 in its entirety to read as follows:

8 10.24.077 Posting of restrictions.

9 The City Traffic Engineer shall place and maintain or cause to be
10 placed and maintained, on each of the streets or portions of streets on
11 which oversized vehicle parking is restricted, appropriate signs notifying
12 the public of such restrictions.

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14 Sec. 3. Section 10.24.078 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended
15 in its entirety to read as follows:

16 10.24.078 Parking of oversized vehicles prohibited.

17 A. Where posted, no person who owns, has custody, or control of
18 an oversized vehicle as defined in Section 10.24.005, shall cause it to be
19 parked on any public street.

20 B. Subsection (A) shall not apply to an oversized vehicle, so long
21 as it is parked in a manner which otherwise complies with applicable state
22 law and the City of Long Beach Municipal Code, when a valid permit is
23 displayed on the inside of the lower left corner of the windshield of an
24 oversized vehicle so as to be visible from the street. Said permit may be
25 obtained and displayed in accordance with section 10.24.080 of this
26 Chapter.

27 C. Subsection (A) shall not apply to a commercial vehicle which is
28 engaged in the active loading or unloading of goods for a period of time which

1 does not exceed the permitted commercial loading period as defined in
2 10.24.005.

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4 Sec. 4. Section 10.24.079 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended
5 in its entirety to read as follows:

6 10.24.079 Designation and termination of oversized vehicle parking restrictions.

7 Installation or removal of oversized vehicle parking restrictions may
8 be initiated by the City Traffic Engineer or by petition. Eligibility for
9 oversized vehicle restrictions shall be determined by the City Traffic
10 Engineer, after consideration of street size, traffic patterns and volume,
11 traffic on nearby streets or street segments, neighborhood characteristics,
12 and Citywide traffic plans.

13 A. For installation or removal of oversized vehicle restrictions by
14 petition on a residential street, the City Traffic Engineer shall provide a
15 petition form containing the street addresses of properties with front curbs
16 proposed to be affected by the action. In order to be deemed sufficient, a
17 petition for a residential street must contain the signatures of residents of
18 residential units at two-thirds (2/3) of the addresses listed.

19 B. The City Traffic Engineer shall make available to members of
20 the public a petition form by which property owners or owner's agents may
21 petition for the installation or removal of oversized vehicle restrictions on a
22 non-residential street. The petition form shall contain the street
23 addresses of properties proposed to be affected by the action. In order to
24 be deemed sufficient, a petition for a non-residential street must contain
25 the signatures of owners or owner's agents for at least two-thirds (2/3) of
26 the linear street frontage described on the petition, irrespective of the
27 property's legal address.
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1 Sec. 5. Section 10.24.005 is added to the Long Beach Municipal Code to
2 read as follows:

3 10.24.005 Definitions.

4 The following definitions shall apply to this Chapter:

5 A. "Oversized vehicle" means a vehicle which exceeds eighty-five
6 inches (85") high or eighty inches (80") wide or twenty feet (20') long on a
7 residential street or eighty-five inches (85") high or twenty feet (20') long
8 on a non-residential street. A boat, equipment or other object on or
9 attached to a trailer shall be measured together with the trailer.

10 B. "Non-residential street" means a street or portion thereof on
11 which the majority of traffic is non-residential, and which is adjacent to
12 property on which the majority of uses are commercial, industrial or
13 institutional.

14 C. "Residential street" means a street or portion thereof adjacent
15 to property on which the majority of uses are residential in nature.

16 D. "Permitted commercial loading period" means the time allowed for the
17 actual loading or unloading of goods. The permitted commercial loading period
18 shall be twenty minutes, or such other time period as posted by the city traffic
19 engineer.

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21 Sec. 6. Section 10.24.080 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is added to read
22 as follows:

23 10.24.080 Oversized vehicle forty-eight (48) hour parking permit for
24 residential streets.

25 A. The fire department, or such other department as the city
26 manager shall designate, is authorized to issue oversized vehicle parking
27 permits for campers, trailers, boats on trailers, and recreational vehicles
28 for the purpose of such activities as loading, unloading or performing

1 maintenance on such vehicles for a period of not more than forty-eight
2 (48) hours. Such activities must be conducted in compliance with all other
3 laws and regulations. No more than twelve (12) permits shall be issued to
4 any one eligible resident or to any one eligible vehicle within one calendar
5 year and a twenty-four hour period must elapse between permits.

6 B. Oversized vehicle parking permits shall be issued for eligible
7 vehicles upon application of the registered owner or such other person
8 who can provide evidence of residency at a location at which on-street
9 parking of oversized vehicles is prohibited and can demonstrate exclusive
10 use and control of the vehicle for which application is made.

11 C. Each oversized vehicle parking permit shall be issued for a
12 period not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours in duration. Each application
13 or re-application for oversized vehicle parking permits shall be in writing
14 and shall contain sufficient information to satisfy the administering
15 department as to the identity and residential address of the applicant, the
16 applicant's registered ownership or exclusive use and control of the
17 vehicle for which application is made, the license number of the vehicle,
18 and any other information that the administering department deems
19 necessary for the proper processing of the application.

20 D. The Fire Chief or his designee may place further restrictions on
21 any permit issued as deemed necessary to protect the public health and
22 safety. Such restrictions shall appear on the face of the permit which shall
23 be displayed on the inside of the windshield of the vehicle for which the
24 permit is issued so as to be readily visible to a person approaching the
25 vehicle from the front thereof.

26 E. Applications for issuance of forty-eight (48) hour permits shall
27 be accompanied by such fee therefor as may be established from time to
28 time by resolution of the City Council,

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Sec. 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council of the City of Long Beach and cause the same to be posted in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first day after it is approved by the Mayor.

I certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2005, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

Approved: _____
(Date)

Mayor

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