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Subject: We need to change the ability for RV owners to use Petaluma City Streets for storage
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Dear Petaluma City Council,

We are residents located near Wiseman Park on the east side of Petaluma. We are concerned about a toy hauler (an extremely large RV) that has been able to park in front of other people's homes for the last six months.

The owner of this vehicle has been improperly using the streets of Petaluma as storage for his recreational vehicle. The current ordinance allows him to store his vehicle as long as he moves it every 72 hours. However, as residents, we do not appreciate having his oversized RV blocking the front of our homes. Not only does it detract from the look of our neighborhood, but it also keeps the City from performing its required jobs of street cleaning and trash pickup. We have been calling the Police Dispatch citing section 11.40.060 which requires our neighbor to move his recreational vehicle every 72 hours. Unfortunately, he always moves it back to our neighborhood.

We held a meeting at Mimi Reddick's house on February 11th. She told us she had already written to each City Council member on January 29th. After much discussion about the problem, we looked at language from Bellflower, CA and San Rafael, CA. At this meeting, we agreed both Bellflower's and San Rafael's ordinances addressed Petaluma's needs. However, we also agreed that a fine should be implemented for noncompliance and to offset the costs of enforcement.

We would like action to be taken to stop the inappropriate use of using the streets of Petaluma to store recreational vehicles and trailers. A date that this item be on the agenda and a response to this letter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bruce Abbott
Mary Redwine
Mimi Reddick
Pam Adinoff

Joyce and Mike Franks
Lee Cory
Mike Francisco
Rebecca and Jim Sartain

Kay Fahlstrom
Kevin and Leslie McNaughton
Robert and Rhonda Olsen

Bellflower:

10.12.070 Recreational Vehicle and Recreational Trailer Overnight Parking.

A. For purposes of this section, a recreational vehicle, or RV, means any self-propelled motor home, truck camper, or similar vehicle designed for human habitation. "Human habitation" is the use of a vehicle for dwelling. Evidence of human habitation includes activities such as sleeping, setting up housekeeping or cooking, and any other activity where it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances, that one (1) or more persons are using the vehicle as a living accommodation.

B. For purposes of this section, a recreational trailer is any non-motorized vehicle that does not exceed twenty-eight (28) feet in overall length, and is either fully enclosed and designed for temporary human habitation, or is used to transport equines (horses), boats, or motorized vehicles designed for recreational use. A recreational trailer is attached to a recreational vehicle when it is securely connected to the RV by two (2) separate means of attachment, such as a hitch or safety chains, designed so that the failure of one means of attachment would not cause the recreational trailer to separate from the RV.

C. It is unlawful for any person to park a recreational vehicle or recreational trailer on the street between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. without a permit. Permits must be displayed in the windshield of a recreational vehicle or the rear of a recreational trailer.

D. A resident may obtain a permit to park a recreational vehicle, a recreational vehicle with a recreational trailer attached, or an unattached recreational trailer, for a period of one (1) to three (3) days. Residents may obtain these permits for a maximum of six (6) days per month, and a maximum of fifty (50) days per year. Permit costs will be established by City Council resolution.

E. When parked overnight pursuant to a permit, a recreational vehicle or recreational trailer must be parked within three hundred (300) feet of the permittee's address. A recreational vehicle or recreational trailer must comply with street sweeping and other applicable parking regulations at all times. No utilities, such as electrical cords, which are used by the recreational vehicle or recreational trailer may cross the public right-of-way while the recreational vehicle or recreational trailer is parked.

F. A permittee may park a recreational vehicle or recreational trailer for residential purposes such as sleeping, provided that the permittee complies with all permit restrictions, including limitations on the number of days a recreational vehicle or recreational trailer may be parked overnight. (Ord. 1312 § 11, 5/23/16; Ord. 1335 § 1, 3/27/17)

San Rafael

• 5.40.145 - Stopping, standing, and parking of recreational vehicles—Prohibited.

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A. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

1. "Recreational Vehicle" or "RV" shall mean any vehicle or trailer which is capable of human habitation or designed or used for recreational camping or travel use, whether self-propelled or mounted on or drawn by another vehicle, or any structure inspected, approved and designated as a recreational vehicle by and bearing the insignia of the State of California or any other state or federal agency having the authority to approve recreational vehicles. "Recreational vehicle" may include, without limitation, any of the following: a "camp trailer," as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 242; a "fifth wheel travel trailer," as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 324; a "house car," as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 362; a "trailer" as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 630; a "trailer coach," as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 635; a mobile home, as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 396; a boat, watercraft, and/or a trailer for a boat or watercraft; a "park trailer" as defined in California Health & Safety Code Section 18009.3; a "recreational vehicle" as defined in California Health & Safety Code Section 18010; and a "truck camper" as defined in California Health & Safety Code Section 18013.4.
2. "Resident" shall mean a person who customarily resides and maintains a place of abode or who owns land within the city. It shall not mean a person who maintains an address at a mailbox drop, or who rents a room which is not his or her primary place of abode, nor shall it mean a person who maintains only a post office box, unless that person also provides evidence of residence at a street address within the city.
3. "Out-of-town visitor" shall mean any person who does not reside in the city who is temporarily visiting as a guest of a resident of the city, and who has applied for a temporary RV parking permit.

B. Prohibitions.

1. Notwithstanding anything in [Section 5.40.140](#) of this code to the contrary, except as

provided in subsections C and D of this section, no person shall park, stop, or leave standing any recreational vehicle upon any public highway or public right-of-way or public property within the city.

2.No person shall display a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit temporary RV parking permit or permit number with the intent to avoid compliance with this section.

C.Exemptions. The prohibitions in this section shall not apply to any of the following:

1.A recreational vehicle for which a temporary RV parking permit has been issued by the parking services manager as provided in subsection D;

2.A recreational vehicle parked, stopped, or left standing as a result of a mechanical breakdown so as to allow the performance of emergency repairs on the vehicle for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours;

3.Any public emergency vehicle.

D.Temporary RV Parking Permits.

1.Temporary RV Parking Permits—Purpose. The purpose of authorizing the issuance of temporary RV parking permits is to give owners of recreational vehicles the opportunity, for a limited time, to park the recreational vehicle on a public street or highway directly in front of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) their residence for purposes of loading and unloading, and to allow an out-of-town visitor who owns a recreational vehicle to park on a public street or highway directly in front of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) the residence which the out-of-town visitor is visiting for a limited time period, and to allow a recreational vehicle to be used on a temporary basis for a community-serving event, or, in order to provide flexibility in administration, as deemed appropriate by the parking services manager.

2.Temporary RV Parking Permits—Limitations.

a.A resident with a temporary RV parking permit who parks, stops, or leaves standing his/her recreational vehicle on a public street or highway other than directly in front of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) his/her residence will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

b.An out-of-town visitor with a temporary RV parking permit who parks, stops, or leaves standing his/her recreational vehicle on a public street or highway other than directly in front of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) the residence which the out-of-town visitor is visiting will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

c.No person shall cause or permit any electrical, water, gas, telephone or other utility connection from any property to a recreational vehicle parked, stopped, or left standing on a public highway or street, including but not limited to electrical cords, extension cords, hoses, or cables, to encroach into any public right-of-way, including across or above any street or sidewalk.

3.Temporary RV Parking Permits—Application and Issuance. The parking services manager or designee, is authorized to issue temporary RV parking permits, pursuant to the following:

a.Residents. Each resident desiring a temporary RV parking permit shall file with the parking services department a completed city application form, signed under penalty of perjury, containing the following:

i.The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of the designated recreational vehicle;

ii.The name, address, and phone number of the applicant(s) for the permit;

iii.Proof of residency. Acceptable proof of residency must be current and must include a California Driver's License or California Identification Card, and either a property tax bill or a public utility bill;

iv.The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the recreational vehicle or trailer that shows the recreational vehicle is registered in the City of San Rafael;

v.The license number, make, and model of the designated recreational vehicle;

vi.The dates for which the permit is requested;

vii.Additional information the parking services department may require.

- b. Out-of-town visitors. Each out-of-town visitor desiring a temporary RV parking permit shall file with the parking services department a completed city application form, signed under penalty of perjury, containing the following:
 - i. The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of the designated recreational vehicle;
 - ii. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant(s) for the permit;
 - iii. The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, or equivalent agency for another state, for the recreational vehicle;
 - iv. The name, address, and phone number of the resident that is being visited;
 - v. The license number, make, and model of the designated recreational vehicle;
 - vi. The dates for which the permit is requested;
 - vii. Additional information the parking services department may require.
 - c. Community-serving uses and others. Each person or organization desiring a temporary RV parking permit shall file with the parking services department a completed city application form, signed under penalty of perjury, containing the following:
 - i. The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of the designated recreational vehicle;
 - ii. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant(s) for the permit;
 - iii. The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, or equivalent agency for another state, for the recreational vehicle;
 - iv. The event or purpose for which the RV will be parked;
 - v. The license number, make, and model of the designated recreational vehicle;
 - vi. The dates for which the permit is requested;
 - vii. Additional information the parking services department may require.
4. Temporary RV Parking Permits—Display. Temporary RV parking permits issued and approved by the parking services department shall include the license plate number of the designated recreational vehicle, the date of permit issuance, and the day of permit expiration.
- a. Permits shall be displayed in the lower driver's side of the windshield or nearest window of the recreational vehicle for which it has been issued so that it is clearly visible from the exterior of the vehicle. Permits shall be displayed on the side of the recreational vehicle for which it has been issued so that it is visible from the street, which is usually the left side.
 - b. The parking services manager or designee is authorized to set up a temporary RV parking permit call-in phone number or internet processing system.
5. Temporary RV Parking Permits—Duration.
- a. Residents. A temporary RV parking permit issued to a resident shall be valid for one (1) calendar day. An applicant may request no more than three (3) consecutive temporary RV parking permits (a total of three (3) calendar days of parking) at one (1) time. Upon expiration of the permit, the applicant may apply for and be granted additional temporary RV parking permits if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth in this section. In no event shall any person residence and/or designated recreational vehicle be issued more than thirty-six (36) temporary RV parking permits for residents in any calendar year.
 - b. Out-of-town visitors. A temporary RV parking permit issued to an out-of-town visitor shall be valid for a period not to exceed eight (8) calendar days. Upon expiration of the permit, the applicant may apply for and be granted additional temporary RV parking permits if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth in this section. The temporary RV parking permit will be tied to the residence being visited. In no event shall any person, residence and/or designated recreational vehicle be issued more than twelve (12) temporary RV parking permits for out-of-town visitors in any calendar year.
 - c. Community-serving uses. A temporary RV parking permit may be issued for a temporary community-serving use, such as a blood drive or mobile library stop, and shall be valid for a

period not to exceed twelve (12) hours. In no event shall any person or organization be issued more than twelve (12) temporary RV parking permits for community-serving uses in any calendar year.

d.Other. The parking services manager, in his or her discretion, may issue temporary RV parking permits for such other purposes and time periods, and with such conditions, as he or she shall deem appropriate for the promotion of the public health, safety or general welfare.

E.Violations. Vehicles violating any provision of this section may be cited and/or immediately removed.

F.Signs. The director of public works shall post streets signs giving notice of the parking prohibitions herein at appropriate locations on any streets within the city, including at the entrances and exits to the city. Such signs shall give notice that vehicles violating this section may be cited/and or towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. [1941](#), div. 5, 7-18-2016)

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