

# CONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS RELATED TO OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING

April 2, 2024



# BACKGROUND

## **2010 and 2011**

- City Council and Parking and Public Improvements Commission reviewed the topic.

## **October 18, 2011**

- City Council presented with five options to address topic and then approves option that prohibits parking of oversized vehicles in designated areas.
- City Council introduced Ord. 2145, prohibiting the parking of detached trailers in the City.

## **October 17, 2023**

- City Council directed staff to provide options to update the City's ordinance regarding overnight parking of oversized vehicles.

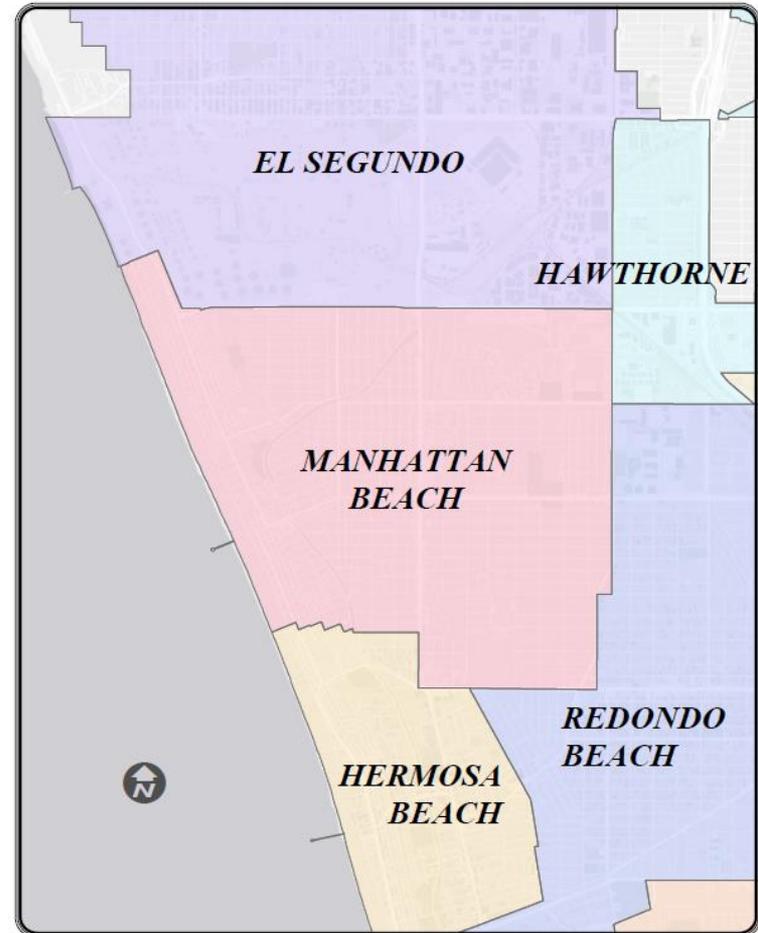
## **January 16, 2024**

- City Council directed staff to return with a draft ordinance that would prohibit the parking of oversized vehicles without a permit.



# PRACTICES OF NEIGHBORING CITIES

- All bordering cities have some type of oversized vehicle permit program with varying parameters.
  - El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach.
- Additional surveyed cities with permit programs:
  - Gardena and Torrance



# CURRENT REGULATIONS

- MBMC Section 14.36.180 – the parking of non-motorized vehicles and trailers are prohibited on city streets.
- MBMC Chapter 14.46 – “On-Street Parking of Oversized Vehicles” – the stopping, standing, parking or leaving of an oversized vehicle or trailer is prohibited at any time in areas designated by the Police Chief and Traffic Engineer, or their designees.



# LOCATIONS OF INSTALLED SIGNAGE

- 70 signs were identified in the city related to the parking of oversized vehicles and trailers.
  - 35 - around the perimeter of the city detailing the citywide prohibition of detached trailers.
  - 35 - various locations within the city prohibiting the parking of oversized vehicle in those areas.

## Effects of Proposed Ordinance

- All existing locations would remain in place.
- Police Chief and City Traffic Engineer would maintain authority to designate new prohibited areas as necessary.



# PROPOSED DRAFT ORDINANCE

## Justifications:

- City streets are very narrow.
- Oversized vehicles create a safety hazard by reducing visibility and travel lane width when parked on City streets.
- Oversized vehicles present a significant burden on limited parking availability on streets

**The following slides will include proposed updates to Chapter 14.46 for City Council consideration.**



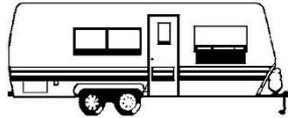
# UPDATED DEFINITION OF OVERSIZED VEHICLE

- Oversized Vehicle - Any vehicle, as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 670, trailer, semitrailer, camp trailer (including tent trailers), unmounted camper, trailer bus, or trailer coach, as defined in California Vehicle Code Sections 242, 243, 550, 630, 635, and 636, respectively, a fifth-wheel travel trailer as defined in Vehicle Code Section 324, or combination of vehicles, which, either on its own or in aggregate, exceeds 22 feet in length, seven feet in width, or eight feet in height, exclusive of projecting lights or devices allowed by California Vehicle Code Sections 35109 and 35110.



# ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

## Conventional Trailer



## Fifth-Wheel Trailer



## Camping Trailer or Folding Camping Trailer



## Motor Home



## Van Camper or Conversion Van-Campers



## Truck Camper/Pickup Camper/Unmounted Camper



# PERMIT PROGRAM

- The purpose of creating an oversized vehicle permit program is to give permit holders the opportunity to park their oversized vehicle on a public street for a limited period of time.
- All permit holders will abide by MBMC Section 14.36.060 and cannot park in the same location for a period exceeding 72 consecutive hours.



# PERMIT PROGRAM - APPLICATION

- Resident would fill out an online application and provide additional documentation to obtain an **Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit** for their own oversized vehicle.

OR

- Resident would fill out an online application and provide additional documentation for a **Guest Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit** for an out-of-town guest or if the resident is temporarily renting an oversized vehicle.

All permitted vehicles must be associated with a residence in the City.



# PERMIT PROGRAM - PERMIT

## Permit Type: Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit

- Once application is reviewed and approved. Resident would receive a notification to pick-up permit from the City.
- Fee: \$65.00 per permit
- Duration of Permit:
  - Valid for one year (October 1 – September 30)
  - Resident will need to reapply annually
- Suggested Limit: one permit per year from October 1 – September 30.



# PERMIT PROGRAM - PERMIT

## Permit Type: Guest Oversized Vehicle Permit

- Once application is reviewed and approved. Resident would receive a notification to print their permit.
- Fee: \$45.00 per permit
- Duration of Permit:
  - Valid for 72 hours
- Limits:
  - Maximum of 4 guests permits per household in any 12 month period.
  - Resident may not request guest permits for multiple guests at a time.



# PERMIT PROGRAM - RESTRICTIONS

- Permit holders may park on any street unless otherwise prohibited by signage, other markings, or if it presents a traffic or safety concern to pedestrians or other drivers, as determined by the Police Department.
- Permit holder shall not occupy more than one marked parking space.
- Permit does not allow the holder to utilize hook-ups.



# PERMIT PROGRAM – RESTRICTIONS (cont'd)

- The oversized vehicle must be attached to a motor vehicle that is capable of moving said oversized vehicle at all times.
- Permit holder will need to comply with posted street sweeping restrictions.
- Permit holder will pay any applicable parking meter charges while occupying a metered space.



# PERMIT PROGRAM - PENALTIES

VIOLATION	FINE
Parking of non-motorized vehicles and trailers on City streets (§14.36.180)	\$149.00
Parking in a restricted Oversized Vehicle area (§14.46.080)	\$149.00
Parking of Oversized Vehicle without a Permit (§14.46.020)	\$53.00

- Additionally, the following violations can be misdemeanors:
  - Displaying fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit permit as well as any person who assigns or transfers permit.
  - Forging, altering, or counterfeiting an oversized vehicle or trailer parking permit.
  - Assigning, transferring or using a permit issued for any consideration, monetary or otherwise.
- City has the discretion to treat such misdemeanors as an infraction, or an administrative violation where an administrative citation is issued.
- Oversized vehicles in violation of the ordinance may be removed immediately.



# PERMIT PROGRAM – STAFF TIME

If the proposed ordinance moves forward:

- Several departments will be involved in the creation of electronic workflow and testing.
  - IT, Finance, Community Development, Management Services and Police Department.
- IT – Software maintenance
- Community Development and Finance – Review of every application
- Finance – Issuance of permit
- Police Department – Enforcement



# STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Discuss and consider introducing Ordinance No. 24-0005 prohibit the parking of oversized vehicles at any time without a permit;
2. If directed to introduce Ordinance,
  1. Discuss and provide direction, if any, for establishing a cost recovery fee for review of oversized vehicle permits; and
  2. Discuss and provide direction, if any, specifying fines for violations of Ordinance No. 24-0005.



