



City of Huntington Beach

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MEETING DATE: 11/16/2020

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Travis K. Hopkins, Assistant City Manager

Subject:

Approve for Introduction Ordinance No. 4223 Amending Chapter 10.44 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Regarding Recreational Vehicles

Statement of Issue:

Recently, it was requested that staff assess the feasibility of allowing Huntington Beach residents to obtain a permit to lawfully park recreational vehicles (RVs) under 20 feet in length in front of their homes. Given that proposal, a draft ordinance was developed that if approved, would provide homeowners the ability to obtain a permit from the Police Department to park RVs under 20 feet in length in front of their home.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

Recommended Action:

Approve for Introduction Ordinance No. 4223, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach amending Chapter 10.44 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code regarding recreational vehicles."

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve the proposed ordinance and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

Currently, the City of Huntington Beach requires a permit to park an RV of any size, a vehicle over 22 feet, or a trailer (as defined in section 10.44.060a HBMC) on a public street. The City has established a permit system which allows residents to obtain permits for the purpose of loading and unloading oversized vehicles. Permits are granted for no more than 12 days in a calendar month, and no more than 144 days in a calendar year. Similar temporary exemptions exist under the exception clause when existing medical conditions limit the off-street parking of an RV or when City permitted construction work requires the use of an RV.

The proposed ordinance would amend the Huntington Beach Municipal Code by removing the time and number of occurrence restrictions for parking recreational vehicles under 20 feet in length in front of an individual's home. Per the proposed regulation, residents would be required to obtain a parking permit from the Police Department, which would allow the smaller RVs to be parked in front of or adjacent to their residence. The Police Department will have the authority to make and enforce rules and regulations for or regarding administration and enforcement of the permit.

Environmental Status:

The amendment to the Oversized Vehicle Parking Regulations is subject to the "common sense" environmental review exemption of CEQA Guideline Section 15-61(b)(3), which provides that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the parking in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and maintain high quality City services
Enhance and modernize public safety service delivery

Attachment(s):

1. Ordinance No. 4223
2. Legislative Draft of Ordinance No. 4223