

ORDINANCE NO. 3686

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 12 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 6 RELATING TO OVERSIZED VEHICLES AND TRAILERS.

The City Council of the City of Torrance does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1

The City Council finds as follows:

- (a) Parking Oversized Vehicles and Trailers on residential streets interferes with the normal flow of vehicle traffic, especially on narrow streets.
- (b) Parking Oversized Vehicles and Trailers create visual obstacles and reduce the lines of sight for driveways, intersections, and traffic signage and thereby reduce sidewalk and street safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- (c) Bicyclists are exposed to greater traffic dangers as they go around these larger parked vehicles.
- (d) Fire and Emergency access is reduced especially on narrow streets and cul-de-sacs.
- (e) Oversized Vehicles and Trailers, especially Recreational Vehicles, hold large quantities of gasoline and propane – a highly volatile fire hazard.
- (f) Oversized Vehicles and Trailers parked on residential streets negatively affect the aesthetics and livability of the community and residents. Noise levels are increased with generator and engine usage, and annoying odors are emitted from sewage holding tanks.
- (g) Detached Trailers parked on the street constitute a safety hazard as they do not have an independent braking system.
- (h) Current parking regulations are inadequate to address the problem of parking Oversized Vehicles and Trailers on residential streets.
- (i) Persons owning Oversized Vehicles and Trailers should have the opportunity to have limited use of streets for short periods of time.

SECTION 2

A new Article 12 of Chapter 1 of Division 6 of the Torrance Municipal Code is added to read in its entirety as follows:

“Article 12 – Oversized Vehicles and Trailers

- Section 61.12.010** **Definitions**
- Section 61.12.020** **Parking of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers**
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- Section 61.12.070** **Oversized Vehicle Parking on Public Streets**
- Section 61.12.080** **Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Fees**
- Section 61.12.090** **Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits**
- Section 61.12.100** **Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits**

- Section 61.12.110** **Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Duration**
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- Section 61.12.130** **Permit Denial**
- Section 61.12.140** **Violation of Article**
- Section 61.12.150** **State of Emergency**
- Section 61.12.160** **Application of Regulations**

Section 61.12.010 **Definitions**

The following definitions will govern the construction of the words and phrases used in this Article:

‘Oversized Vehicle’ shall mean any vehicle, as defined by Section 670 of the California Vehicle Code, or combination of vehicles, which exceeds twenty feet in length, seven feet in width, or eight feet in height, exclusive of projecting lights or devices allowed by Section 35109 or 35110 of the California Vehicle Code, as may be amended. Oversized Vehicle does not include pickup trucks or sport utility vehicles, which are less than twenty-five feet in length and eighty-two inches in height.

‘Trailer’ shall mean a trailer, semitrailer, camp trailer (including tent trailers), unmounted camper, or trailer coach as defined in Sections 242, 243, 550, 630, 635, and 636 of the California Vehicle Code, or fifth-wheel travel trailer, as defined in Section 324 of the Vehicle Code.

Section 61.12.020 **Parking of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers**

- (a) No person shall park or leave standing any Oversized Vehicle upon any public street or highway in the City.
- (b) No person shall park or leave standing any Trailer, regardless of length or width, upon any public street or highway in the City.

Section 61.12.030 **Exceptions**

The prohibitions contained in Section 61.12.020 shall not apply to any of the following:

- (a) Oversized Vehicles or Trailers for which an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit has been issued for a resident or an out-of-town visitor, in accordance with Section 61.12.050;
- (b) Any Oversized Vehicle or Trailers displaying a valid Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit issued pursuant to Section 61.12.090;
- (c) Oversized Vehicles or Trailers parked 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 seventy-two hours;
- (d) Commercial vehicles making pickups or delivery of goods, wares or merchandise, or while providing services to a residence, including, but not limited to yard maintenance, pool care and maintenance, repair and construction services;
- (e) Tow trucks and similar vehicles that are in the course of providing services;
- (f) Public or utility vehicles and trailers that are in the course of providing services;
- (g) Any public emergency vehicle.

Section 61.12.035 **Registration of Oversized Vehicles or Trailers**

- (a) Each person registering an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer with the City must file with the City a completed application containing the following:
 - (1) The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;

- (2) The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the permit;
 - (3) Proof of residency
 - a. Acceptable proof of residency must be current and must include the following: California Driver's License or California Identification Card and one of the following: Property Tax Bill or Public Utility Bill (telephone bills are not acceptable).
 - (4) The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that shows the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer is registered in the City of Torrance;
 - (5) The license number, make, and model of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - (6) Additional information the Police Department may require;
- The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.

- (b) The City will issue Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers to people who meet the requirements listed above. The Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers will be displayed on the street side of the bumper of an Oversized Vehicle or the bumper area of a Trailer so it is clearly visible from the street, which is usually the left side.

Section 61.12.037 Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers – Fees

Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Stickers will be issued upon payment of a fee that will be set by Resolution of the City Council.

Section 61.12.040 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits

- (a) The purpose of authorizing the issuance of Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits is to give owners of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers the opportunity, for a limited time, to park the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway directly in front of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) their residence, and to allow an out-of-town visitor who owns an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer 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.
- (b) A resident with an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit who does not park their Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway directly in front of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) their residence will be subject to citation, towing, or both.
- (c) An out-of-town visitor with an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit who does not park their Oversized Vehicle or Trailer 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 will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

Section 61.12.050 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits

- (a) This subsection shall apply to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are registered with the City of Torrance.
 - (1) The Police Chief or designee, is authorized to issue Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits, pursuant to the following:
 - a. Each person desiring an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit shall file with the Torrance Police Department a completed City application form containing the following:
 - 1. The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - 2. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the permit;
 - 3. Proof of residency
 - (1) Acceptable proof of residency must be current and must include the following:

California Driver's License or California Identification Card and one of the following:
Property Tax Bill or Public Utility Bill (telephone bills are not acceptable).

4. The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer that shows the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer is registered in the City of Torrance;
 5. The license number, make, and model of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 6. The dates for which the permit is requested;
 7. The dates and duration of any and all Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued to the applicant within the immediately preceding ninety day period;
 8. Additional information the Police Department may require;
 9. The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.
- (2) Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued and approved by the Police Department shall include the license plate number of the designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer, the date of issuance, and the day of its expiration.
- (3) Permits shall be displayed in the lower driver's side of the windshield or nearest window of the Oversized 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 Trailer for which it has been issued so that it is visible from the street, which is usually the left side of the Trailer.
- (4) The Police Chief or his designee is authorized to set up an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit call-in phone number or internet processing system.
- (b) This subsection shall apply to Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are not registered with the City (Out-of-Town Visitor Permits)
- (1) The Police Chief or designee, is authorized to issue Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits, pursuant to the following:
 - (2) Each person desiring an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit shall file with the Torrance Police Department a completed City application form containing the following:
 - A. The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - B. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant for the permit;
 - C. The registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles, or equivalent agency in another state, for the Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - D. The name, address, and phone number of the resident that is being visited;
 - E. The license number, make, and model of designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer;
 - F. The dates for which the permit is requested;
 - G. The dates and duration of any and all Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued to the applicant during the current calendar year;
 - H. The dates and duration of any and all Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued to the resident being visited during the current calendar year;
 - I. Additional information the Police Department may require;
 - J. The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.
 - K. Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits issued and approved by the Police Department shall include the license plate number of the designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer, the date of issuance, and the day of its expiration.
 - (3) Permits shall be displayed in the lower driver's side of the windshield or nearest window of the Oversized 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 Trailer for which it

has been issued so that it is visible from the street, which is usually the left side of the Trailer.

- (4) The Police Chief or his designee is authorized to set up an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit call-in phone number or internet processing system.

Section 61.12.060 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Duration

(a) For Oversized Vehicles and Trailers registered with the City:

- (1) An Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed 24 hours. An Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit will be valid from 12:00 p.m. one day until 11:59 a.m. the next day. Upon expiration of the permit, the applicant may apply for and be granted additional Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth in this Article. An applicant may request no more than 3 consecutive Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits (a total of 72 hours of parking to load and unload) at one time. In no event shall any person residence and/or designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer be issued more than 24 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits within any 90 day period and no more than 96 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits in any calendar year.

(b) For Oversized Vehicles and Trailers that are not registered with the City under subsection (a) above (Out-of-Town Visitor Permits)

- (1) An Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit shall be valid for a period not to exceed 24 hours. An Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit will be valid from 12:00 p.m. one day until 11:59 a.m. the next day. Upon expiration of the permit, the applicant may apply for and be granted additional Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits if the applicant still qualifies under the conditions set forth in this Article. The Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit (Out-of-Town Visitor Permits) will be tied to the residence being visited. An applicant may request no more than 14 consecutive Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits at one time. In no event shall any person, residence and/or designated Oversized Vehicle or Trailer be issued more than 30 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits in any calendar year.

Section 61.12.070 Oversized Vehicle Parking on Public Streets

No person shall run electrical cords, extension cords, hoses, cables, or other items across, above or on the parkway or sidewalk from a residential or commercial property to an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer parked on a public street.

Section 61.12.080 Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits – Fees

Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits will be issued upon payment of a fee that will be set by Resolution of the City Council.

Section 61.12.090 Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits

(a) Purpose. The purpose of authorizing the issuance of Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits is to allow a handicapped person to park a designated oversized vehicle on a street/highway directly in front of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) their residence.

(b) Requirements. In order to be eligible to receive an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit, the following requirements must be met:

- (1) The applicant must be entitled to receive a handicapped placard or license plate pursuant to the provisions of the California Vehicle Code;
- (2) The oversized vehicle is the only vehicle owned by the resident and is required to meet the daily transportation needs of the resident.

Section 61.12.100 Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Issuance of Permits

- (a) The Police Chief or designee, is authorized to issue Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits, pursuant to the following:
- (1) Each person desiring an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit shall file with the Torrance Police Department a completed City application form containing the following:
 - (A) The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner and applicant of designated Oversized Vehicle;
 - (B) The license number, make, and model of designated oversized vehicle;
 - (C) The year for which the permit is requested;
 - (D) The years of any and all previous Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits issued to the applicant;
 - (E) Additional information the Police Department may require;
 - (F) The applicant must sign the application under penalty of perjury.
 - (2) Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits issued and approved by the Police Department shall include the license plate number of the designated Oversized Vehicle, the date of issuance and the day of its expiration.
 - (3) Permits shall be displayed in the lower driver's side of the windshield or nearest window of the vehicle for which it has been issued so that it is clearly visible from the exterior of the vehicle.

Section 61.12.110 Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits - Duration

Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits shall be valid for a period of one year, so long as the holder thereof meets the requirements of this section relating to such permits. Permits may be renewed on an annual basis.

Section 61.12.120 Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permits – Fees

Oversized Vehicle Handicap Permits shall be issued without any fees.

Section 61.12.130 Permit Denial

A permit must be denied if the Police Chief or designee finds that:

- (a) The applicant or the person the applicant is visiting is not a bona fide city resident;
- (b) The proposed location is not on a street directly in front of (or the side of the property if it is a corner lot) the residence of the applicant or the person the applicant is visiting;
- (c) The out-of-town visitor is not a guest of the resident;
- (d) Information submitted by the applicant is materially false; or
- (e) If the application is for an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Permit
 1. The applicant is not entitled to receive a handicap placard or license plate under the California Vehicle Code; or
 2. The Oversized Vehicle is not the applicant's only vehicle.

Section 61.12.140 Violation of Article

- (a) Any person who violates any provision in this Article is guilty of an infraction and will be subject to citation, towing, or both.
- (b) Every person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit or Permit number with the intent to avoid compliance with this Article is guilty of a misdemeanor.

- (c) Every person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit or Permit number with the intent to avoid compliance with this Article is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (d) Every person who displays a fraudulent, forged, altered, or counterfeit Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Sticker with the intent to avoid compliance with this Article is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (e) Every person who forges, alters, or counterfeits an Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit, an Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit, or an Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Sticker is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (f) Every person who parks or leaves standing an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway without a valid Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit or a valid Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit is guilty of an infraction and will be subject to citation, towing, or both.
- (g) Every person who parks or leaves standing an Oversized Vehicle or Trailer on a public street or highway without a valid City of Torrance Resident Registration Sticker, except visitors with a valid Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit, is guilty of an infraction and will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

Section 61.12.150 State of Emergency

The prohibitions in this Article shall not apply to the parking of any oversized vehicle during the pendency of any state of emergency declared to exist within the City of Torrance by the City Council.

Section 61.12.160 Application of Regulations

The prohibitions in this Article will apply at all times, or at those times specified, except when it is necessary to stop a vehicle to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device.

The time limitations on standing or parking in this Article will not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of the California Vehicle Code or the Torrance Municipal Code prohibiting or limiting the standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

Nothing in this Article will be construed to permit vehicle habitation on a public street as prohibited by Section 61.6.31 of the Torrance Municipal Code.”

SECTION 3

- (a) There will be an implementation period during which the ordinance will not be enforced. The implementation period will start on the effective date of the ordinance and will end on December 31, 2006. The purpose of the implementation period is to give owners of Oversized Vehicles and Trailers the opportunity to register with the City of Torrance. The registration will consist of completing a City of Torrance application, including the required supporting documentation, as required by Section 61.12.035. People who meet the requirements of Section 61.12.035 will be issued a City of Torrance Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Sticker.
- (b) Effective January 1, 2007, only Oversized Vehicles and Trailers with a City of Torrance Oversized Vehicle Resident Registration Sticker will be allowed to park on any public street or highway in the City. Oversized Vehicles and Trailers with a City of Torrance Resident Registration Sticker parked on a public street or highway after January 1, 2007, will be subject to all provisions of the California Vehicle Code or the Torrance Municipal Code.
- (c) Effective July 1, 2007, no Oversized Vehicle or Trailer will be allowed to park on any public street or highway in the City without displaying a valid Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit or Oversized Vehicle Handicap Parking Permit.

