



Overnight Parking Community Forum

The City of Pacific Grove is hosting an Overnight Parking Community Forum on a proposed municipal code change. Meeting information is as follows:

September 13, 2017

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Pacific Grove Community Center, 515 Junipero Avenue

A summary of the draft ordinance includes prohibiting the overnight parking of Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, and Oversize Vehicles between the hours of 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM. Oversize Vehicles are defined as those over 22' in length or 8' in height. Exemptions would include short-term parking permits (up to 48 hours in a 7 day period) for residents, vehicles used for residential moving (24 hours), vehicles providing emergency repairs, commercial vehicles actively loading and unloading, and temporary permits approved and issued by the Chief of Police.

The City is looking for Pacific Grove community member input and feedback. All comments will be recorded and taken into consideration before presenting to City Council. The full proposed ordinance is outlined below.

16.40.045 Parking of Certain Vehicles Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to park any Recreational vehicle, Trailer, or Oversize vehicle on any public street, highway, roadway, alley, parking lot, or other public place between the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

(a) Statement of Purpose: The purpose of this section is to establish overnight parking regulations of Recreational vehicles, Trailers, and Oversize vehicles on public streets to address concerns related to neighborhood blight and deterioration, impaired visibility, public nuisance, and health, safety, and general welfare.

(b) Definitions: For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "Recreational vehicle" shall be defined pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 18010, as may be amended.
- (2) "Trailer" shall be defined pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 630, as may be amended.
- (3) "Oversize vehicle" shall be defined as any vehicle in excess of twenty-two feet in length or eight feet in height.

(c) Method of Measurement: For the purposes of this section, measurements shall be made as follows:

(1) Length shall be measured from the front to the rear of the body of the vehicle, excluding bumpers, tail lights, racks, and other similar appendages.

(2) Height shall be measured from the ground to the highest point of the body, excluding racks, antennas, air conditioning units, detachable storage compartments, and similar appendages.

(d) Exceptions: For the purposes of this section, the following exceptions shall apply:

(1) A permit issued by the chief of police or designee to allow a Recreational vehicle, Trailer, or Oversize vehicle of a resident who resides on the public street where the vehicle is parked, shall be limited to a maximum of forty-eight hours in a seven-day period.

(2) Emergency vehicles, utility company vehicles, and Commercial vehicles, while in the process of providing emergency services or repairs, shall be exempt from the provisions of this section.

(3) Oversize vehicles parked on a public street or public parking lot while actively engaged in loading or unloading of goods, wares, or merchandise from or to any building or structure, unless in a business district defined in Chapter 16.40.540 PGMC.

(4) An Oversize vehicle and/or Trailer, within a residential zone, shall be limited to a maximum of twenty-four hours in a seven-day period for the purpose of actively loading and unloading by the property owner or occupant of a dwelling or apartment.

(5) A permit to allow an exception to these time limitations may be issued by the chief of police or designee if it is found that the exception is warranted by unique and overriding circumstance that is in furtherance of the purpose of this section. Each permit shall be for a limited term, and shall be conditioned to require renewal after that term.

(e) Enforcement:

(1) After three parking violations, the Recreational vehicle, Trailer, or Oversize vehicle, is subject to being towed at the owner's expense pursuant to California Vehicle Code 22651(w)(1).

(2) Any violation of this section shall constitute an infraction, and may be enforced pursuant to Chapter 1.16 PGMC.