



**Date:** June 1, 2018

**To:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *P.H.W.*

**From:** *C.A.B.* Craig A. Beck, Director of Public Works

**For:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Implementation of Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions

Long Beach residents have expressed concerns relating to oversized vehicle impacts, especially in residential neighborhoods and commercial corridors. The problem is particularly challenging in neighborhoods that lack adequate parking for its residents, as an oversized vehicle can take three or four normal-sized parking spaces. Additionally, these large vehicles create line of sight issues for motorists at intersections, driveways, and alleys.

To address concerns, on August 15, 2017, the City Council approved an Ordinance amending the Long Beach Municipal Code to impose parking restrictions on oversized vehicles. The Ordinance includes:

- Prohibition of oversized vehicle parking within the City rights-of-way in residential neighborhoods, without a valid permit.
- Oversized vehicles are defined as exceeding 85-inches high, or 80-inches wide, or 22-feet long.
- A residential street is defined as a street, or portion thereof, adjacent to property on which the majority of uses are residential in nature.
- Residents and their visitors may acquire a permit via the City's website allowing them to park oversized vehicles adjacent to their residences for a maximum of 72 consecutive hours. An annual maximum of 20 permits may be issued per resident each calendar year. Permits are available online at [www.LongBeach.gov/parking](http://www.LongBeach.gov/parking), or in person at City Hall.
- Exceptions to the 72-hour restriction or 20 annual permits maximum may be requested in writing from the Traffic Engineer.
- Posting of oversized vehicle parking restriction signs at citywide entrances.

The citywide restriction will include areas that fall within the coastal zone. California Coastal Commission staff asked that the City review the Local Coastal Development Plan to ensure appropriateness. The City completed the review and determined it was consistent with past

practices, as there are currently a number of streets within the Coastal zone that have parking restrictions for oversized vehicles.

Staff has completed installation of oversized vehicle parking restriction signage at approximately 80 sign locations identified throughout the City.

### **Next Steps**

An informational letter has been prepared noticing residents of the new oversized vehicle parking restrictions (attached). It will be distributed with utility bills in June 2018, posted on the City's website, and via Public Works various social media platforms.

Enforcement of the oversized vehicle restrictions ordinance will begin July 1, 2018. There will be a two-week grace period where warnings will be issued, with no associated citation or penalty. Policies are also being finalized to provide visitors who are not aware of the Ordinance an opportunity to go through a process to waive the first offense citation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call City Traffic Engineer Eric Widstrand at (562) 570-6537.

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ATTACHMENT

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# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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**RE: OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**

Dear Resident,

To address recent concerns relating to oversized vehicles, the Long Beach City Council has adopted an ordinance to restrict oversized vehicle parking in residential neighborhoods. The following restrictions will go into effect on July 1, 2018:

- Parking of oversized vehicles (exceeding 85 inches high, or 80 inches wide, or 22 feet long) is prohibited on City streets in residential neighborhoods without a valid permit.
- Residents may obtain free oversized vehicle parking permits for themselves and their visitors at [www.longbeach.gov/parking](http://www.longbeach.gov/parking).
- Residents and their visitors may park oversized vehicles adjacent to their residence for a maximum of 72 consecutive hours with a valid permit.
- An annual maximum of 20 permits may be issued to each resident per calendar year.
- Exceptions to these restrictions may be requested in writing from the City Traffic Engineer.

For questions regarding these restrictions or oversized vehicles, please contact Long Beach Public Works, Traffic Engineering at (562) 570-6331.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Widstrand".

Eric Widstrand  
City Traffic Engineer