

CITY OF WESTMINSTER PUBLIC NOTICE ADOPTED ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 28, 2024, the City Council of the City of Westminster adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2613

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 10.44.050 (USE OF STREETS FOR STORAGE OF VEHICLES PROHIBITED), OF CHAPTER 10.44 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING) TO TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) AND ADDING SECTION 10.44.245 (RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING - PERMIT REQUIRED) OF CHAPTER 10.44 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING) TO TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE WESTMINSTER MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE NOT **SUBJECT** TO THE **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

This City Council of the City of Westminster HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

While most owners of recreational vehicles ("RV's") are responsible, a growing number of owners of these vehicles are storing them long term on public streets in the City of Westminster to avoid storage fees. Recreational vehicles parked on public streets impede visibility for cars, pedestrians, and bicyclists, blight neighborhoods, and negatively impacts the quality of life in the city. There is particular concern for the safety of children playing around these vehicles. In response to complaints and concerns about RV's parked on streets in neighborhoods, the city council has recommended that staff draft a reasonable and fair ordinance aimed at reducing or eliminating the problem cause by these large vehicles stored on public streets.

The objective of this RV permit parking ordinance is to establish a comprehensive permit scheme for the parking of recreational vehicles on public streets, in terms of: 1) time limits during which the parking of these vehicles will be allowed, 2) the maximum number of RV permits allowed each calendar year, 3) applications and fees for permits, and 4) restricting the location in which the vehicles may be parked in the front of the owner's residence or multi-family complex.

Section 10.44.050 (A) of the Westminster Municipal Code, which is a general prohibition on the storage of any motor or nonmotorized vehicles upon any public street or dedicated alley for a consecutive period of more than seventy-hours, has been part of the Westminster Municipal Code for over twenty years. Although Section 10.44.050 (A) will remain unchanged, Section 10.44.050(B) is being amended to prohibit recreational vehicle parking on a public street, unless a temporary RV parking permit is obtained from the police department. Therefore, Section 10.44.050 is being added to establish the regulatory scheme for the issuance of these temporary RV parking permits. Section 10.44.245 adds definitions which are taken directly from the California Vehicle Code as well as the following strict regulations which are summarized as follows:

- 1. The Police Department may issue a temporary permit for recreational vehicles solely to allow residents the opportunity to load, unload, clean or maintain their RV.
- 2. The Police Department will establish an application process and the person applying for the temporary RV parking permit shall pay a fee to the City.
- 3. Resident must present government issued identification along with either vehicle registration or a recent utility bill to show proof of residency.
- 4. The term of the RV permit is for 24 hours only. Each resident may be issued no more than twelve (12) non-consecutive temporary parking permits in any calendar year per residential address, with at least one day in between each of the twelve (12) non-consecutive permits.

- 5. No more than one permit per address shall be issued at any given time.
- A permit may not be issued to an RV with any outstanding parking citations.
- 7. The RV must be parked in front of the resident's address from which the loading or unloading will occur, or within 500-feet from where the resident resides, whichever is closer.
- 8. The RV permit must be displayed in a manner clearly visible to the Police Department.
- 9. Display of a false RV parking permit constitutes grounds for disqualification from obtaining another permit for one year.
- 10. The RV parking permit is not transferable.
- 11. The permittee shall not park the RV within ten feet from the beginning of the apron of the any driveway where the RV is parked. Nor shall the permittee park the RV within twenty feet of any intersection.
- 12. All RV permit holders shall comply with the City of Westminster Street sweeping parking regulations.

RV prohibited activities are listed as follows:

- 1. Use slide outs/pop outs or opening an awning on an RV in such a manner as to interfere with safe travel of vehicles or pedestrians.
- 2. Cause or permit utility connections, electric cords, extension cords, hoses, or cables to cross over, above, on or across any street or sidewalk to or from an RV.
- 3. Use power generators or other noise-generating equipment between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. within or adjacent to an RV.
- 4. Connect an RV to the public sewer system or dump waste onto public or private land or into streets, gutters, or storm drains.
- 5. Knowingly allow any type of grease, oil, fuel, or other harmful substance to leak or to be emitted onto any public right-of-way or storm drains.
- 6. Any RV parked in violation of this section shall be subject to citation or towing as authorized by California Vehicle Code sections 22650 or 22651. In addition, any violation of Section 10.44.245 is punishable pursuant to Chapter 1.14 of this Code.
- 7. The Police Department shall have the authority to revoke a temporary RV parking permit if: 1) the RV has fallen into a state of disrepair and has become a public nuisance; 2) the RV has become inoperable; 3) there have been at least three parking citations issued for the RV associated with temporary parking permit; or 4) there has been a violation of this Chapter.
- 8. The City shall cause appropriate signs or markings giving notice of the restrictions provided for in this chapter to be placed on city streets in the manner required by the California Vehicle Code.

The City Council conducted introduction and first reading on August 14, 2024. The City Council at its Regular Meeting on August 28, 2024 conducted second reading, passed, and adopted Ordinance No. 2613, as listed above with the following roll call to wit:

AYES: C. NGUYEN, HO, MANZO

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: PHAN WEST, N, NGUYEN

ABSTAIN: NONE

Motion carried, 3-0-2-0.

A certified copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read and reviewed at City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, CA 92683 and/or a copy may be obtained from the City Clerk at a nominal charge during posted business hours. The proposed ordinance will also be available on the City's website as part of the Agenda Packet at https://www.westminster-ca.gov.

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Ashton R. Arocho, MMC
City Clerk of the City of Westminster

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