

ORDINANCE O2024-__

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING NAPA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.36.070 RELATED TO PARKING OF TRAILERS AND OVERSIZED VEHICLES AND DETERMINING THE ACTION TO BE EXEMPT FROM CEQA.

WHEREAS, the City of Napa’s Municipal Code related to the parking of trailers and oversized vehicles have not been updated since 1954; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa’s Municipal Code lacks modern day definitions as it pertains to trailers and oversized vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa has received an increasing number of complaints related to parking of recreational vehicles, food trucks, and commercial vehicles on city streets, particularly in residential areas, in lieu of storing these vehicles on private property when not in use; and

WHEREAS, there are a series of public safety and health issues related to the parking of oversized vehicles on city streets including but not limited to visibility issues when navigating corners or coming in and out of driveways by car or attempting to walk safely on city sidewalks, the disposal of trash and fluids from vehicles, and the presence of a nuisance that can encourage crime or visibly conceal crime; and

WHEREAS, City staff is now recommending to the City Council that is consider proposed changes to the Municipal Code to address trailers and oversized vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all information related to this matter, as presented at the public meeting of the City Council identified herein, including any supporting reports by City Staff, and any information provided during public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Napa as follows:

SECTION 1: Amendment. Napa Municipal Code section 10.36.070 is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

10.36.070 Trailers and Oversized Vehicle Regulations

A.

Prohibited. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing on any public street, alley, or right-of-way in the city any vehicle defined in this section for a period longer than four consecutive hours at which point it must relocate for a period of at

least 72 hours.

B.

Any such vehicle is considered to be parked, left standing, or stored in violation of this section if it has not been moved more than one-quarter of a mile (1,320 feet) within four hours and for the subsequent 72-hour period.

C.

For the purposes of this section, "Oversized Vehicle" shall be defined as any vehicle, whether motorized or nonmotorized, that exceeds twenty (20) feet in length, or eighty (80) inches in width, or seventy-eight (78) inches in height. An extension caused by any mirror or accessory attached to such vehicle shall be considered part of the measured distance.

D.

Notwithstanding the length, width, and height requirements for an oversized vehicle, the following vehicles shall also be considered oversized vehicles and subject to this section:

- Buses as defined in the California Vehicle Code section 233;
- Trailers whether hitched to a vehicle or not, including boat trailers, and semi-trailers, as defined in the California Vehicle Code section 630, and stand-alone boats not connected to trailers;
- Trailer coaches, whether hitched to a vehicle or not, as defined in the California Vehicle Code section 635; and
- Recreational vehicles as defined in this section.

E.

Recreational vehicle shall be defined as a motor home, slide in camper, travel trailer, truck camper, or camping trailer, with or without motive power, designed for human habitation for recreational or emergency occupancy. Recreational vehicle shall also include:

- Camping Trailer. A vehicular portable unit mounted on wheels and constructed with collapsible partial sidewalls which fold for towing by another vehicle and unfold at the campsite designed for human habitation,
- Motor Home. A motor vehicle designed to provide temporary living quarters, built as an integral part of, or permanently attached to, a self-propelled motor vehicle chassis, chassis cab or van.

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- Slide-In Camper. A portable unit, consisting of a roof, floor and sides, designed to be loaded onto or unloaded from the bed of a pick-up truck, and designed for human habitation.
- Fifth-Wheel Travel Trailer- A vehicle designed for recreational purposes to carry persons or property on its own structure and constructed to be drawn by a motor vehicle with a kingpin connecting device.

F.

Exemptions. The following exemptions shall apply:

- Oversized vehicles actively making pick-ups or deliveries of goods, wares, services, or merchandise parked immediately adjacent to the property with which the pick-up and delivery is being made.
- Fully permitted and licensed food trucks open and operating for business in accordance with other State and local laws and codes; so long as they are not parked immediately adjacent to a property zoned as residential.
- Recreational vehicles parked immediately adjacent to the property where the vehicle is legally registered through the California Department of Motor Vehicles for a total of no more than 48 hours consecutive hours for the purpose of loading or unloading only.
- Any ambulance, paramedic, fire, police, or public safety vehicle.
- Any vehicle being repaired under emergency conditions for less than eight hours. For purposes of this section, emergency repairs mean sudden and unexpected repairs.
- Any vehicle belonging to federal, state, and local authorities while conducting official government business.

G.

Removal. Any vehicle in violation of this section may be removed by any member of the police department subject to the requirements of the United States and California Constitutions, and Division 11, Chapter 10 of the California Vehicle Code Sections 22650 et. Seq., and the same may be stored in any parking lot or storage yard or garage in compliance with all applicable laws.

SECTION 2: Severability. If any section, sub-section, subdivision, paragraph, clause or phrase in this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, sub-section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-

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sections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following adoption.

City of Napa, a municipal corporation

MAYOR: _____

ATTEST: _____
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF NAPA

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF NAPA } SS:
CITY OF NAPA }

I, Tiffany Carranza, City Clerk of the City of Napa, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance had its first reading and was introduced during the public meeting of the City Council on the 3rd day of December, 2024, and had its second reading and was adopted and passed during the public meeting of the City Council on the ___ day of ____, 20__, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____

Tiffany Carranza
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Christopher Diaz
Interim City Attorney