

# Proposed Amendments to County Code Concerning Oversized Vehicle Parking Restrictions

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April 1, 2025



Public Works  
Transportation

# Background

- Oversized vehicle parking restrictions address community's concerns regarding:
  - visibility obstructions,
  - roadway congestion, and
  - public health and safety hazards caused by oversized vehicles parking on roadways and near agricultural crops.



# Background

**"Oversized vehicle(s)" shall be defined as any motor vehicle, boat or trailer, which meets or exceeds at least one of the following criteria, exclusive of fixtures and accessories:**

- A. Twenty-four feet in length; or**
- B. Seven feet in height; or**
- C. Eight feet in width.**



**Vehicles larger than this truck would be restricted.**

# Background

- Current process to restrict parking for oversized vehicle requires amending the County Code by Ordinance in include each location.
- Currently 37 roads have oversized vehicle restrictions, 29 of the 37 roads are in Isla Vista.
- Many of the problems concerning oversized vehicles have needed quicker response time than available the current process.
- Oversized vehicles parking restriction is the only parking restriction requiring an Ordinance to establish a parking restriction.



# Proposed Amendment

1. January 14, 2025 your Board requested staff to streamline the process for establishing parking restrictions for oversized vehicles.
2. CVC 22507(a) permits the local agencies to restrict parking on their roads based on size or during certain hours of the day.
3. The proposed amendment to the County Code will retain the Board as the only authority to establish parking restrictions based on size of vehicle and will reduce the amount of time to implement the parking restrictions approximatively 60 days.
4. The proposed amendment eliminates the time constraint of 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. for the oversized vehicle restriction, giving your Board the authority to restrict oversized vehicles during the times needed for public health, wellness, and safety in an efficient and transparent manner.
5. All roads currently listed as restricted to oversized vehicles in the Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 23-13.12 will be presented to your Board in a resolution for your approval after the effective date of the proposed amendment to the County Code.
6. All locations will be signed for public noticing and enforcement. Cost of implementation will vary for each location based on public outreach, staff time, and materials.

# Adoption Timeline

**April 1, 2025**

Introduction (First Reading)

**April 8, 2025**

Adoption (Second Reading)

**May 8, 2025**

Ordinance takes effect

# Recommended Actions

- a) Approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance amending Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 23, Section 11 and repealing Chapter 23, Section 13.12, pertaining to parking restrictions of oversized vehicles on County right of way in all Supervisorial Districts;
- b) Read the title of the Ordinance into the record and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full; and
- c) Set a hearing for the Administrative Agenda of April 8, 2025, to consider adoption of an Ordinance amending the parking regulations of oversized vehicles, as follows:
  - i. Adopt the Ordinance (Second Reading) amending Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 23, Section 11 and repealing Chapter 23, Section 13.12, pertaining to parking restrictions of oversized vehicles on County right of way in all Supervisorial Districts; and
  - ii. Determine that amending Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 23, Sections 23-11 and repealing Chapter 23, Section 13.12, pertaining to parking regulations, are for the operation and maintenance of an existing public facility, involving negligible, or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists, and are therefore exempt from California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c), and approve and direct staff to file the attached Notice of Exemption on that basis.