



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: March 11, 2025
Placement: Administrative -Set
Hearing (March 11,
2025); Departmental
(April 1, 2025: First
Reading);
Administrative (April 8,
2025: Second Reading)
Estimated Time: 20 Minutes on April 1,
2025
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: **Proposed Ordinance Amending Parking Regulations Specified in County Code Section 23-11 and Repealing County Code Section 23-13.12 Pertaining to Oversized Vehicles; All Supervisorial Districts**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommended actions:

On March 11, 2025:

Set a hearing on the Departmental Agenda of April 1, 2025, to consider recommendations regarding the introduction of an Ordinance amending parking regulations of oversized vehicles, as follows:

- 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.

Summary Text:

This item recommends changes to County processes concerning the establishment and approval of parking restrictions of oversized vehicles based on Board direction from the January 14, 2025 item regarding the Consideration of Possible Revisions to the Encampment Response Protocol and Safe Parking Program. Currently, parking restrictions of oversized vehicles are established through ordinance updates presented to the Board, which require longer processing times. With your Board's approval of the Proposed Ordinance, such parking restrictions would be established by resolutions of your Board, which will expedite posting of restrictions and enforcement.

Background:

The current procedure for implementation of parking restrictions for oversized vehicles is outlined in Santa Barbara County Code Sec. 23-13.12. Currently, Section 23-13.12 defines "oversized vehicle(s)" and prohibits the parking of oversized vehicles on certain highways between 9pm and 7am. In addition, this Section provides that the Board, in accordance with Section 22507(a) of the Vehicle Code of the State of California, may, by ordinance, adopt rules and regulations to prohibit or restrict the stopping, parking, or standing of vehicles, on certain streets or highways, or portions thereof, during all or certain hours of the day. This Section also states that the Board, in accordance with Section 22651(n) of the Vehicle Code, may, by ordinance, authorize a peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, or a regularly employed and salaried employee, who is engaged in directing traffic or enforcing parking laws and regulations of the county, to remove vehicles parked or left standing where the Board of Supervisors by resolution or ordinance has prohibited parking and after signs giving notice of removal have been posted.

This Proposed Ordinance will repeal County Code Section 23-13.12 and amend Section 23-11 to authorize the Board to adopt, *by resolution*, regulations prohibiting or restricting the stopping, parking, or standing of oversized vehicles on certain streets or highways during all or certain hours of the day, which is also in accordance with Vehicle Code section 22507(a).

The restriction of parking of oversized vehicles, as opposed to vehicles smaller in size, address community concerns regarding visibility obstructions, roadway congestion, and public health and safety hazards caused by oversized vehicles parking on various roadway and near agricultural crops. The flexibility of future resolutions ensures that parking restrictions can be adjusted based on evolving needs and traffic conditions in an efficient and transparent manner. Upon the effective date of the Proposed Ordinance, staff will present the Board with a recommendation to approve the oversized parking restrictions for all roadways currently listed in Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 23-13.12.

Public Works has studied the proposed parking restriction changes described in this Board Letter, and found it to be in the best interest of the communities and the traveling public to modify the Santa Barbara County Code. Public Works recommends your Board’s approval of the attached Ordinance to implement these changes. The proposed actions 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).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

	<u>Operation Costs</u>
<u>Road Fund</u>	\$50,000.00

Narrative:

The cost associated with installation of no parking restrictions is variable and demand-based, but staff estimate an annual cost of \$50,000 to order, install, and maintain signs related to this issue. Funds for the projects are budgeted in Dept 054, Fund 0015, Org Unit 0500, Program 2340, Account Line Item 7121.

Special Instructions:

After the March 11, 2025, set hearing, direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the attached Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment D) pursuant to Section 25124 of the Government Code in the Santa Barbara Independent, Santa Maria Times, and Lompoc Record five (5) days prior to the First Reading.

After the April 8, 2025, Second Reading, direct the Clerk to:

1. Send copies of the adopted Ordinance and copies of the minute order to Ashley Kruzel, Public Works Transportation, 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara x83094 and to County Counsel.
2. Publish a copy of each ordinance or summary of with names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for or against the Ordinances in the Santa Barbara Independent, Lompoc Record, and Santa Maria Times 15 days after the adoption of the Ordinance

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Amendments to County Code Chapter 23 - Redlined
- Attachment B: Amendments to County Code Chapter 23
- Attachment C: Notice of Exemption
- Attachment D: Notice to the Public

Authored by:

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