



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: July 10, 2012  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: 15 Minutes on  
August 21, 2012  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Eric Pearson, Interim Deputy Director, Transportation 568-3005  
**SUBJECT:** **72-hour Parking Limit Ordinance, All Supervisorial Districts**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Set a hearing for August 21, 2012 to consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Santa Barbara County Code pertaining to the ability to restrict parking to a 72-hour limits; and
- B. Set a hearing for September 4, 2012 on the Administrative Agenda to consider recommendations as follows:
  - i.) Consider the adoption (second reading) an Ordinance amending Chapter 28 of the Santa Barbara County Code, to restrict parking to a 72-hour limits; and
  - ii.) Find that the proposed action is for the operation, leasing or licensing of an existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment or topographical feature, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists, and is therefore exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR 15301(c); and
  - iii.) Approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption.

**Summary Text:**

California Vehicle Code Section 22651 allows for the removal of vehicles parked in the public right-of-way in excess of 72 hours, unless a local Ordinance allows more time. Santa Barbara County Ordinances 23-13.1 and 23.13-2 allow for a parking limit of 120 hours. The recommended change would reduce this time limit to 72 hours, which is consistent with other local agencies in and around Santa Barbara County.

Several constituents have raised concerns about vehicles parking for long periods on County streets without any requirement to move. This leads to the perception of vehicles being abandoned and the inconvenience of public parking being monopolized by vehicles that seldom move. In addition, law enforcement and constituents have noted that there is confusion about the parking limits, particularly in areas where the boundary between the County and a City is not always clear and the limit is 72 hours on the city side of the boundary and 120 hours on the County side. Finally, there are concerns that those who tend to leave vehicles parked for long periods are aware of these differences and park their vehicles in the County to avoid moving them every 72 hours.

Based on feedback from law enforcement and the community, to bring the County Ordinance in alignment with surrounding agencies, and to create a clear and uniform expectation for those using the road right-of-way for parking, Public Works recommends uniformly reducing the time limit to 72 hours.

**Background:**

Parking restrictions are either established or rescinded based on safety, necessity, and the effect on the community's. Public Works weighs all of these factors and presents any recommended changes to the Board of Supervisors for approval. These parking restrictions may include "no parking", time limited parking, loading zones, vehicle height restricted parking, angle parking, handicapped parking, or any combination of these restrictions.

The State limit for street parking is 72 hours unless otherwise stated in a local ordinance. All cities in Santa Barbara County have 72 hour time limits or less for street parking.

In addition, San Luis Obispo, Ventura, Los Angeles and most other California Counties have 72-hour restrictions.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: N/A

Narrative:

There would be no signs posted or additional costs to implement this change.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board, please complete noticing for the Ordinance in the Santa Barbara News Press, Santa Maria Times, and Montecito Journal, 10 days prior to the hearing.

**Attachments:**

Ordinance

Notice of Exemption

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