



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: May 14, 2013
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 15 Minutes on June 18, 2013; Second Reading July 2, 2013
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064
SUBJECT: Prohibit Parking of Oversize Vehicles on Certain County Roads; 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:

- A. Set a hearing for June 18, 2013 to consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance creating Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 23, Section 23-13.12 prohibiting parking of oversized vehicles on certain County roads (15 minutes);
- B. Set a hearing for July 2, 2013 on the Administrative Agenda to consider recommendations, as follows:
 - i.) Consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance, creating Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 23 Sections 23-13.12, prohibiting parking of oversized vehicles on certain County roads, all Supervisorial District;
 - ii.) Find that the proposed action is for the operation and maintenance of existing public facilities, involving negligible, or no expansion of use beyond that which presently exists, that the proposed action is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 CCR 15301; and
 - iii.) Approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

Summary Text:

The Public Works Department received requests from citizens and the Sheriff's Department to study the issue of large vehicles parking in the public right-of-way. Currently, the cities of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Guadalupe have oversized vehicles restrictions. After the recent approval of oversized vehicle restrictions by the south coast cities, the County Public Works has had an increase in complaints of oversized vehicles parking in residential neighborhood areas.

The Public Works Department studied the issue and found that, without regulation, oversized vehicles parked on certain public streets can cause neighborhood blight, impair sight distance, create nuisances, and be hazardous to public health and to the environment.

The Public Works Department requests that your Board set a hearing to consider amending the County Code to add Section 23-13.12. The new County Code shall be used to add streets or areas when staff determines a need, and upon Board approval. It will restrict vehicles over 24 feet long, 8 feet wide, or 7 feet high, from parking in the public right-of-way between 10 pm and 6 am. The restrictions would take effect after signs are posted to notify the public.

Background:

The California Vehicle Code section 22507 permits local authorities to pass ordinances or resolutions to prohibit or restrict the stopping, parking, or standing of certain vehicles on streets during certain times of day.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

The cost to post the new signage will vary based on size of the restricted area and the number of access points to the area. These funds are budgeted in Department 054, Org 0400, Program 2340, Account 7655.

Special Instructions:

1. Please publish a summary (one time) within 15 days following the adoption of the Ordinance.
2. Please forward a certified, stamped minute order and a copy of the executed document to the attention of Gary Smart, Public Works Department, Traffic Section, ext. 3308.

Authored by:

Gary Smart, ext. 3308