VSA VENICE STAKEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION

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Councilmember Ysabel Jurado
Chair, Homelessness and Health Committee

Councilmember John Lee
Chair, Public Safety Committee

Councilmember Heather Hutt
Chair, Transportation Committee

Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Steet, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 26-1505 – Ordinance to Ban Oversize Vehicles on Los Angeles Streets

Dear Councilmembers Jurado, Lee and Hutt,

I am writing on behalf of Venice Stakeholders Association (VSA), a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, to urge you and your colleagues to adopt Councilmember Park's Motion to initiate an ordinance to ban oversize vehicles from Los Angeles' streets.

The VSA was formed in 2009 to represent residents in their efforts to remove over 250 RVs, campers and buses from our streets. Initially, we worked with Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski and later Councilman Bill Rosendahl to secure Overnight (Restricted) Parking Districts (OPDs) for residents.

When the California Coastal Commission (CCC) denied the city a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for OPDs, we filed a lawsuit against both the city and the CCC. During the period of litigation, which stretched over five years, CCC staff suggested to Rosendahl that the city could enact an ordinance banning oversize (OVO) vehicles (over 7 feet or longer than 22 feet) overnight without a CDP.

While the litigation continued, we worked with Councilmember Rosendahl to pass and implement a Venice-specific OVO ordinance and the first signs were installed in 2010. The signage - along with aggressive enforcement - removed most RVs, buses, campers and large panel trucks from Venice until COVID. However, the city council unfortunately ceased enforcement of many parking ordinances during COVID and enforcement has never returned to the same level we saw before COVID. For the past five years there have been scores of RVs,

campers, tour buses (converted to lodging) and panel trucks parked – in some instances for years – on Washington and Venice Boulevards, Main Street, Lincoln Boulevard, Rose Avenue, and sprinkled throughout the Oakwood district of Venice. The owners of most of these vehicles take over adjoining sidewalk and street space with bikes, motorcycles, furniture, stored possessions, trash and human waste – which is dumped into gutters and flows into storm drains and then into Santa Monica Bay.

Due to the fact that the Lost Canals district (roughly bounded by Abbot Kinney Boulevard, Westminster Avenue, Main Street and North Venice Boulevard), the walk streets between Ocean Front Walk and Main Street, and the existing canals, were built before the widespread use of automobiles, little-to-no on-site parking was provided. Thus, there is an historic parking deficit, which is significantly exacerbated by the plethora of oversize vehicles squatting on our streets. Each RV and converted tour bus takes up the space of three sedans; each camper takes up the space of two sedans. Since these vehicles remain in the same location for months (or years) at a time, residents, their guests, tourists and business patrons are forced to go east of Abbot Kinney to attempt to find parking.

These conditions are further exacerbated by the fact that all the surrounding jurisdictions – Santa Monica, Malibu, Marina del Rey, Culver City and Beverly Hills - ban vehicles over seven or eight feet tall from their streets 24/7 (see attached municipal code sections). This concentrates oversize vehicles – which regularly flaunt the OVO signage – in our community.

It is long overdue for the city of Los Angeles to follow our neighbors and pass an ordinance to ban these oversize vehicles from our streets.

Sincerely,

Mark Ryavec, president, Venice Stakeholders Association

cc: Councilmember Traci Park
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Citywide Prohibitions on Oversize Vehicles in Neighboring Cities

Santa Monica

3.12.670 Vehicle occupancy restrictions.

No vehicle occupied by any person for more than thirty minutes between the hours of twelve a.m. and five a.m. shall be parked on any street in the R-1, R-2, R-2R, R-3, or R-4 Residential Districts after any occupant of such vehicle has been ordered by a peace officer to move such vehicle from such street. (Prior code § 3358; amended by Ord. No. 1337CCS, adopted 4/23/85; Ord. No. 2587CCS § 1, adopted 9/11/18)

3.12.860 Overnight parking of trailers and large vehicles.

Between the hours of nine p.m. and six a.m. on any public street or alley in the City no person shall park any hitched or unhitched trailer of any size, or any vehicle of which any part of the vehicle, together with all fixtures, accessories or property with the exception of single post radio antennas, measures more than eight feet in width, or eight feet in height, or twenty feet in length, unless such person shall have a permit for such trailer or vehicle. (Prior code § 3374A; amended by Ord. No. 1234CCS, adopted 11/10/81; Ord. No. 2354CCS § 1, adopted 4/26/11; Ord. No. 2587CCS § 1, adopted 9/11/18)

Beverly Hills

7-3-123: PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES PROHIBITED IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES:

A. No person shall stop, park or leave standing upon any street that is designated by the director of community development within a residential zone a vehicle having any of the following:

1. A manufacturer's rated load capacity greater than three-fourths ($^3/_4$) of a ton;
2. A length in excess of twenty-one feet (21').

Any vehicle stopped, parked or left standing shall be subject to removal.

An average camper weighs around 5,000 pounds of dry weight; i.e., without passengers, liquids or cargo. Source: topnotchourdoor.com. A ton is 2,000 pounds; ¾th of a ton is 1,500 pounds.

Malibu

Non-commercial oversize vehicles and trailers may park along public streets for only two hours between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. before the vehicle must be moved at least one thousand (1,000) feet from the location it was parked. (Ord. 427 § 2, 2017)

Definitions:

“Oversize vehicle” means any vehicle which exceeds twenty-three (23) feet in length; or exceeds eighty (80) inches in width; or exceeds eighty-two (82) inches in height. Oversize vehicles do not include pickup trucks which are taller than eighty-two (82)

inches or wider than eighty (80) inches; provided that they do not have a camper shell which exceeds the height of the cab and overhangs the sides of the vehicle."

"Recreational" means any vehicle or trailer that is noncommercial and is used for recreation or transportation of personal goods."

Malibu residents may apply for a permit to allow their own oversize vehicle to remain on the street for up to three days.

Culver City

§ 7.03.610 PROHIBITIONS.

A. No person shall, at any time, park or leave standing any large motor vehicle or non-motorized vehicle on any public street, highway, parkway or alley, except:

1 In residential districts, large motor vehicles or non-motorized vehicles attached to a motor vehicle or large motor vehicle, which are parked adjacent to the vehicle owner's residence, are allowed for a period of time not to exceed forty-eight (48) consecutive hours, for the sole purpose of loading, unloading, cleaning, battery-charging, or other activity preparatory or incidental to travel.

2. In residential districts, large motor vehicles, or non-motorized vehicles attached to a motor vehicle or large motor vehicle, which are parked adjacent to the vehicle owner's residence, may be allowed for an additional period of time of up to twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, but no more than a total of seventy-two (72) consecutive hours, provided an extension has been granted by the Chief of Police.

B. Any large motor vehicle, or non-motorized vehicle attached to a motor vehicle or large motor vehicle, which is parked on a public street, highway, parkway or alley, pursuant to either Subsection (A)(1) or (A)(2) herein above, shall, at the end of the permitted period of time, whether forty-eight (48) or seventy-two (72) hours, be removed from its location, and shall not be parked on any public street, highway, parkway or alley for a period of at least forty-eight (48) hours.

Definition:

***LARGE MOTOR VEHICLE.*** Any house car, pick-up truck with camper, recreational vehicle, or any other vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that measures more than twenty (20) feet in length, or is both more than eight-four (84) inches in width and eighty-four (84) inches in height. The term ***LARGE MOTOR VEHICLE*** does not include a commercial vehicle, as defined herein, a pick-up truck without a camper, or a sports utility vehicle.

Marina del Rey

19.12.1330 - Motor *vehicles* parking.

D.

Camping and Recreational *Vehicles* Prohibited From Parking Between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in Public Parking Areas.

No person shall park any van, recreational *vehicle*, motorhome, camper, or trailer, nor shall any person park any other *vehicle* which has been designed, built, or modified for use for camping or any form of human habitation, upon any public parking lot or other area designated for public parking within Marina del Rey, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. without first registering with, and obtaining authorization from the Director. No person allowed to park such a *vehicle* shall operate a generator outside of the *vehicle*.

E.

Parking Overnight Restriction. No *vehicle* may park overnight more than seven times in any 30-day period in any public parking lot or other area designated for public parking within Marina del Rey without prior written permission from the Director.

F.

*Oversized Vehicles*. All *vehicles* over 20 feet in length shall be considered *oversized vehicles* and shall be prohibited from standing/parking upon any public parking lot or other area designated for public parking within Marina del Rey, except at the parking lot at the County Public Launch Ramp, where tandem parking spaces are available. *Oversized vehicles* that park at the parking lot at the County Public Launch Ramp shall be charged double the parking fee for regular-sized *vehicles* at that lot. Buses that park at the parking lot at the County Public Launch Ramp shall be charged triple the parking fee for regular-sized *vehicles* at that lot. No *vehicle* over 40 feet in length shall be permitted to stand or park on any public parking lot or other area designated for public parking within Marina del Rey without the prior written permission from the Director.

Note: In "upon any public parking lot or other area designated for public parking within Marina del Rey" *or other area designated for public parking* means public streets.