



Rosendahl Issues Petitions for Venice Parking Restrictions

Residents Can Begin Canvassing for Block-by-Block Ban on Overnight Parking of Oversize Vehicles

LOS ANGELES -- Councilman Bill Rosendahl is offering petitions to Venice residents who want street signs banning overnight parking of oversize vehicles.

The signs would restrict the parking of vehicles more than seven feet high or more than 22 feet long between the hours of 2:00 A.M.-6:00 A.M. Two-thirds of the residents or owners on a block must agree to the posted signs.

“For too long, residents of Venice have sought relief from the proliferation of RVs, campers and other oversize vehicles in front of their homes.” Rosendahl said. “The California Coastal Commission has wrongly denied Venice the same parking restrictions other communities have. This is one of the few tools we have at our disposal.”

Twice in the past year, the Coastal Commission has denied attempts by the City of Los Angeles to establish resident-only Overnight Parking Districts in Venice, even though most other coastal communities, and the rest of Los Angeles, are allowed such restrictions. In response, Rosendahl persuaded the City Council to toughen existing restrictions on oversized vehicles. Those restrictions do not need Coastal Commission approval.

A previous ordinance banned vehicles of a certain height *and* length. The revised ordinance is more wide-reaching, covering vehicles that are *either* too long *or* too tall.

Rosendahl said he will direct the Department of Transportation to install the signs on any block where 2/3 of the residents, businesses and property owners support the restrictions. Residents who own RVs will be allowed to get a non-transferable, \$10 per day, three-day permit to load or unload their vehicle.

Petitions are available in any of Rosendahl’s council offices, or can be downloaded from his website, www.councilmanrosendahl.com. The form is located on the homepage under ‘Hot Topics.’

Before signs can be installed, the City Council still must approve a secondary “implementing ordinance” to flesh out further guidelines and details. Rosendahl will submit a motion next week, at the council’s next meeting, asking the City Attorney and DOT to expedite that process.

Residents can circulate and submit the petitions in the meantime. Once residents submit the completed petitions to Rosendahl’s office, City staff will verify the signatures and the councilman will direct DOT to complete the required analysis of the designated block.

To jumpstart the process, Rosendahl has secured funds so that the cash-strapped DOT can construct and install the signs.

Other parts of Rosendahl's district are also eligible for the petitions and signage. Those areas also have the ability to implement parking restrictions not available in the section of Venice west of Lincoln, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission.