

[Various Codes - Large and Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions - Hours and Exceptions]

Ordinance 1) amending Division I of the Transportation Code to reduce the time that large vehicles may be parked on City streets from overnight to two hours, and modify the time that commercial vehicles may be parked on City streets; 2) amending the Administrative Code to require City departments, including but not limited to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, the Department of Emergency Management, and the Police Department, to assist the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) with administering a Large Vehicle Refuge Permit Program that exempts certain large vehicles from the two-hour parking restriction under certain conditions; 3) urging SFMTA to develop a fair review process and to develop further exceptions to the two-hour restriction as may be needed to support the public interest; 4) amending the Park Code to impose a two-hour parking limit on large vehicles on park property; 5) amending the Port Code to impose two-hour parking limits on large vehicles on Port property; and 6) affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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**Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. General Background and Findings.

1 (a) As of May 2025, the Healthy Streets Operations Center (HSOC) identified 501  
2 large vehicles across San Francisco, of which 437 are being used for habitation.

3 (b) The 2024 San Francisco Point-in-Time (PIT) Count estimated that 1,444  
4 households are living in vehicles in San Francisco, representing a 37% increase from the  
5 2022 PIT Count.

6 (c) Large vehicles parked on city streets can present a variety of public safety and  
7 public health problems, including impaired sight lines for road users, blocked sidewalks, fires,  
8 localized air pollution, and illegal dumping of garbage and human waste on sidewalks, streets,  
9 and drains. In some districts, limited availability of on-street parking is diminished further due  
10 to large vehicles being stored on streets. Some occupants of large vehicles may access water  
11 from fire hydrants and electricity from nearby infrastructure, which can create safety concerns  
12 and potential damage to City systems and infrastructure.

13 (d) On April 11, 2025, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing  
14 (HSH) closed the Bayview Vehicle Triage Center program at Candlestick Point State  
15 Recreation Area. The program, which accommodated 35 large vehicles at an annual  
16 operating cost of \$2.9 million, did not achieve the intended outcomes of transitioning  
17 participants to stable housing or significantly improving street conditions in the surrounding  
18 area.

19 (e) On June 17, 2025 in SFMTA Board Resolution No. 250617-062, the SFMTA  
20 Board of Directors adopted companion legislation creating a Large Vehicle Refuge Permit  
21 program that would allow occupants of large vehicles present in San Francisco as of May 31,  
22 2025, to temporarily park large vehicles on City streets if certain conditions are met. These  
23 conditions include agreement to engage in case management services, accept offers of non-  
24 congregate interim or permanent housing, adhere to good neighbor policies, and follow all  
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1 other parking regulations. The SFMTA companion legislation is contingent on Board of  
2 Supervisors passage of this ordinance.

3 (f) The MTA intends to install 400 signs within the City to effectuate removal of  
4 large vehicles parked in violation of Transportation Code Section 7.2.54. 100 of these signs  
5 shall be placed at entrances into the City, with the remaining 300 signs installed strategically  
6 citywide.

7 (g) The intent of this ordinance is to modify parking restrictions for large vehicles so  
8 that the MTA can operationalize the Large Vehicle Refuge Permit program. The purpose of  
9 the entire legislative package is to create a process for the City to safely move inhabitants of  
10 large vehicles on City streets into stable housing, improving the health and safety of those  
11 individuals and street conditions for the community at large. The Board of Supervisors urges  
12 MTA, in consultation with HSH and other relevant departments, to develop guidance on what  
13 kinds of documentation households may use to apply for Refuge Permits; and to create a fair  
14 review process that includes an opportunity to request reconsideration if an application is  
15 initially denied, case management from HSH and an opportunity to cure violations before a  
16 Permit is revoked, and an appeal process in the event of a revocation. The Board of  
17 Supervisors further urges MTA to prioritize life and safety issues when considering whether to  
18 revoke Permits under Sections 917(e)(3) and (e)(4) of Division II of the Transportation Code.

19 (h) In operationalizing the Large Vehicle Refuge Permit Program, there could be a  
20 need for MTA to identify other situations where it may be in the public interest to exempt large  
21 vehicles, for example, by creating short-term visitor permits or by authorizing limited permit  
22 extensions for households that include children or seniors. The Board of Supervisors urges  
23 MTA, in consultation with HSH and other relevant departments, to regularly evaluate the  
24 Large Vehicle Refuge Permit Program and develop such permit exceptions as needed.  
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3 Section 2. Environmental Findings.

4 The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
5 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
6 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
7 Supervisors in File No. 250655 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms  
8 this determination.  
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10 Section 3. Article 7, Division I of the Transportation Code is hereby amended by  
11 revising Section 7.2.54 and 7.2.84, to read as follows:

12 **SEC. 7.2.54. LARGE VEHICLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS.**

13 To Park a vehicle over twenty-two feet in length or seven feet in height, or camp  
14 trailers, fifth-wheel travel trailers, house cars, trailer coaches, mobilehomes, recreational  
15 vehicles, or semi-trailers as defined by the California Vehicle Code and Health and Safety  
16 Code, ~~between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. when Municipal Transportation Agency signs are~~  
17 ~~posted giving notice. This section shall be operative on March 31, 2013; for more than two hours,~~  
18 except:

19 (a) When reasonably necessary to accomplish the loading or unloading of merchandise or  
20 passengers on, or from, a vehicle and while anything connected with the loading, or unloading, is being  
21 executed; or

22 (b) When the Municipal Transportation Agency has issued a permit pursuant to Division II of  
23 this Code, temporarily exempting the permittee and the vehicle from the time limitation set forth in this  
24 Section 7.2.54, and the permittee is in compliance with all applicable permit conditions; or  
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(c) When the vehicle displays a valid Residential Parking Permit issued by the Municipal Transportation Agency pursuant to Section 905 for the specific residential parking permit area in which the vehicle is parked; or

(d) Commercial vehicles subject to Section 7.2.84.

#### **SEC. 7.2.84. COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS.**

To Park any motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, van, trailer, delivery wagon, or any vehicle used for commercial purposes over twenty-two feet in length or seven feet in height in excess of limitations on manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or a gross combination weight rating specified in Division II, Article 500, for a period in excess of two hours ~~one hour or between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.~~ on any street ~~with weight limits~~ designated in Division II, Article 500, except while in the course of delivery or removal of goods, merchandise or other personal property for residents on such street, ~~or except when such vehicle is used by a recreational equipment vendor as defined in Section 1050 of the Police Code in the course of business and all the requirements of Police Code Sections 1051 through 1055 are met.~~ Any excepted vehicle shall be subject to all parking limitations applicable thereto as otherwise provided by law. ~~(63,~~  
~~63A, 63.1)\*~~

Section 4. Chapter 119 of the Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Article III, consisting of Sections 119.31 and 119.32, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III:**

## ***LARGE VEHICLE REFUGE PERMIT PROGRAM***

**SEC. 119.31. DEFINITIONS.**

Terms not defined in this Article III shall have the meaning assigned to them in Section 901 of Division II of the Transportation Code, as may be amended from time to time.

1                   **SEC. 119.32. LARGE VEHICLE REFUGE PERMIT PROGRAM.**

2                   (a) To establish a pathway for individuals living in large vehicles to relocate to non-  
3 vehicular housing, the Municipal Transportation Agency (“MTA”) has established a Large Vehicle  
4 Refuge Permit Program (the “Program”), as set forth in Transportation Code, Division II, Article 900.

5                   (b) Approval, implementation, and administration of the Program is subject to MTA’s  
6 exclusive authority under the Charter to establish fines and fees and regulate on-street parking and  
7 other applicable City law, including Transportation Code, Division II, Articles 300 and 900.

8                   (c) Assistance from other City Departments with issues within such departments’ areas of  
9 expertise will enable MTA to streamline the review of Permit applications to determine applicant  
10 eligibility and ensure that Permittees comply with conditions of an issued Permit. City Departments,  
11 including but not limited to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Department of  
12 Emergency Management, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Works, and the Police  
13 Department, shall assist the MTA in its implementation of the Program by:

14                   (1) Supporting the MTA in its efforts to issue Permits by conducting outreach  
15 concerning the Program and certifying Household eligibility for the Large Vehicle Refuge Permit;

16                   (2) ~~Providing Permittees case management services, participating in the~~  
17 ~~intake and assessment process, creating individual service plans, connecting Permittees to~~  
18 ~~employment, coordinating move-in logistics, o~~Offering weekly or as-needed follow up with  
19 outreach case managers, and participating in crisis interventions as needed;

20                   (3) ~~Developing a “Good Neighbor Policy” to be adhered to by Permittees as~~  
21 ~~described in Transportation Code, Division II, Section 917;~~

22                   (3)(4) ~~Supporting the MTA in its efforts to verify Permittees’ compliance with the~~  
23 ~~terms of their Permits,~~ and to enforce Permit terms described in Transportation Code, Division II,  
24 Section 917, as it may be amended from time to time; and

~~(4)(5)~~ Taking any other action identified in Transportation Code, Division II, Section 917 as the responsibility of such department under the Program.

(d) In addition to assisting MTA as set forth in subdivision (c) ~~t~~The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing shall:

(1) develop guidance in consultation with MTA on what types of evidence and documentation members of the public may use to apply for Large Vehicle Refuge Permits, which guidance shall be made available online and shared with the public on request;

(2) offer guidance to MTA on how to develop and implement a fair review process that includes an ability for Permittees to request reconsideration of and/or appeal Permit decisions;

(3) offer case management services to Permittees, including by assisting them with the intake and Permit application process, helping them stay in compliance with their Permits, creating individual service plans, connecting them to employment services, and coordinating moving logistics;

(4) develop a "Good Neighbor Policy" to be adhered to by Permittees as described in Transportation Code, Division II, Section 917; and

(5) document all offers of housing services made to Permittees, Permittees' responses to each such offer, and where a Permittee rejects an offer of housing services, the reason for the rejection.

Section 5. Article 6 of the Park Code is hereby amended by revising Section 6.01, to read as follows:

**SEC. 6.01. OPERATION AND PARKING OF VEHICLES.**

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(j) No person shall park ~~any "oversized vehicle," defined herein as any vehicle longer than 19 feet and/or wider than seven feet, eight inches, whether attended or unattended in Kezar Parking~~

~~Lot, unless allowed otherwise by permit. any vehicle over twenty-two feet in length or seven feet in height, or camp trailers, fifth-wheel travel trailers, house cars, trailer coaches, mobilehomes, recreational vehicles, or semi-trailers as defined by the California Vehicle Code and Health and Safety Code for more than two hours, in any park, except (1) when attending an event or function authorized by the Recreation and Park Department, and then only when the person parks the vehicle in an area specifically designated for such parking in connection with said event or function; (2) when such parking is necessary because of an emergency, such as a flat tire or other mechanical failure, in which case the vehicle shall not be parked any longer than necessary; or (3) when a sign is posted or notice is otherwise provided that parking is permitted in a designated area.~~

Section 6. Article 5 of the Port Code is hereby amended by revising Section 5.01 to read as follows:

**SEC. 5.1. OPERATION AND PARKING OF VEHICLES.**

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(H) No person shall, in any park, allow any automobile or “oversized vehicle,” defined herein over twenty-two feet in length or seven feet in height, or camp trailers, fifth-wheel travel trailers, house cars, trailer coaches, mobilehomes, recreational vehicles, or semi-trailers as defined by the California Vehicle Code and Health and Safety Code, whether attended or unattended ~~other vehicle~~ to remain parked in any parking lot which is open for public use and for which a fee is charged for parking, for a period of more than 24 hours after the expiration of the period for which the fee is charged, unless allowed otherwise by permit. Nor shall any person park over two hours on any other Port property a vehicle that is subject to Section 7.2.54 of Division I of the Transportation Code as it may be amended from time to time.



Section 7. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

Section 8. Undertaking for the General Welfare. In enacting and implementing this ordinance, the City is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury.

Section 9. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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