

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Permitting Parking in Driveways]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to permit parking of up to two operable vehicles, not including boats, trailers, recreational vehicles, mobile homes, or buses, in driveways located in required front setbacks, side yards, or rear yards; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

Section 136 of the Planning Code prohibits parking in driveways located in required front setbacks and yards.

Section 142 of the Planning Code requires all off-street parking spaces adjacent to the public right-of-way to be screened from view and confined by solid building walls.

Section 145.1 of the Planning Code requires off-street parking at street grade on development lots in neighborhood commercial, residential-commercial, commercial, and mixed use districts to be set back at least 25 feet.

Table 151.1 of the Planning Code specifies the maximum amount of off-street parking permitted for specified uses.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would amend Planning Code Section 136(c)(30) to permit parking of operable vehicles in driveways located in required front setbacks, side yards, or rear yards, subject to the following limitations:

- (A) Boats, trailers, recreational vehicles, mobile homes, and buses shall not be parked in the driveway;
- (B) No more than two vehicles per lot may be parked in a driveway, regardless of the lot size or driveway length;
- (C) Vehicles parked in the driveway shall not encroach onto the public right-of-way; and
- (D) Except as specified in this subsection (c)(30), in no case shall parking be allowed in the setback or yard.

The ordinance would also exempt off-street parking permitted under Planning Code Section 136(c)(30) from the screening and setback requirements in Planning Code Sections 142 and

145.1, respectively, and specify that this parking shall not count toward the maximum parking limits in Table 151.1.

Background Information

The ordinance is intended to remove existing restrictions on parking in residential driveways from the Planning Code.

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