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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 20, 2025
To: Planning Department/Planning Commission
From: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee
Subject: Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 250655
Various Codes - Large and Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions - Hours and Exceptions

- ☒ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination
(*California Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.*)
 - ☒ Ordinance / Resolution
 - ☐ Ballot Measure
- ☐ Amendment to the Planning Code, including the following Findings:
(*Planning Code, Section 302(b): 90 days for Planning Commission review*)
 - ☐ General Plan ☐ Planning Code, Section 101.1 ☐ Planning Code, Section 302
- ☐ Amendment to the Administrative Code, involving Land Use/Planning
(*Board Rule 3.23: 30 days for possible Planning Department review*)
- ☐ General Plan Referral for Non-Planning Code Amendments
(*Charter, Section 4.105, and Administrative Code, Section 2A.53*)
(Required for legislation concerning the acquisition, vacation, sale, or change in use of City property; subdivision of land; construction, improvement, extension, widening, narrowing, removal, or relocation of public ways, transportation routes, ground, open space, buildings, or structures; plans for public housing and publicly-assisted private housing; redevelopment plans; development agreements; the annual capital expenditure plan and six-year capital improvement program; and any capital improvement project or long-term financing proposal such as general obligation or revenue bonds.)
- ☐ Historic Preservation Commission
 - ☐ Landmark (*Planning Code, Section 1004.3*)
 - ☐ Cultural Districts (*Charter, Section 4.135 & Board Rule 3.23*)
 - ☐ Mills Act Contract (*Government Code, Section 50280*)
 - ☐ Designation for Significant/Contributory Buildings (*Planning Code, Article 11*)

Please send the Planning Department/Commission recommendation/determination to John Carroll at john.carroll@sfgov.org.

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NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions to Codes are in ~~*striketrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.
Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
Board amendment deletions are in ~~striketrough Arial font~~.
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.

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

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

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

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

17 (e) On _____, 2025 in SFMTA Board Resolution No. _____, the
18 SFMTA Board of Directors adopted companion legislation creating a Large Vehicle Refuge
19 Permit program that would allow occupants of large vehicles present in San Francisco as of
20 May 31, 2025, to temporarily park large vehicles on City streets if certain conditions are met.
21 These conditions include agreement to engage in case management services, accept offers
22 of non-congregate interim or permanent housing, adhere to good neighbor policies, and follow
23 all other parking regulations. The SFMTA companion legislation is contingent on Board of
24 Supervisors passage of this ordinance.
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1 (f) The MTA intends to install 400 signs within the City to effectuate removal of
2 large vehicles parked in violation of Transportation Code Section 7.2.54. 100 of these signs
3 shall be placed at entrances into the City, with the remaining 300 signs installed strategically
4 citywide.

5 (g) The intent of this ordinance is to modify parking restrictions for large vehicles so
6 that the MTA can operationalize the Large Vehicle Refuge Permit program. The purpose of
7 the entire legislative package is to create a process for the City to safely move inhabitants of
8 large vehicles on City streets into stable housing, improving the health and safety of those
9 individuals and street conditions for the community at large.

10 Section 2. Environmental Findings.

11 The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
12 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
13 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
14 Supervisors in File No. ____ and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this
15 determination.

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17 Section 3. Article 7, Division I of the Transportation Code is hereby amended by
18 revising Section 7.2.54 and 7.2.84, to read as follows:

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

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

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

4 (b) When the Municipal Transportation Agency has issued a permit pursuant to Division II of
5 this Code, temporarily exempting the permittee and the vehicle from the time limitation set forth in this
6 Section 7.2.54, and the permittee is in compliance with all applicable permit conditions; or

7 (c) When the vehicle displays a valid Residential Parking Permit issued by the Municipal
8 Transportation Agency pursuant to Section 905 for the specific residential parking permit area in
9 which the vehicle is parked; or

10 (d) Commercial vehicles subject to Section 7.2.84.
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12 **SEC. 7.2.84. COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS.**

13 To Park any motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, van, trailer, delivery wagon, or any
14 vehicle used for commercial purposes over twenty-two feet in length or seven feet in height in
15 excess of limitations on manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or a gross combination weight
16 rating specified in Division II, Article 500, for a period in excess of two hours one hour or between
17 the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any street with weight limits designated in Division II,
18 Article 500, except while in the course of delivery or removal of goods, merchandise or other
19 personal property for residents on such street, or except when such vehicle is used by a
20 recreational equipment vendor as defined in Section 1050 of the Police Code in the course of business
21 and all the requirements of Police Code Sections 1051 through 1055 are met. Any excepted vehicle
22 shall be subject to all parking limitations applicable thereto as otherwise provided by law. ~~(63,~~
23 ~~63.4, 63.1)*~~

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

3 **ARTICLE III:**

4 **LARGE VEHICLE REFUGE PERMIT PROGRAM**

5 **SEC. 119.31. DEFINITIONS.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 *(2) Providing Permittees case management services, participating in the intake and*
24 *assessment process, creating individual service plans, connecting Permittees to employment,*
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1 coordinating move-in logistics, offering weekly or as-needed follow up with outreach case managers,
2 and participating in crisis interventions;

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

5 (4) Supporting the MTA in its efforts to verify Permittees’ compliance with the terms
6 of their Permit, and to enforce Permit terms described in Transportation Code, Division II, Section
7 917; and

8 (5) Taking any other action identified in Transportation Code, Division II, Section
9 917 as the responsibility of such department under the Program.

10 (d) The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing shall document all offers of
11 housing services made to Permittees, Permittees’ responses to each such offer, and where a Permittee
12 rejects an offer of housing services, the reason for the rejection.

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

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

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18 (j) No person shall park ~~any “oversized vehicle,” defined herein as any vehicle longer than~~
19 ~~19 feet and/or wider than seven feet, eight inches, whether attended or unattended in Kezar Parking~~
20 ~~Lot, unless allowed otherwise by permit. any vehicle over twenty-two feet in length or seven feet in~~
21 ~~height, or camp trailers, fifth-wheel travel trailers, house cars, trailer coaches, mobilehomes,~~
22 ~~recreational vehicles, or semi-trailers as defined by the California Vehicle Code and Health and Safety~~
23 ~~Code for more than two hours, in any park, except (1) when attending an event or function authorized~~
24 ~~by the Recreation and Park Department, and then only when the person parks the vehicle in an area~~
25 ~~specifically designated for such parking in connection with said event or function; (2) when such~~

1 parking is necessary because of an emergency, such as a flat tire or other mechanical failure, in which
2 case the vehicle shall not be parked any longer than necessary; or (3) when a sign is posted or notice is
3 otherwise provided that parking is permitted in a designated area.

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

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

8 * * * *

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

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19 Section 7. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
20 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
21 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
22 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment
23 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under
24 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.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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Existing Law

The Transportation Code prohibits the parking of certain large vehicles between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. and certain commercial vehicles, including those over a certain weight, in certain districts between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The Park Code prohibits a different set of large vehicles from parking in the Kezar Parking Lot unless allowed by permit. The Port Code prohibits parking vehicles in any public parking lot which charges a parking fee for more than 24 hours after the expiration of the period for which the fee is charged unless allowed by permit.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would change both of the Transportation Code's overnight restrictions to a 2-hour parking limitation on the enumerated vehicles. For commercial vehicles, they will be measured by the same size as the other vehicles in the Large Vehicle Parking Restriction, rather than by weight. The Large Vehicle Parking Restriction shall apply citywide, except where a permit has been issued by the SFMTA or it is reasonably necessary to accomplish loading or unloading. The Administrative Code is amended to require City Departments to assist the SFMTA with managing the Large Vehicle Refuge Permit Program, which excepts permittees from enforcement of the Large Vehicle Parking Restriction when certain requirements are met related to accepting non-congregate interim or permanent housing, adhering to good neighbor policies, and compliance with all other applicable parking restrictions. The parking restrictions in the Park and Port codes are amended to harmonize their restrictions with the Transportation Code's Large Vehicle Parking Restriction.

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