REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Amended in Committee, 7/9/2025)

[Administrative, Transportation, Park, Port Code - Large and Commercial Vehicle Parking Restriction - 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.

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.

Background

On July 9, 2025, the ordinance was amended to include language urging SFMTA to develop public guidance for the Permit application process; to develop a fair process to review Permit decisions; to prioritize enforcement of certain types of Permit violations over others; and to identify instances where it may be appropriate to create additional exceptions to the two-hour parking restriction. The amendments also include language directing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and other departments to assist MTA in these matters, and clarifying their respective roles in helping to administer the Permit program.

n:\legana\as2025\2500356\01852822.docx