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TO: Members of the City Council and Members of the General Public

FROM: Councilmember Noel Gallo

SUBJECT: OAKLAND RV PARKING ORDINANCE

DATE: March 10, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 10.73 TO TITLE 10, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARKING OF OVERSIZED VEHICLES ON CERTAIN NARROW STREETS AND MAKING APPROPRIATE FINDINGS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This ordinance prohibits the parking of oversized vehicles on narrow streets in order to improve public safety. Parked oversized vehicles on narrow residential streets can create unsafe traffic conditions by encroaching into the vehicle lane of travel, making it difficult for large emergency vehicles such as fire-trucks to safely and quickly reach their destinations. Oversized parked vehicles also pose a danger to bicyclists by forcing them to ride in the car traffic lane. And oversized parked vehicles impede the ability of residents in their vehicles to safely see vehicle traffic as they backout of their residential driveways.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

Cities all across the Bay Area such as Alameda, Berkeley, Mountain View, San Francisco, and San Rafael have all passed ordinances that limit or prohibit the parking of Recreational Vehicles (RV) and other oversized vehicles in residential areas. In all cases, these ordinances address the safety issues related to the parking of oversized vehicles on narrow residential streets. The prohibition to the street parking of these oversized vehicles will lead to improved public safety. Oakland residents deserve safe streets for themselves and their children.

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

I respectfully request that the City Council adopt the Oakland RV Parking Ordinance which will improve the public safety by creating safer routes of passage on narrow residential streets in Oakland.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Ken Lupoff, Policy Analyst to Councilmember Noel Gallo at 510.238.7051 or klupoff@oaklandca.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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