

October 15, 2001

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
October 23, 2001

**PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR VEHICLES OVER SIX FEET IN HEIGHT
SOUTH SIDE OF GOULD AVENUE WEST OF PORTER LANE**

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Staff recommendation to prohibit the parking of vehicles greater than six feet in height on the south side of Gould Avenue west of Porter Lane for a length of 100 feet from the intersection.

Background:

At the August 28, 2001 meeting, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 01-6163 authorizing the use of parking restrictions within 100 feet of an intersection for vehicles that are six feet or more in height. The City has now received a request from the Sea View Villas Home Owners Association to designate the south side of Gould Avenue west of Porter Lane as a restricted parking zone for such high-profile vehicles. The primary objective of the request is to prohibit recreational vehicles from parking on Gould Avenue and blocking visibility at this intersection. Porter Lane is the primary access point for the Sea View Villas residential development.

Analysis:

Under the provisions of Resolution No. 01-6163, vehicles greater than six feet in height can be prohibited from parking at designated locations within 100 feet of an intersection. The restricted parking zones are to be implemented at specific locations on a case-by-case basis. To inform motorists of the restrictions and render the restrictions enforceable, signs are to be installed at each applicable location.

Recreational vehicles have been observed to periodically park on the south side of Gould Avenue west of Porter Lane, resulting in restricted visibility and safety risks for motorists exiting Porter Lane onto Gould Avenue. One option for alleviating the problem would be to paint red curb at this location; however, this would eliminate parking even for small vehicles. A less disruptive approach would be to implement the parking prohibition for high-profile vehicles. It is recommended, therefore, that a restricted parking zone be created on the south side of Gould Avenue for a distance of 100 feet west of Porter Lane whereby vehicles over six feet in height are prohibited from parking. If authorized by City Council, the Public Works Department would install signs on the south side of Gould Avenue that state "No Parking for Vehicles 6 Feet or More in Height," with arrows to designate the 100-foot restricted zone. While the request is for a 120-foot zone, the maximum allowable length is 100 feet, according to the California Vehicle Code.

Alternatives:

1. Deny the Staff recommendation and direct Staff to maintain status quo relative to parking restrictions at this location.
2. Direct Staff to install red curb to eliminate parking on the south side of Gould Avenue west of Porter Lane.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of installing signs to designate a parking restriction for high-profile vehicles would be approximately \$500. Funds are available under the current Operations and Maintenance budget of Street Maintenance.

Attachments: 1. Letter from Sea View Villas Home Owners Association
2. Location Map

Respectfully submitted,

Concur:

Richard D. Garland, P.E.
Traffic Engineer

Harold C. Williams, P.E.
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Noted for fiscal impact:

Concur:

Viki Copeland
Finance Director

Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager

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