

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the City Manager

July 9, 2007

SUBJECT

Restrict large vehicle parking on City streets to a posted time limit

RECOMMENDATION

Restrict, by ordinance, the parking of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 5,000 pounds to a maximum time limit of up to two hours, at all times when signs are posted giving notice thereof.

BACKGROUND

Business owners at 1269 Veterans Boulevard and 1286 Oddstad Drive have requested that the City restrict the long-term parking of "big rig" trucks and oversized vehicles along segments of Veterans Boulevard, Oddstad Drive and Hansen Way. Business owners object to the parking of large vehicles, including big rig cabs and tour buses, for long periods of time. The problem has not been abated despite vehicle operators receiving numerous citations and warnings. In November, 2006, the proprietor of Hoot Judkins Furniture at 1269 Veterans Boulevard requested that the City restrict parking to two hours on the 1200 block of Veterans Boulevard by painting the curb green and erecting signage. In response, staff requested additional enforcement of existing parking restrictions by Redwood City Police and Code Enforcement in an attempt to correct objectionable parking practices without enacting new restrictions. Redwood City Police informed the proprietor that additional action could not be taken against operators of vehicles unless vehicles had remained parked for more than 72 continuous hours. The proprietor of Hoot Judkins reiterated his request for more restrictive parking regulations on Veterans Boulevard. The proprietor of the Jewelry Exchange also made an independent request for City assistance with the same parking issue at 1286 Oddstad Drive.

Staff has concluded that new controls are needed to address objectionable parking behavior without creating undue restrictions. Large vehicles, both commercial and non-commercial, are subject to the proposed new parking restriction, however, passenger vehicles and light-duty (pick-up) trucks are exempt. The proposed restriction allows large vehicles to park long enough for loading/unloading activities. Time limits, which trigger enforcement, are intended for posting only in areas experiencing a problem, rather than city wide. If other areas experience similar problems, the ordinance may be amended to include those city streets.

Notice was sent on January 22, 2007 to 11 property owners and 41 business owners in the area. The notice provided a brief summary of the proposed parking restriction and requested area stakeholders complete and return a short response form by February 21, 2007. As of that date, 5 property owners had responded; 4 in support of the proposed restriction and 1 opposed. As well, 12 business owners responded, 11 in support and 1 opposed.

The new restriction is initially proposed for the eastside of Veterans Boulevard from Chestnut Street to Walnut Street, Oddstad Drive, Oddstad Road, and Hansen Way.

ALTERNATIVES

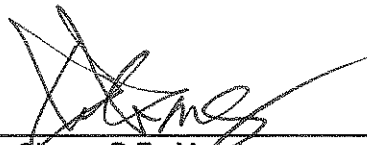
Parking restrictions would remain as they are which restricts the parking of all vehicles to a maximum time limit of 72 continuous hours.

FISCAL IMPACT

A limited number of parking signs can be installed in the targeted area for an estimated cost of \$3,000.00. Funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2006/07 Capital Improvement Program Budget, Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. Minor maintenance costs will be incurred in future years.



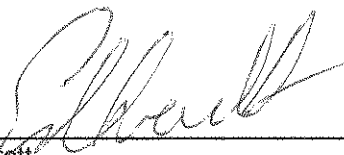
M. Saber Sarwary, P.E.
Senior Civil Engineer



Chu Chang, P.E., Manager
Engineering & Construction



Peter Ingram, Director
Community Development Services



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City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Map of Property and Business Owners Notified of Proposed

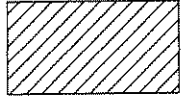
RELATED DOCUMENTS IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

None

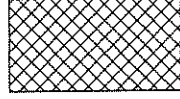
Map of Addresses Notified of Proposed Parking Restriction and Property & Business Owner Responses

Boundary of Notification

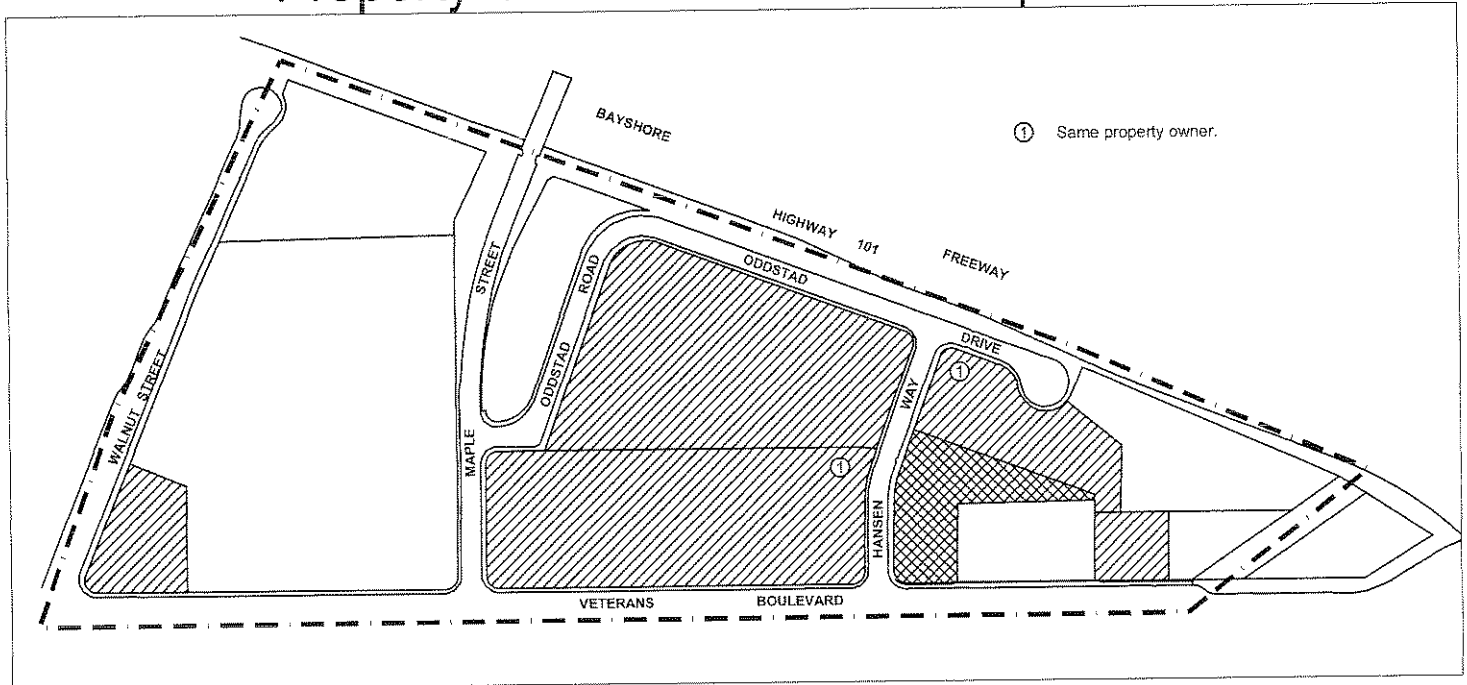
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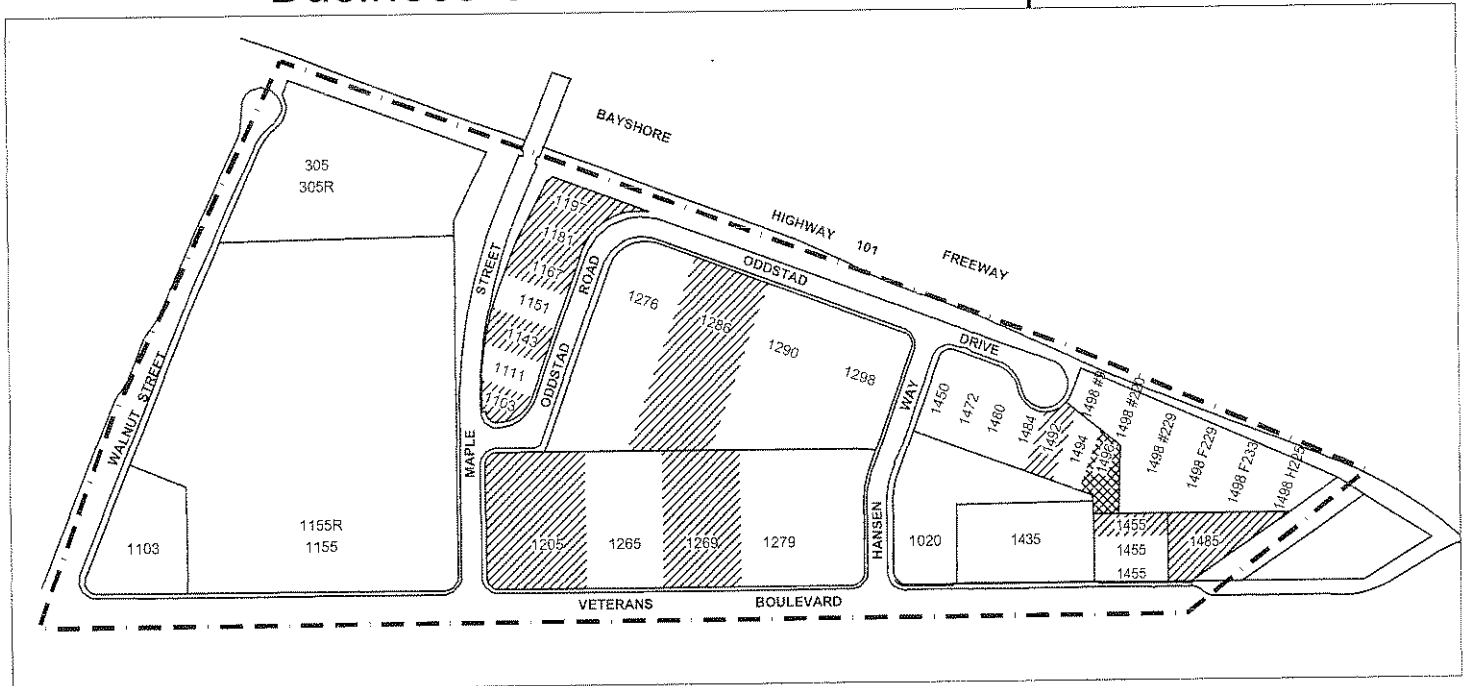
Oppose Restriction



Property Owners Notified & Responses



Business Owners Notified & Responses



ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE REDWOOD CITY MUNICIPAL CODE "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Article Seven (VII) (Stopping, Standing and Parking) of Chapter 20 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Redwood City Municipal Code is hereby modified by adding Section 20.96.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 20.96.1. PARKING OF VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OF MORE THAN 5,000 POUNDS FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE HOURS PROHIBITED; REMOVAL BY POLICE:

A. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person who owns or has possession, custody, or control of any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 5,000 pounds shall park or leave standing such vehicle upon the street for more than a consecutive period of two (2) hours. This limitation on parking shall be effective twenty-four (24) hours daily.

B. In the event a vehicle is parked or left standing upon a street segment, posted with a limited parking sign as stated above, in excess of a consecutive period of two (2) hours, any member of the Police Department authorized by the Chief of Police may remove the vehicle from the street or highway in the manner and subject to the requirements of section 22650 et seq., of the Vehicle Code of the State. For purposes of this Section, a vehicle shall be deemed parked or left standing if it has not been moved at least two-tenths (0.20) of a mile within the aforesaid two (2) hour period.

C. When signs are erected giving notice thereof, the streets to which this parking restriction shall apply are as follows:

Street	Side	Limits	Maximum Parking Period
Veterans Boulevard	Easterly	Chestnut Street to Walnut Street	Two (2) hours
Oddstad Drive	Both	Entire Street	Two (2) hours
Oddstad Road	Both	Entire Street	Two (2) hours
Hansen Way	Both	Entire Street	Two (2) hours

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date of its adoption.