

ORDINANCE NO. 1156

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA TO AMEND SECTION 70.01 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 70 (GENERAL PROVISIONS) AND TO ADD SECTION 72.26 (PARKING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IS PROHIBITED ON ANY CITY STREET) TO CHAPTER 72 (STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING) WITHIN TITLE 7 (TRAFFIC CODE) OF THE SANTA FE SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe Springs (the "City") is a general law city, incorporated under the laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, California Constitution Article XI, Section 7, enables the City to enact local planning and land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Sections 22507 and 22507.5 also empowers cities to regulate vehicular parking within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its police power, the City may enact and enforce laws within its boundaries that promote the public health, morals, safety, or general welfare of the community, and are not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, the City currently prohibits the parking of any vehicle upon any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two (72) hours; and

WHEREAS, the City currently prohibits the parking of vehicles which exceeds either 23 feet in length or 80 inches in width, or large vehicles, on any street in residential areas for a period of time longer than thirty (30) minutes between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. of any day; and

WHEREAS, the City currently permits the parking of operable automobiles, recreational vehicles, boats or boat trailers in the required driveways within the front and/or side yards for any single-family use in a residential zone; and

WHEREAS, the City has received an increased number of complaints regarding increased numbers of recreational vehicles parking on City streets for several days; and

WHEREAS, the City has traditionally prohibited parking on affected streets pursuant to complaints it has received; and

WHEREAS, the City's current practices do not address the problem on a citywide level; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary to establish a citywide program to regulate and authorize the parking of recreational vehicles on the City's streets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance would establish a program that would permit temporary parking of recreational vehicles on the City's streets through a temporary parking permit; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Policies C-10.1 and C-10.2 of the General Plan's Circulation Element, the Ordinance will establish a parking program that will address parking problems on City streets and ensure equitable and fair parking enforcement practices; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Policies C-13.4 and C-14.3 of the General Plan's Circulation Element, the Ordinance will prohibit knowingly allowing the leakage of harmful substances onto any public right-of-way and will require the use of permitted RV sanitary wastewater dump stations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a duly noticed public hearing, considered, the ordinance, all reports, testimony, materials, and findings.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings.

The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Section 70.01 (Definitions) of Chapter 70 (General Provisions) of Title 7 (Traffic Code) of the City of Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code ("SFSMC" or "Code") is hereby amended as follows (unless otherwise noted, where ~~Strikethrough Text~~ is language to be removed from the existing Code and Underline Text is language to be added to the Code):

For the purpose of this traffic code, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning. Whenever any words or phrases used in this title are not defined in this section but are now defined in the California Vehicle Code, such definitions are incorporated in this section and shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used herein as though set forth in this section in full.

BUSINESS DISTRICT. That portion of a highway and the property contiguous thereto upon one side of which highway, for a distance of 600 feet, 50% or more of the contiguous property fronting thereon is occupied by buildings in use for business, or, upon both sides of which highway, collectively, for a distance of 300 feet, 50% or more of the contiguous property fronting thereon is so occupied. ***A BUSINESS DISTRICT*** may be longer than the distance specified in this section if the above ratio of buildings in use for business to the length of highway exists.

LOADING ZONE. The space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITOR. Any natural person who does not reside in the city who is temporarily visiting as a guest of a Resident of the city and who has applied for a Temporary RV Parking Permit.

PARK. To stand or leave standing any vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading of passengers or materials.

PARKWAY. That portion of a street other than a roadway or a sidewalk.

PASSENGER LOADING ZONE. The space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers.

PEDESTRIAN. Any person afoot.

POLICE OFFICER. Every officer of the Police Department of the city or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE or "RV". A motorhome, travel trailer, truck camper, camping trailer, or other vehicle or trailer, with or without motive power, designed or altered for human habitation for recreational, emergency, or other human occupancy, or any structure inspected, approved and designated as a recreational vehicle by, and bearing the insignia of, the State of California or any other state or federal agency having the authority to approve recreational vehicles. Recreational Vehicle shall include, without limitation, any of the following: a "camp trailer," as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 242; a "fifth wheel travel trailer" as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 324; a "house car" as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 362; a "trailer" as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 630; a "trailer coach" as defined in California Vehicle Code Section 635; a "mobile home," as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 396; a boat, watercraft and/or trailer for a boat or watercraft; a "park trailer" as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 18009.3; a "recreational vehicle as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 18010; and a "truck camper" as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 18013.4.

RESIDENT. A person who customarily resides and maintains a place of residence or who owns land within the city. It shall not mean a person who maintains an address at a mailbox drop or who rents a room which is not his or her primary place of residence, nor shall it mean a person who maintains only a post office box unless that person also provides valid and verifiable evidence of residence, such as a utility bill/contract, and federal or state government-issued Identification, at a street address within the city.

STOP. When required, complete cessation of movement.

STOP OR STAND. When prohibited, any stopping or standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device.

TEMPORARY RV PARKING PERMIT. A limited duration parking permit for a recreational vehicle belonging to a resident or an out-of-town visitor issued by the Director of Police Services or his or her designee in accordance with the provisions of this title.

SECTION 3. Chapter 72 (Stopping, Standing and Parking) of Title 7 (Traffic Code) of the City of Santa Fe Springs Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Section 72.26 as follows (unless otherwise noted, where ~~Strikethrough Text~~ is language to be removed from the existing Code and Underline Text is language to be added to the Code):

§ 72.26 PARKING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IS PROHIBITED ON ANY CITY STREET.

(A) No person shall stop, stand, or park a recreational vehicle on any street or alley for a period of time longer than two hours unless a temporary RV parking permit has been issued to such RV pursuant this section.

(B) Notice. Signs giving reasonable notice of the prohibitions contained in this section will be erected within the City as required by the California Vehicle Code.

(C) Temporary RV Parking Permit.

(1) Purpose. The purpose of the temporary RV parking permit is to allow users of RVs to park adjacent to their residences to load, unload, clean, and maintain their RV and to allow out-of-town visitors to park their RVs in front of the residence in which they are visiting for a limited period of time.

(2) Application and Fee.

(a) The City shall establish a temporary RV parking permit application and may promulgate administrative regulations regarding the issuance of such permits.

(b) Any person applying for a temporary RV parking permit shall file an application with Department of Police Services containing the following information:

1. The name, residential address, and phone number of the resident, who is applying for the permit or is being visited by an out-of-town visitor, along with proof of residency satisfactory to the Director of Police Services or his or her designee, such as a current driver's license or identification card, property tax bill, or public utility bill; and

2. The name, address, and phone number of the registered owner or renter of the RV for which a permit is sought along with a copy of the vehicle registration from the California Department of Motor Vehicles or equivalent agency from another state. If the resident applying for the permit is not the registered owner or renter, a letter of authorization from the registered owner shall be included; and

3. The license number, year, make, and model of the RV; and

4. Such information that the Director of Police Services or his or her designee may reasonably require.

(c) Any person applying for a temporary RV parking permit shall pay a fee in such amount as may be established by resolution of the City Council to recover the costs of processing such permits.

(3) Issuance of Permit. Subject to the requirements set forth in this section, the Director of Police Services or his or her designee may issue temporary RV parking permits upon receipt and approval of an application on a form established by the City.

(a) Any resident may obtain a temporary RV parking permit authorizing him or her or an out-of-town visitor to park an RV in front of his or her residence.

(b) Restrictions on the Number of Permits.

1. Each resident may be issued no more than three (3) temporary RV parking permits per calendar month.

2. Temporary RV parking permits issued to out-of-town visitors shall not exceed seven (7) consecutive days per month and twenty-one (21) days per calendar year for all out-of-town visitors per residential address.

3. No more than one (1) temporary RV parking permit, whether issued to a resident or out-of-town visitor, shall be issued per residential address at any given time.

(c) Duration.

1. A temporary RV parking permit issued to a resident for his or

her own RV or for an out-of-town visitor shall be valid for seventy-two (72) hours.

2. A temporary RV parking permit issued to an out-of-town visitor shall be valid for no more than seven (7) consecutive days.

(d) Denial of Application. The Director of Police Services or his or her designee may deny the issuance of a temporary RV parking permit where there are public safety concerns relating to the parking of the RV on the street which the parking would be provided, including but not limited to a street being too narrow to safely accommodate the RV.

(4) Permit Conditions.

(a) Non-Transferable. The temporary RV parking permit shall be non-transferable and shall only be valid for the RV, date(s), and location specified on the permit.

(b) Display and Description of Permit. The temporary RV parking permit shall be placed in the RV in such a manner as to be clearly visible to law enforcement personnel and the City's code/parking enforcement officers. The temporary RV parking permit shall include the license plate number of the RV authorized to be parked on the City's street, the date of issuance, and the date and time through which the permit is valid.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Title to the contrary, an RV may stop, stand, or park on any street or alley in accordance with the conditions of the temporary RV parking permit issued for the RV.

(d) Parking Restrictions. Temporary RV parking permits shall be subject to the following restrictions regarding where RVs may be parked with an issued permit:

1. The permittee may only stop, stand, or park his or her RV directly in front of or within 100 feet of the residential address specified on the temporary RV parking permit. If the property is a corner lot, then the permittee may stop, stand, or park his or her RV directly on the side of, or within 100 feet of, the residential address specified on the temporary RV parking permit. If the RV is not parked directly in front of, or on the side of, as set forth herein, such residence, the RV will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

2. The permittee shall not stop, stand, or park his or her RV within ten feet from the beginning of the apron of any driveway, except at the residential address specified on the temporary RV parking permit, provided that the driveway is not shared with another residence or business.

3. The permittee shall not stop, stand, or park his or her RV

within 20 feet of any street intersection, as measured from the curb line or edge of roadway.

4. Nothing in this section is designed to prevent any resident or individual who uses an RV to travel to the City of Santa Fe Springs to receive care, medical services, or to engage in any otherwise lawful business activity.

(D) Prohibited Activities. No person, regardless of whether they were issued a temporary RV parking permit, shall:

(1) Use slide outs/pop outs or other appurtenances on an RV that encroach on or into the roadway, parkway, and/or sidewalk in such a manner as to interfere with the path of safe travel of vehicles and/or pedestrians.

(2) Open or partially open any awnings on an RV in such a manner as to interfere with the path of safe travel of vehicles and/or pedestrians.

(3) Cause or permit any utility connections, electrical cords, extension cords, hoses, or cables to cross over, above, on or across any street or sidewalk to or from an RV.

(4) Use power generators or other noise-generating equipment between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. within or adjacent to an RV.

(5) Conduct any commercial activity while an RV is parked on the public right-of-way.

(6) Connect an RV to the public sewer system or dump waste onto public or private land or into streets, gutters, or storm drains, other than lawfully at a designated licensed and permitted RV sanitary wastewater dump station.

(7) Knowingly allow any type of grease, oil, fuel, human waste or other harmful substances to leak or be emitted onto any public right-of-way.

(8) Trailers must be at all times properly hitched to a vehicle capable of safely towing the trailer on public streets and highways pursuant to Section 72.16 of this code.

(E) Violations and Penalties.

(1) Any RV parked in violation of this section shall be subject to citation, towing as authorized by California Vehicle Code Sections 22650 and 22651, or both, and revocation of any permit issued pursuant to this section.

(2) Any violation of this section is punishable pursuant to Section 70.99 of this code.

(3) Any RV parked on any street or alley in excess of 72 consecutive hours without a valid temporary RV parking permit displayed shall be subject to removal pursuant to Section 72.04 of this code.

(F) Revocation.

(1) The City shall have the authority to revoke a temporary RV parking permit if the City makes any one of the following findings:

(a) The RV has fallen into a state of disrepair and has become a public nuisance or a danger to pedestrians or other vehicles.

(b) The RV has become inoperable.

(c) There has been a parking citation issued for the RV associated with the temporary RV parking permit.

(d) The applicant has provided information that was materially false.

(e) There has been a violation of this section.

(2) To revoke a temporary RV parking permit, the City shall issue a notice of revocation in writing to the permittee specifying the basis for and the effective date of the revocation, which date shall be at least two days after the date of the notice of revocation. To the extent a permit expires pursuant to its own terms before the effective date of such revocation, the City may use such revocation as a basis to deny a future application from the same permittee. The City's determination to revoke a temporary RV parking permit shall be final.

SECTION 4. CEQA.

This Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Res. Code § 21000 *et seq.*) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., § 15000 *et seq.*) Section 15061(b)(3) under the general rule that CEQA does not apply to activities which can be seen with certainty to have no effect on the environment. The proposed actions would not create any environmental impacts, therefore no additional action under CEQA is required.

SECTION 5. Clerical Errors.

The City Council authorizes the City Attorney to make any clarifying changes necessary to this Ordinance including, but not limited to, typographical errors, irregular numbering and incorrect section references.

SECTION 6. Penalty.

Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and a civil violation subject to the penalties provided for under Section 10.97 of the SFSMC. Each and every day such a violation exists shall constitute a separate and distinct violation of this Ordinance. In addition to the foregoing, any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a public nuisance and shall be subject to abatement as provided by all applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 7. Severability.

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance, or any part thereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance or of Chapters 70 (General Provisions) and 72 (Stopping, Standing and Parking) of the SFSMC, or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 8. Savings Clause.

Neither the adoption of this Ordinance nor the repeal or amendment by this Ordinance of any ordinance or part or portion of any ordinance previously in effect in the City, or within the territory comprising the City, shall in any manner affect the prosecution for the violation of any ordinance, which violation was committed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, nor be construed as a waiver of any license, fee or penalty or the penal provisions applicable to any violation of such ordinances.

SECTION 9. Effective Date and Extension of Ordinance.

In accordance with Government Code Section 36937, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from passage and adoption.

SECTION 10. Certification and Posting.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance to be published or posted as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Santa Fe Springs at a regular meeting on this _____ day of 2025.

William K. Rounds, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fernando Muñoz, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rick R. Olivarez, City Attorney