

CONSENT CALENDAR April 29, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Wengraf

Subject: Request that the City Manager Amend Section 14.72.030 of the Berkeley

Municipal Code

## RECOMMENDATION

Request that the City Manager draft an amendment to the BMC to better define the term "Motor Vehicle" with the goal of regulating the parking of large campers and trailers on residential streets in RPP zones.

## **BACKGROUND**

Section 14.72.090 of the Berkeley Municipal Code allows RPP permits to be issued only to "motor vehicles" that meet certain requirements. BMC 14.72.030(J) defines a "motor vehicle" as an automobile, truck, motorcycle or other motor driven form of transportation not in the excess of 8,000 pounds gross weight.

However, many vehicles weighing over 8,000 lbs have acquired Residential Parking Permits because residents are not always aware of the weight of their vehicles and the RPP application form does not require any description of the vehicle.

The parking of oversized vehicles and trailers on residential streets interferes with the normal flow of vehicle traffic, especially on narrow streets, creating visual obstacles, reducing the lines of sight for driveways and intersections, as well as traffic signage. Safety for pedestrians, bicyclists can be compromised.

Many cities include height and length of vehicle in the definition and include a request for this information on the RPP application form.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time

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