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Title 10 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

# Chapter 10.30 RESIDENTIAL USE OF CITY STREETS AND ALLEYS, CITY-OWNED PARKING AREAS, AND CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY PROHIBITED EXCEPT FOR SAFE PARKING AREAS

## 10.30.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to make public streets, and other public parking areas, readily accessible to the public for their intended and supported purposes, and to limit the overnight parking of vehicles on public streets, public parking areas, and certain private property for purposes of temporary or permanent residential use, which uses of public streets, parking areas, and certain private property, are hereby deemed to be unsafe, unsanitary, and incompatible with the intended and supported uses of public streets, public parking areas, and certain private property. (Ord. 1649(18) § 1)

#### **10.30.020 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter the following words or phrases shall be defined as follows:

- "Alley" means that roadway defined in Section 110 of the Vehicle Code.
- "Overnight" means any time during the period from 10:00 p.m. on one day through 6:00 a.m. of the next day immediately following.
- "Park" means 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.
- "Safe Parking Program" means a parking program, operated on property located outside of the public right-of-way and managed by a social service provider that provides individuals and families with vehicles a safe place to park overnight while working towards a transition to permanent housing.
- "Self-sufficiency program" means a program designed to assist individuals and families in meeting their basic needs and address any substance dependency and mental health issues so that they do not need to rely on emergency public or private assistance.
- "Social service provider" means an agency or organization licensed or supervised by any federal, state or local health/welfare agency that participates in the federal Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and has demonstrated experience with the homeless population by assisting individuals and families achieve economic self-sufficiency and self-determination through self-sufficiency programs.
- "Street" means any public street, road, or highway, as those words are defined in Section 360, 527 or 590 of the California Vehicle Code.
- "Use a motor vehicle for any residential purpose" means to stop or park a motor vehicle, if it contains: (i) any occupant sleeping therein overnight; or (ii) bedding or camp paraphernalia arranged for the purpose of, or in such a way as to accommodate any occupant thereof sleeping therein. (Ord. 1649(18) § 1)

### 10.30.030 No Residential Use of Vehicles on City Streets, Alleys and City-Owned Parking Areas.

A. Prohibition. No person shall use a motor vehicle for any residential purpose on any public street or alley overnight. Nor shall any person use a motor vehicle for any residential purpose at any time on any

City-owned parking area, unless otherwise expressly indicated otherwise by signs at the entrance to the parking area.

- B. The City Manager, in consultation with the Police Chief and Fire Chief, can approve time-limited exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in Subsection A of this section, due to natural disasters or other reasons that better serve the public health and safety.
- C. Notice and Effect. This section shall not be effective until and unless public notice of the applicability of this section to: (i) the streets and alleys is provided in accordance with California Vehicle Code section 22507 at each vehicular entrance to the City; and (ii) public parking areas with signage at each vehicular entrance to that public parking area which it will apply. (Ord. 1649(18) § 1)

#### 10.30.040 No Residential Use of Vehicle on Certain Private Property.

No person shall use a motor vehicle for any residential purpose overnight on any private property, unless it is allowed in accordance with Section 17.60.040 of this code. (Ord. 1649(18) § 1)

## 10.30.050 Enforcement and Penalties.

- A. This chapter shall be enforced by the City's Police Department or such other departments or persons designated by the Chief of Police.
- B. Any violation of this chapter shall be a parking violation, the amount of penalties for which shall be set by the City Council by resolution. (Ord. 1649(18) § 1)

# 10.30.060 Exceptions.

This chapter is not applicable to "Safe Parking" programs or similar vehicular sheltering programs or the expansion of such programs operated on City-owned parking areas or certain private property approved by the City Council in support of transitioning the homeless community of the City into housing. (Ord. 1649(18) § 1)

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