

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
AMENDING CHAPTER 10.48 OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING
SECTION 10.48.090, BUS ZONES TO BE
ESTABLISHED

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 10.48.090 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code is
amended to read as follows:

10.48.090 Bus Zones to be Established.

A. Transportation Engineer. The Transportation Engineer is authorized to establish bus loading zones adjacent to the curb for the purpose of loading and unloading of buses and bus layover zones for the purpose of parking standby buses. The Transportation Engineer is further authorized to determine the location and dimensions of such zones.

B. Definition. The word "bus" as used in this section means a vehicle operated by the Metropolitan Transit District. The words "tour bus" means a bus defined as a tour bus by the California Vehicle Code.

C. Dimensions. No bus loading zone shall exceed sixty feet (60') in length except that when satisfactory evidence has been presented to the Transportation Engineer showing the necessity therefore.

D. Bus Loading Zone - Marking. Bus loading zones shall be marked to indicate that they have been so designated. The Transportation Engineer shall approve the method of marking such zones with a sign or a red curb with letters stenciled in white.

E. Bus Layover Zones - Marking. The Transportation Engineer shall mark bus layover zones by a sign which gives notice that stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is not permitted except for buses.

F. Prohibition. No person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle except a bus in a bus loading zone or bus layover zone.

G. School Bus Zones. Notwithstanding the other provisions in this section, the Transportation Engineer may designate certain bus loading zones as "school bus zones" and further designate certain hours of the day on certain days of the week during which no person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle except a school bus in said zone. Said restrictions shall be posted on a sign in

a manner easily visible to motorists. At all other times, persons may stop, stand, or park any vehicle in said zone. (Ord. 4080, 1980; Ord. 3688, 1974.)

H. Tour Bus Loading Zones. Notwithstanding the other provisions in this section, the Transportation Engineer may designate certain curb areas as “tour bus loading zones” for the parking or loading and unloading of passengers, and further designate time limits and certain hours of the day on certain days of the week during which no person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle except a tour bus in said zone. Said restrictions shall be posted on a sign in a manner easily visible to motorists. At all other times, persons may stop, stand, or park any vehicle in said zone.

I. Permits to Use Bus Loading and Layover Zones. The Public Works Director is authorized to issue permits for the use of bus loading and layover zones for the purposes for active loading and unloading of passengers to buses other than those operated by the Metropolitan Transit District. The permit applicant must demonstrate that it will not impede operations of the Metropolitan Transit District’s use of the bus loading or layover zones.

J. Revocation of Bus Loading and Layover Zone Permit. If it is determined by the Public Works Director that a permittee’s use of a bus loading zone or bus layover is negatively impacting the Metropolitan Transit District’s ability to safely and timely unload passengers, the Public Works Director will cause to be sent a written Notice of Intent to Revoke to the permittee via certified mail. A permittee may request reconsideration of the Notice of Intent to Revoke in writing to the Public Works Director within ten (10) business days of the date of the Notice of Intent to Revoke. The request for reconsideration shall set forth all relevant evidence showing that the permittee’s use of the bus loading or layover zone does not negatively impact the Metropolitan Transit District’s ability to safely and timely unload passengers. The Public Works Director, or his or her designee, shall issue a written Notice of Decision within ten (10) business days of the date of the request for reconsideration. The Notice of Decision shall be sent to the permittee via certified mail and will be deemed final and effective as of the date of the Notice of Decision. Appeal of the Notice of Decision may be brought pursuant to Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 1.30. If a request for reconsideration is not received within ten (10) days of the date of the Notice of Intent to Revoke, the permit shall be deemed revoked on the eleventh day following the date of the Notice of Intent to Revoke.