



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 16, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administrative Division, Waterfront Department

SUBJECT: Introduction Of Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Title 17, Chapter 17.36, Pertaining To Operations At The Waterfront

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Title 17, Chapter 17.36 Pertaining to Parking in the Harbor Parking Lot.

DISCUSSION:

Department staff annually reviews Santa Barbara Municipal Code ("SBMC") Title 17 ("Harbor") to ensure that it accurately and adequately describes policies and procedures utilized to fairly, comprehensively and decisively administer Waterfront affairs and provides the legal framework for doing so.

Staff has worked with the City Attorney's Office to identify Chapters or Sections of Title 17 it believes should be added, deleted or amended. This report identifies amendments proposed for SBMC Chapter 17.36—Waterfront Parking.

Municipal Code 17.36- Waterfront Parking

Staff has three primary objectives for proposed amendments to Chapter 17.36:

- Define exactly where boat trailers may be parked in the Harbor main parking lot. Boaters commonly refer to this area as the Launch Ramp Parking Lot, but its location is not designated or defined in the Municipal Code, nor is it currently distinguished from the rest of the Harbor main parking lot.
- Eliminate any reference to storing trailers in Harbor parking lots. Title 17 does not define storage. Any mention of storage, whether permissive or prohibitive, is unclear because there is no discussion of what is storage and when, if ever, it is legal or appropriate to park vehicles beyond posted time limits.
- Clarify that parking of any other kind of trailer (other than boat trailers) in the Harbor lot requires written permission of the Waterfront Director.

A re-drafted Section 17.36.030 clarifies that:

- Boat trailers may be parked in designated areas of the Harbor main lot; and only boat trailers are allowed in the main harbor lot, without permission of the Waterfront Director.
- No person may park a boat trailer outside designated areas of the Harbor main lot without written permission of the Waterfront Director; and
- Only boat trailers—no other kind of trailers--are allowed in the Harbor main lot without written permission of the Waterfront Director

CONCLUSION:

These amendments define where trailers may be parked in the main harbor lot, eliminate any reference to trailer storage and clarify that no other type of trailer shall be allowed to park in the Harbor lot without permission of the Waterfront Director. These clarifications are essential to good communication with parking customers and orderly operation of the harbor parking lot. The Ordinance Committee voted unanimously to forward the draft amendment to Council at its July 19, 2011 meeting.

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