

Oversize Vehicle Parking Management: Policy Proposal

The Board of Supervisors asked SFMTA to develop tools to address the issue of oversize vehicles.

Issues the policy seeks to address

- Lack of available on-street private vehicle parking due to on-street storage of oversize vehicles.
- Illegal trash dumping, visual blight, and graffiti around oversize vehicles.

Goals of initiative

- Increase parking availability in residential areas by preventing short- and long-term storage of oversize vehicles on and near residential streets.
- Continue to allow oversize vehicles to park where they do not cause issues.

Context

- Oversize vehicles are not currently defined in the transportation code.
- Oversize vehicles are subject to time limits, meters, residential parking permits, and 72 hour rule.
- Commercial vehicles over 10,000 lbs cannot park on residential streets.
- Vehicle habitation is illegal 10:00pm to 6:00am on City streets, but this law is difficult to enforce.
- Oversize vehicles tend to park on streets with no parking management alongside low-activity land uses (e.g., along Golden Gate Park, under freeways, along undeveloped lots, in industrial areas).

Policy Proposal

Enable the SFMTA to prohibit overnight parking of oversize vehicles on some streets between 12am and 6am. Proposal details:

1. SFMTA would define oversize vehicles as motorized vehicles, trailers, or a combination of the two that are over 22 feet in length or 7 feet in height (consistent with the California Vehicle Code).
2. Signage would be required on any street with this prohibition.
3. Violations of the oversize vehicle ordinance would be fined \$65.00.

4. Streets where signage is proposed will be subject to legislation and public hearings like other on-street parking regulations. To start, the SFMTA will have public hearings and pursue legislation to install signs on several streets as detailed in the policy proposal.
5. Continues to allow oversize vehicles to park on some San Francisco streets but gives the SFMTA an additional tool to discourage overnight parking in areas where oversize vehicles cause issues, which is often in or near residential areas.
6. Current residents could continue to get residential parking permits (RPP) to park their oversize vehicles on residential streets in their neighborhood. Visitors of those residents could do the same with a guest RPP permit.

Reasons for this approach

1. Gives the SFMTA an additional parking management tool to manage oversize vehicle parking in addition to RPP, time limits, meters, and the 72 hour rule. The SFMTA believes that this small step may be sufficient to address current issues, and if necessary can consider additional measures in the future.
2. Avoids prohibiting oversize vehicles from any residential streets or any San Francisco streets altogether. While simple, that approach would likely be too drastic and not necessary to address the current issues.
3. Gives the SFMTA flexibility to address this issue on a street-by-street basis, and continue to adjust parking management as the issue evolves.
4. Avoids the administrative burden and expense, as well as the degradation of customer service, of a permit system for parking oversize vehicles on the street. At some point this solution may be required, but this small incremental step avoids additional administrative costs.

Timeline

Date	Task
December 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Finalize details of proposal (e.g., size of vehicles, hours of enforcement, enforcement strategy, citation amount)
January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PAG meeting
February 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SFMTA Board MeetingBoard of Supervisors Meeting
February/March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conduct pre-installation data collection of initial installsPerform outreach to residents and businesses
March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Signage installation – SFMTA to install signs
May/June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Post-installation data collection
Fall 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evaluation report