

To: Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Rashi Kesarwani
Subject: Implementation Guidelines for Managing RV Parking

RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley seeks to implement all laws and ordinances in a fair and humane manner.

To that end, we refer to the City Manager for consideration the following guidelines to help ensure enforcement of revised RV parking restrictions allowed under Ordinance No. 7,643-N.S. (BMC Section 14.40.120) is conducted with outreach, including **information and resource guides** and written notice.

Further, we refer to **the City Manager to quickly establish a three-month permit program (with possibility for renewal), to be offered on a one-time basis to existing priority populations and we refer to the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Policy Committee to establish basic criteria for a standard two-week permitting process.**

The City Council reiterates its February 28, 2019 referral to identify and develop a temporary RV site to serve highly vulnerable populations, as well as a regional non-profit RV site, and to develop a program to allow private entities to host RVs on their property.

Enforcement of RV parking under Ordinance No. 7,643-N.S. (BMC Section 14.20.120) should be preceded by a period of initial outreach to RVs including:

Offers of support and assistance to RV inhabitants **with notification of applicable parking ordinances and a reasonable time-frame to comply, written housing, homelessness and other applicable resources and, during the initial period of outreach, RV inhabitants should also be provided with**

outreach by a homeless services provider including;

- Housing problem solving assistance
- Possible funding for RV repair and
- Referrals to additional housing and homeless resources, health, mental health or addiction services, or other appropriate services.

RVs and/or conditions adjacent to RVs creating health and safety concerns would be subject to immediate enforcement.

City Council took action at its March 12th meeting to allocate an initial amount of \$50,000 from one-time State Housing Emergency Aid Program funds to provide outreach to RVs. Additional resources may be added as part of the FY20-21 budget process.

Refer to the City Manager expedited creation of a special three-month-permit program (with possibility of renewal), to be offered on a one-time basis to existing priority populations

The three-month priority permit should **be operative no more than six months from adoption of this ordinance and** consider the following:

- Criteria for eligibility should be clearly articulated and fairly applied. The Alameda County homeless coordinated entry system has standards already in place with criteria such as health status, disability and self-care needs, age and household size (including the presence of children).

- The permit should be available during an application window of 1-2 months and issued for up to three months, with an option to renew under limited/specified circumstances.
- Because the three-month permit process will be available for a limited time, the application and processing can be simplified.
- Staff should quickly identify, secure and prepare temporary locations for priority permit holders to stay; including on public or private property, and establish appropriate sanitary facilities and other necessary protocols and/or facilities to support RVs with priority permits.
- If necessary, a lottery or a standardized system to prioritize applications may be established to allocate limited spaces in an equitable manner.
- No fee shall be required as the three-month permit program will be offered on a one-time basis only, to offer more intensive housing navigation and services to priority populations currently in Berkeley.

Refer to the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Policy Committee to establish basic criteria for a “permanent” standard two-week permitting process.

The standard two-week permit should consider the following:

- A limited number of permits to be issued by the City per month (or other increment).
- Locations to be geographically dispersed among all Council districts.
- A reasonable fee to cover City costs associated with the permit.

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