



**Health, Life Enrichment,
Equity & Community Committee**

ACTION CALENDAR

July 23, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee:
 Councilmembers Hahn, Bartlett, and Kesarwani
 Subject: Basic Criteria for Two-Week RV Permitting Process

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the City Manager to develop a two-week permit and system for recreational vehicle (RV) parking based on recommendations from the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee.

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On June 24, 2019, the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee adopted the following action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Bartlett) to send basic criteria for a two-week RV permitting process to the full Council with a Positive Recommendation. Vote: All Ayes.

BACKGROUND

On March 26, 2019, the City Council referred an item to the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community 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.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff Time

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This recommendation supports the City of Berkeley's environmental sustainability goals.

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Attachments:

1: Proposed Basic Criteria for Two-Week RV Permitting Process, as referred on June 24, 2019, by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee to the City Council

PROPOSED BASIC CRITERIA FOR 2-WEEK PERMITTING PROCESS

On March 26, the City Council referred to the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee to establish “basic criteria” for a “permanent” standard two-week permitting process for RV parking in the City. Following are possible recommendations for “basic criteria.”

The permit would be put forward as an exception to Section 14.49.120, which prohibits parking of “recreational vehicles” and campers between the hours of two and five am. It would not address “habitation” as the permit would be for parking the vehicle:

14.40.120 No parking between two a.m. and five a.m.

1. A. It is unlawful for any person to park any oversize or heavy duty commercial vehicle on any street between the hours of two a.m. and five a.m. for a greater length of time than one hour, except that recreational vehicles (RVs) and campers no wider than _____ feet or longer than _____ feet may park between the hours of two a.m. and five a.m., for a period of up to two weeks, subject to a permit and fee as determined by the City of Berkeley.
2. B. For the purpose of this section, oversize or heavy duty commercial vehicle shall mean a single vehicle or combination of vehicles having more than two axles, a single vehicle or combination of vehicles 20 feet or more in length, or a 1000 single vehicle or combination of vehicles six feet six inches or more in width, and shall include, but shall not be limited to dump trucks, moving vans, tractors, pole or pipe dollies, recreational vehicles (RVs), campers. (Ord. 7643-NS § 1, 2019; Ord. 3262-NS § 10.9, 1952)

Staff would then create a permit and system for people to apply, to include the following criteria:

1. A RV or camper could park on a City of Berkeley street between two a.m. and five a.m. for one (1) period of up to two (2) weeks in every calendar year with a permit issued by the City of Berkeley to the vehicle owner.
2. The fee for such a permit would be the same as the 14-day Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Visitor Permit (currently \$34.00).
3. The maximum number of permits issued by the City of Berkeley in any month would be 20 (total of 240 per year).
4. The RV or camper could park only in a specific RV Parking Zone, as designated by the City, geographically dispersed among areas roughly approximate to Council Districts or police “areas,” but with easy to identify borders.

5. Narrow streets (under __?__ feet) and any other streets not appropriate for wide or large vehicles shall be excluded (per Fire Chief and Public Works); off-limits streets and locations should be clearly marked on a map provided to the permit holder, and on an online map.
6. The 2-week permit will be operable in RPP zones, but does not supersede other parking limitations (20 minute, 2 hour, etc.) or the need to pay for parking, when and where required. Can park in all zones – C, M and R – but only in legal spaces/areas during allowed times.
7. All RVs must not be inoperable as defined at BMC Section 12.98.010.
8. Vehicle owners must pump-out only at designated pump-out stations.
9. Vehicle owners must refrain from placing objects on sidewalks or streets (except in transit) and must dispose of any refuse at the City transfer station or __?__ (per Public Works).
10. Noise will be limited to levels allowed in each Zone; no loud generators or equipment.
11. The vehicle for which the visitor permit is being obtained must not have any outstanding Berkeley parking violations older than 21 days.
12. Staff shall add enforcement provisions, as needed.
13. Upon issuance of permit, vehicle owner should receive a suite of informational materials, including city maps, events, amenities, and homeless services.