January 24, 2017

Board of Supervisors
Marin County Civic Center
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Ordinance Establishing Parking Limit Options to Address Increased Oversized Vehicle Parking and Storage of Vehicles on County Roads

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Conduct the Merit Hearing; and 2) adopt the ordinance.

SUMMARY: Members of the public have expressed concern with the increasing number of oversized vehicles that are parking for extended periods of time on County maintained roads. Many residents have complained about reduced sight distance, persons loitering adjacent to (and sometimes within) the travel lanes, visual impacts, and perception of reduced overall neighborhood safety.

Vehicle Code Section 21101(c) allows the Board of Supervisors to adopt parking restrictions for specified vehicles for all or designated periods of the day. The proposed ordinance, if adopted, will establish certain parking restriction options that can be applied to specific County maintained roads when these roads are added to a list of roads for such enforcement by resolution.

This approach provides the following benefits:

1. Allows the County flexibility to adopt regulations for parking on a neighborhood by neighborhood and/or road by road basis when compared to a County-wide restriction of oversized vehicles.
2. Assists with enforcement as the County Sherriff has requested that your Board adopt any restriction by ordinance so that they can cite the ordinance directly when issuing tickets.
3. Encourages consistency in the unincorporated area County-wide in the application of parking restriction parameters such as hours and types of vehicles affected.
4. Although the impetus for the creation of the ordinance was to provide options for addressing the issues associated with increased oversized vehicles and storage of vehicles, the proposed parking restriction options can also be used to address other parking issues on County roads.

A first reading of the ordinance was conducted by your Board on January 10, 2017. Provided the proposed ordinance passes, a companion resolution will be brought to the Board of Supervisors on February 14, 2017, that specifies which County roads are subject to which restriction.
FISCAL IMPACT: There is no impact to the General Fund by this action.

REVIEWED BY:            [ ]  Department of Finance          [ x ]  N/A
                        [ x ]  County Counsel          [ ]  N/A
                        [ ]  Human Resources            [ x ]  N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Ordinance