June 20, 2017

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

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

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: 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 reduction of overall neighborhood safety. On January 24, 2017, your Board adopted an ordinance that established four parking prohibition options to address the above concerns.

Since that time, parking restrictions have been adopted and posted in three areas of the County, including the Lomita Park neighborhood where parking restrictions were enacted on Woodland Avenue and Auburn Street. It was originally assumed that all of the vehicles were parked all day and that restricting overnight parking would discourage oversized vehicles from this area. However, many oversized vehicles still park during the day. Two additional oversized vehicle parking options are proposed to better address oversized vehicle parking issues that occur during the daytime hours as has been occurring in the Lomita Park area on Woodland Avenue and Auburn Street.

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 two additional oversized vehicle 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. The Sheriff's Office has reviewed these two additional options and is in support of the proposed additions. Enforcement of the overnight vehicle parking restrictions has been a challenge due to reduced Sheriff personnel available during late night hours. The proposed additions will allow greater
flexibility to the Sheriff's Office, who can also enforce the parking restrictions during the
daytime when more Sheriff personnel are available.

A first reading of the ordinance was conducted by your Board on June 6, 2017. If
adopted today, the ordinance will go into effect on July 20, 2017. Provided the proposed
ordinance passes, a companion resolution will be brought to the Board of Supervisors on
July 11, 2017, that will revise the parking restrictions on Woodland Avenue to restrict
parking of oversized, commercial vehicles at any time, and on Auburn Street to restrict
parking at any time except for automobiles, motorcycles, and pickups as allowed per the
options in the attached ordinance. If the resolution is also adopted, the signs will not be
installed until July 20, 2017.

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

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    Steve Delao, Lieutenant, Marin County Sheriff's Office