



# Training Bulletin

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## OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

### S.B.M.C SECTION 10.44.220 (B)

#### OVERSIZED VEHICLE DEFINED:

An "oversized vehicle" is any vehicle or combination of vehicles (i.e. a vehicle and a trailer) that exceeds 25 feet long OR 80 inches wide OR 82 inches high. Measurements include all parts of a vehicle's body, bumpers, and tires, but excludes projecting devices such as lights, racks, mirrors, and hitches.

Exception: A "Pickup truck", as defined in the CVC, may exceed the 80-inch width restriction as long as it adheres to the length and height restrictions.

- A "Pickup truck" is a motor vehicle with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of less than 11,500 AND, an unladen weight of less than 8,001 pounds, AND which is equipped with an open box-type bed not exceeding 9 feet in length.
- If a "Pickup truck" meets the above parameters but is equipped with a bed-mounted storage compartment unit commonly called a "utility body", it is NOT a "Pickup truck" and therefore NOT exempt.
- "Pickup truck" shall not include tow trucks or tow vehicles as defined by CVC section 615.
- As an example, a Dually "Pickup truck" that has an open box-type bed that does not exceed 9 feet in length, is not an oversized vehicle even though it may be wider than the allowed 80 inch width.

#### EXEMPT OVERSIZED VEHICLES:

All oversized vehicles are prohibited from parking in the public right-of-way per SBMC 10.44.220 (B) except:

- Any commercial vehicle actively engaged in loading, unloading, or delivery of goods to an adjacent business or residence *for up to 30 minutes*. After 30 minutes, a permit is required.
- Any commercial vehicle associated with an emergency response or repair *outside of City business hours*.
- Any inoperable vehicle making emergency repairs *for up to four hours*.
- Any vehicle belonging to or under contract with a government agency or a public utility, including cable and telecom companies ***between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM, or after hours while actively engaged in emergency work.***
- Specialized vehicles actively engaged in news reporting and emergency vehicles (as defined by CVC Section 165).

- Any bus *for up to two hours* when NOT parked in a bus parking zone, or for up to the posted time limit in a bus parking zone.
- Any vehicles displaying a parking restriction waiver issued by the Public Works Department, or associated with a Work Zone Traffic Control Permit.
- Any vehicle displaying a valid Oversized Vehicle Disability Parking Permit, Contractors Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit, or Temporary Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit issued by Downtown Parking.
- An Oversized Vehicle Disability Permit will contain an exact address. The vehicle should be parked within a reasonable distance of that address.
- A Contractors Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit will not contain an exact address however, the permit is only valid for parking from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at locations where the permit holder is performing work or conducting business. Overnight parking is permitted in emergency situations only.
- A Temporary Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit is available to a SB resident, their visitors and businesses. These permits will contain an exact address and the vehicle should be parked within a reasonable distance of that address. The permit will also contain a start date and an end date.

### **ALL OTHER PARKING RESTRICTIONS APPLY:**

All oversized vehicles, whether “permitted” or “exempt” shall obey all on-street parking restrictions including, but not limited to, street sweeping, residential permit areas, time zones, green/white/yellow zones, bike lanes, and street storage restrictions (72-hours).

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

RP’s reporting OSV complaints will be directed to the non-emergency Dispatch number. A call for service request will be entered by Dispatch. As is the protocol for all parking related calls for service, the pending call can be handled by a Patrol Officer or a Parking Enforcement Officer.

- Our enforcement posture is to provide all first time violators a warning citation.
  - When the call for service is entered by Dispatch, they will check the license plate in the Phoenix citation system and make a note in the call indicating if this vehicle has previously been warned for a violation of 10.44.220 (B) MC or if this is the first response.
  - If this is the first response, then fill out the Parking citation as you normally would (you will need to write in the violation code, 10.44.220 (B) MC). Normally the fee would be \$48.00 however, because this is a warning citation, write in “\$0.00” for the fee amount. Across the top of the citation, under the citation number, write ‘WARNING’. Leave the yellow copy on the vehicle.
  - If Dispatch advises the vehicle has already received a warning citation, complete the citation by writing in the correct MC section and the fee amount of \$48.00. This is not a warning so the citation will be processed as a regular parking citation.
- Your citation must **ALWAYS** include measurements for whatever component is violated (height, width and/or length). For example if the height and width were violated, your citation should include 2 measurements. If the height, width and length were violated, then your citation

should include 3 measurements. Measurements must be documented on both warning citations and regular citations.

- The **height** shall be measured from the bottom of the tire to the top of the vehicle or trailer roof or skylight, at its highest point. The height shall include any cab or camper shell that has been placed on the vehicle. The height shall not include any projecting lights or devices.
- The **width** shall be measured at the widest point of the vehicle or trailer body, including any cab or camper shell that has been placed on the vehicle or trailer, and including any flares around the wheel wells. The width shall not include any projecting lights or devices.
- The **length** shall be measured as follows:
  - For as single vehicle (i.e. no trailer), generally from the leading edge of the front bumper to the trailing edge of the rear bumper, not including any projecting lights or devices. In the case of a cab or camper that overhangs the bumper, it shall be included in the measurement.
  - For a combination of vehicles (i.e., a vehicle with a trailer), generally from the leading edge of the front bumper of the towing vehicle to the trailing edge of the rear bumper or body (whichever is longer) of the towed vehicle or trailer.

### **PERMITTED OVERSIZED VEHICLES CREATING A DANGEROUS TRAFFIC SAFETY CONDITION:**

As has been discussed previously, OSV's will be issued permits to park on the Street. However, there are specific rules that the permit holder must follow when parking their "permitted" OSV on a City Street.

These types of complaints are going to generate calls into the Dispatch center as well. If you find a "permitted" OSV creating a dangerous traffic safety condition as explained below, then you would cite the vehicle for a violation of the oversized vehicle ordinance 10.44.220 (B) MC. The reasoning behind that is if a permitted OSV parks in such a manner, than that automatically voids the permit and the vehicle is considered an OSV without a permit, which warrants a citation.

- Once again, if the vehicle has never been cited for this violation, a warning citation would be issued as described earlier.
- If you cite the "permitted" OSV because it is creating a dangerous traffic safety condition, your citation must ALWAYS include which component is making it dangerous. Use the list below to make your determination. Was it because it was parked in a bike lane, obstructing visibility of a traffic control device, etc.? The component must be documented on both warning citations and regular citations.

A dangerous traffic safety condition is:

- Where the parked OSV results in the operating width of the adjacent traffic lane being less than ten (10) feet
- Where the parked OSV encroaches into a bicycle lane
- Where the parked OSV could obstruct a drivers', pedestrian's or bicyclists' visibility of a traffic control device, including but not limited to stop signs, yield signs, traffic signals, turn restriction signs or warning signs.
- Where the parked OSV reduces the line of sign near intersections, driveways, alleys. Or along curving roadways below the limits in the table below:

<b>Speed Limit</b>	<b>Required Sight Distance</b>
25 mph	155 feet
30 mph	200 feet
35 mph	250 feet
40 mph	305 feet
45 mph	360 feet