



**CITY OF BLYTHE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** August 28, 2012

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**SUBJECT:** R.V. Parking/Storage Ordinance

**PRESENTED BY:** Steve W. Smith, Chief of Police

**PREPARED BY:** Steve W. Smith, Chief of Police

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Council hold the first reading of ordinance number 854-12 to read as stated in Attachment "A".

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** No negative impact, revenue is undetermined at this time.

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**BACKGROUND:**

On Tuesday June 12, 2012 at approximately 1600 hours, a study session was held at City Hall at the request of Mayor Galvan, to determine the need to adopt an ordinance regulating the storage of recreational vehicles and trailers on the city streets. It was agreed and determined that the Blythe Police Department needs an ordinance in order to regulate R.V. parking within the city limits of Blythe.

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**STAFF REPORT:**

On occasion the Blythe Police Department receives complaints from citizens regarding motor homes R.V. trailers and utility trailers being parked for long periods of time on our city streets. The City's current ordinance as written does not give the City the authority to take action on violators. This new ordinance was developed by legal council and the Police Department after receiving input from Council. This new ordinance as written is best suited for our city and the community providing the police department with the proper tool to take action when they receive a complaint of extended storage of R.V. and utility trailers on our city streets

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

"A" Ordinance # 854-12

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ORDINANCE NO. #854-12.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF BLYTHE ADDING SECTION 10.08.060 (RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND  
TRAILERS) TO CHAPTER 8 (PARKING REGULATIONS) OF TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND  
TRAFFIC), PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND  
TRAILERS ON THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY LONGER THAN FORTYEIGHT HOURS

WHEREAS, the City of Blythe has seen an increase in complaints regarding the parking and/or storage of recreational vehicles and trailers in residential and commercial areas throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, safety issues, such as sight distance from driveways and intersections, result when such vehicles are parked on public streets or rights-of-way in the City; and

WHEREAS, the parking and/or storage of recreational vehicles and trailers causes visual blight in the City.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHE DO  
HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 10.08.060 (RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND TRAILERS) is hereby added to Chapter 10.08 (PARKING REGULATIONS) of Title 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) of the Blythe Municipal Code as follows:

**Section 10.08.060 Recreational Vehicles and Trailers**

- A. No person shall park or leave standing any Recreational Vehicle or Trailer, regardless of length or width, upon any public street or highway in the City for a period of time exceeding forty-eight (48) hours.
- B. No person shall run electrical cords, extension cords, hoses, cables, or other items across, above or on the parkway or sidewalk from a residential or commercial property to a Recreational Vehicle or Trailer parked on a public street.
- C. The following definitions will govern the construction of the words and phrases used in this Section:
  1. "Recreational Vehicle" shall have the meaning set forth in California Health and Safety Code Section 18010, and shall include house cars as defined by California Vehicle Code Section 362 and attached trailers.
  2. "Trailer" shall mean a trailer, semitrailer, camp trailer (including tent trailers), unmounted camper, trailer bus, or trailer coach as defined in Sections 242, 243, 550, 630, 635, and 636 of the California Vehicle Code, or fifth-wheel travel trailer, as defined in Section 324 of the Vehicle Code.

3. Successive acts of parking within a two-tenths (2/10) of a mile area shall be presumed to be a single act of parking for purposes of this ordinance.

D. Any person who violates any provision of this Section is guilty of a misdemeanor and will be subject to citation, towing, or both.

E. The time limitations on standing or parking in this Section will not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of the California Vehicle Code or the Blythe Municipal Code prohibiting or limiting the standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

SECTION 2: If any section, subsection, clause or phrase or portion of this code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of all other provisions of this ordinance.

The Mayor and City Council hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance codified in this chapter, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published in the same manner required by law. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after its passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:           COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
NOES:           COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
ABSENT:        COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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OSCAR GALVAN, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CHRISTIAN L. BETTENHAUSEN  
CITY ATTORNEY

ATTEST:

MALLORY SUTTERFIELD, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE         )

I, MALLORY SUTTERFIELD, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Blythe and that the foregoing ordinance was introduced on the \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, and was adopted at an adjourned regular meeting thereof on the \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

Mallory Sutterfield, City Clerk

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