



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Board of Supervisors  
Marin County Civic Center  
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**SUBJECT:** Ordinance Amending Marin County Code Sections 15.36.080 and 15.36.085 to Add Automobile Definition

Accounting

Airport

Dear Board Members:

Building Maintenance

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) Conduct a merit hearing; and 2) adopt ordinance.

Capital Projects

**SUMMARY:** Marin County has received complaints regarding the increasing number of oversized vehicles that park overnight on the unincorporated County roads. Concerns have been expressed regarding some people storing large vehicles and/or trailers in the roadway for long periods of time. Complaints have included trash being dumped in the roadway, persons loitering adjacent to and sometimes within the travel lanes, visual impacts, noise, and perception of reduced overall neighborhood safety.

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

Communications Maintenance

County Garage

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. On January 24, 2017, and June 29, 2017, your Board adopted Ordinances No. 3662 and No. 3673 respectively that established six parking restriction options that can be applied to specific County-maintained roads to address the above concerns. Included in these six options were two options that restricted the parking of any vehicles except for automobiles, motorcycles, and pickups – one prohibiting overnight parking of these vehicles (between 11:00 pm and 5:00 am) and the other prohibiting parking of these vehicles at any time.

Disability Access

Engineering & Survey

Flood Control & Water Resources

Land Development

Although the vehicle code provides specific definitions for motorcycles and pickups, the vehicle code does not include a definition of an automobile. County staff has conducted a review of the length dimensions for automobiles and found that private automobiles serving up to six passengers typically do not exceed 22 feet in length. The provision of an automobile definition that limits the length of the vehicle will assist the Sheriff with enforcement and provide consistent expectations for the public. The Sheriff has reviewed the proposed wording of the ordinance and supports adoption of the ordinance.

Purchasing

Real Estate

Reprographic Services

Road Maintenance

Stormwater Program

Transportation & Traffic Operations

Waste Management

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A first reading of the proposed ordinance was conducted on March 26, 2019.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no impact to the General Fund by this action.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Respectfully submitted,



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