



MEMORANDUM

August 8, 2025

TO: MEMBERS, PORT COMMISSION
Hon. Gail Gilman, President
Hon. Stephen Engblom, Vice President
Hon. Willie Adams
Hon. Steven Lee
Hon. Ken McNeely

FROM: Elaine Forbes
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Request authorization to amend the Harbor Traffic Code to establish parking restrictions for large vehicles on Port property to align with recent amendments to City Administrative and Transportation Codes.

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Attached Resolution No. 25-54

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the Burton Act and the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, the Port Commission has responsibility for governing waterfront properties within the Port's jurisdiction. The Port Commission adopted the Harbor Traffic Code and subsequent amendments to regulate the use of vehicles and impose traffic regulations on Port property.

Recent actions by the City's Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) have established a new set of overnight parking restrictions and a permit issuance program for large vehicles in the rest of the City. Port staff recommends adoption of amendments to the Harbor Traffic Code which would enable administration and enforcement of this Citywide initiative on Port property consistent with other neighborhoods.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The proposed Harbor Traffic Code amendments are consistent with the **Evolution** objective of the Port's Strategic Plan by ensuring coordination with SFMTA to facilitate enforcement of Citywide large vehicle parking restrictions on Port property.

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BACKGROUND

Over the course of the last several months, Mayor Daniel Lurie's office convened a Large Vehicle Taskforce that included representatives of the following departments: the Port, Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH), Department of Emergency Management, the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Sheriff's Office, SFMTA, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Public Health, the City Administrator's Office, and the Healthy Streets Operation Center. The Taskforce determined that a comprehensive solution to restrict large vehicle parking and offer services required code amendments to Divisions I and II of the Transportation Code and other relevant codes.

On July 22, 2025, the Board adopted Ordinance No.122-25 which amended sections of Division I of the Transportation Code to create a new two-hour restriction Citywide for large vehicles and commercial vehicles that are more than 22 feet in length or seven feet in height. The ordinance also amended the Administrative Code to support a Large Vehicle Refuge Permit Program that exempts large vehicles from the two-hour parking restriction for up to twelve months so HSH can conduct outreach to offer housing to vehicle dwellers. Finally, the Ordinance amends the Park Code and Port Code related to operation and parking of large vehicles on Port and Park property.

PROPOSED HARBOR TRAFFIC CODE AMENDMENTS

Port staff recommends the Port Commission amend the Harbor Traffic Code to reflect the parking restrictions described above as reflected in Attachment 1 to the proposed resolution. As so drafted, sections 3.21 and 3.22 adopt the structure of the City code provisions while also addressing the Port Commission's ability to facilitate large vehicle parking where it supports the business of the Port and its tenants.

If the Port Commission does not adopt these Harbor Traffic Code amendments, it could create a situation where owners of large vehicles who do not want to participate in the City's permit program would be incentivized to park on Port property where such permits would not be necessary. This outcome would undermine the goals of the Citywide program and could create negative impacts for the Port's businesses, residents and open spaces.

RECOMMENDATION

For the reasons set forth above, Port staff recommends that the Port Commission approve the attached resolution, amending the Harbor Traffic Code as described in this memorandum.

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Attachment 1: Port Harbor Traffic Code Amendments

**PORT COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-54

- WHEREAS, Charter Section B3.581 grants to the Port Commission the authority and duty to use, conduct, operate, maintain, manage, regulate, and control the lands within the jurisdiction of the Port of San Francisco ("Port"); and
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ordinance No. 40-69 adopted January 20, 1969 by the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), the Port Commission adopted the Harbor Traffic Code which regulates the use of streets and other areas within said jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS, Article 3 of the Harbor Traffic Code establishes regulations for compliance with signs, stopping, and parking on property within said jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS, On July 22, 2025, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 122-25 modifying parking restrictions on City streets for large vehicles and implementing a large vehicle refuge permit program in order to safely move inhabitants in large vehicles to stable housing; and
- WHEREAS, Port staff desires to amend its Harbor Traffic Code to align with Ordinance No. 122-25; and
- WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this Resolution comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 250655, and is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That based upon the information contained in the staff report accompanying this Resolution, and communication with San Francisco Planning Department staff, the Port Commission confirms the determination that the actions contemplated in this Resolution comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.); and be it further
- RESOLVED, That Article 3 of the Port Harbor Traffic Code is hereby amended by adding Sections 3.20, 3.21 and 3.22 as set forth in Attachment 1; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective 30 days after adoption. Adoption occurs when the Port Commission approves this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Port Commission at its meeting of August 12, 2025.

Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

PORT HARBOR TRAFFIC CODE AMENDMENTS

3.20 *Infractions.* In addition to public offenses set forth in this Code, the actions listed in Section 3.21 are prohibited, and each and every violation of a prohibition listed below shall be an infraction, except as otherwise provided in: (a) this Code; or (b) as necessary to comply with the direction of a Police Officer or Parking Control Officer; or (c) upon the direction of an authorized parking attendant.

3.21 *Large Vehicle Parking Restrictions.* In accordance with Section 7.2.54 of the San Francisco Transportation Code, to Park a vehicle over twenty-two feet in length or seven feet in height, or camp trailers, fifth-wheel travel trailers, house cars, trailer coaches, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, or semi-trailers as defined by the California Vehicle Code and Health and Safety Code, between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. for more than 2 hours, except:

(a) When reasonably necessary to accomplish the loading or unloading of merchandise or passengers on, or from, a vehicle and while anything connected with the loading, or unloading, is being executed; or

(b) Where a permit has been issued by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency temporarily exempting the permittee and the vehicle from this provision; or

(c) When the vehicle displays an active Residential Parking Permit issued by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for the specific residential parking permit area in which the vehicle is parked; or

(d) When attending an event or function authorized by the Port Commission, and then only when the person parks the vehicle in an area specifically designated for such parking in connection with said event or function; or

(e) When such parking is necessary because of an emergency, such as a flat tire or other mechanical failure, in which case the vehicle shall not be parked any longer than necessary and in any event for no longer than 24-hours without the express written approval of the Executive Director; or

(f) When a sign is posted or notice is otherwise provided by Port that parking is permitted in a designated area; or

(g) Commercial vehicles subject to Section 3.22.

3.22 *Commercial Vehicle Parking.* To park only motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, van, trailer, delivery wagon, or any vehicle used for commercial purposes over twenty-two feet in length or seven feet in height, as specified in Division II, Article

500 of the San Francisco Transportation Code, as amended, for a period in excess of two hours on any street within the jurisdiction of the Port, except while in the course of delivery or removal of goods, merchandise or other personal property for business or residents on such street. Any excepted vehicle shall be subject to all parking limitations applicable thereto as otherwise provided by law.