



RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025- 6:00 P.M.**  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
675 WILDWOOD AVENUE, RIO DELL

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- D. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

*This time is for persons who wish to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Council has jurisdiction. As such, a dialogue with the Council or staff is not allowed under the Ralph M. Brown Act. Items requiring Council action not listed on this agenda may be placed on the next regular agenda for consideration if the Council directs unless a finding is made by at least 2/3 of the Council that the item came up after the agenda was posted and is of an urgency nature requiring immediate action. Please limit comments to a maximum of 3 minutes.*

- E. SPECIAL MEETING MATTERS/STUDY SESSIONS

- 1) 2025/0203.01 - Discuss and Consider Revisions to Chapter 10.05 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) "Traffic Regulations" Related to Commercial Vehicle and Truck Parking  
**(DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- F. ADJOURNMENT

*The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for  
Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.*



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January 21, 2025

TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Revisions to Chapter 10.05 of the Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) "Traffic Regulations" Related to Commercial Vehicle and Truck Parking

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Receive a presentation from staff; and,

Open and receive public comment; and,

Close public comment, deliberate and provide direction to staff.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Staff will provide a powerpoint presentation following the outline attached.

The Nuisance Advisory Committee met on November 20, 2024 and discussed "Commercial Truck Parking on Wildwood Avenue." The Committee referred the item the Traffic Committee.

The Traffic Committee met on December 4, 2024 and on the agenda was a discussion related to "Commercial Truck Parking on Wildwood Avenue." The Committee recognized impaired ordinance language and opted to look into language changes for recommendation to the City Council.

The Nuisance Advisory Committee met on January 22, 2025 and the agenda included "Commercial Truck Parking on Wildwood Avenue" despite the item being referred at the last meeting to the Traffic Committee. Staff decided to re-agendize the item in light of Facebook posts indicating a planned discussion at the Nuisance Advisory Committee. Re-agendizing would also allow for a Brown Act compliant discussion if one arised.

The Traffic Committee met on January 23, 2025 to discuss commercial truck parking and found that the combination of a historical lack of enforcement and poor code language has created a situation that exceeds the duties of the Traffic Committee. The committee found that resolution

of this matter gets into fundamental policy decisions that are the domain of the City Council. The item was referred to a special meeting of the City Council.

Staff is recommending that the Council first provide direction on its overall approach to the issue (1) Heavy restrictions on truck parking (2) very few restrictions on truck parking or (3) a middle ground approach that would provide for certain bans and permissions and also a permit process for truck parking. Staff is recommending looking at the middle ground approach.

Attachments:

Powerpoint presentation from staff.

Current Rio Dell Municipal Code.

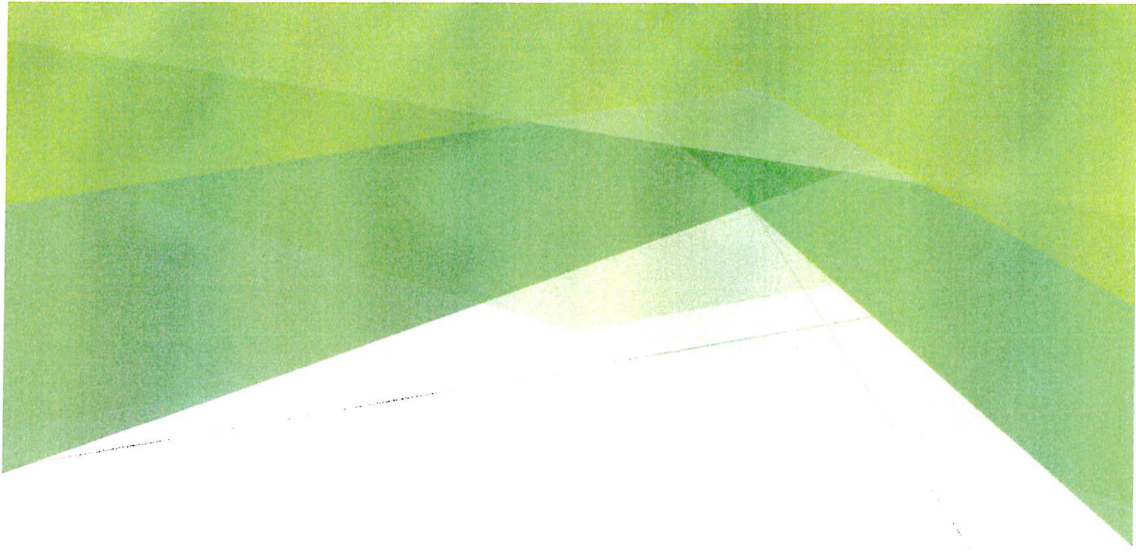
Example letter issued to trucks parking in residential areas.

Fortuna example of permit parking letter, application and tags.

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# Commercial Truck Parking

February 3, 2025



# Discussion on Commercial Truck Parking Along Wildwood Avenue

## ► Background Summary:

Rio Dell Municipal Code (RDMC) § 10.05.020 (definitions of words and phrases) lacks a definition of what is a “Commercial Truck.” Last update was in 1983.

RDMC § 10.05.780 disallows “commercial truck” parking in residential districts for longer than 5 hours. Exceptions include loading and unloading and vehicles servicing a property. Last update was in 1983.

RDMC § 10.05.790 prohibits certain vehicles from the “Central Traffic District” which is defined as Wildwood Avenue from the bridge to US 101. The prohibition is from 7:00am and 6:00pm of any day and includes prohibitions on (1) “freight vehicles” with loads longer than 20 feet, (2) vehicles carrying “building materials” that are just passing through, and (3) “Any vehicle conveying refuse, rubbish, garbage or dirt.” Last update was 1984.

# Discussion on Commercial Truck Parking Along Wildwood Avenue Continued

## ► Background Summary Continued

During the period of 1983-84 when the commercial truck parking regulations were first enacted, there was concern about the use of Wildwood Avenue by Imperial Trucking, one of the areas largest truck dispatching companies at the time. At the time the company was heavily utilizing Wildwood Avenue to park trucks and trailers, sometimes over very long periods of time.

The existing code has not been enforced by the Police Department for a long but unknown amount of time.

In recent years the City Council has prioritized and funded the enforcement of lower level code and nuisance violations to begin correcting a long term backlog of these violations across multiple types of violations.

The existing code pertaining to Commercial Trucks is not clear and is unenforceable by staff. Some sections are overly restrictive.

## Discussion on Commercial Truck Parking Along Wildwood Avenue Continued

The Traffic Committee met on December 4, 2024 to discuss commercial truck parking and recognized that the RDMC pertaining to “Commercial Trucks” needs to be completely reworked. Decision was to look into potential language changes.

The Traffic Committee met on January 23, 2025 to discuss commercial truck parking and found that the combination of a historical lack of enforcement and poor code language has created a situation that exceeds the duties of the Traffic Committee. That resolution of this matter gets into fundamental policy decisions that are the domain of the City Council. Referred to City Council.

Public comment received via the Nuisance Committee on the issue highlights the need to expand the discussion from parking on Wildwood Avenue to also include the residential areas and all areas.



## Discussion on Commercial Truck Parking Along Wildwood Avenue Continued

No formal written complaints are on record for truck parking over the last two years.

Some level of verbal complaints have been received by staff, however in comparison to other complaints it is quite low. Most complaints have to do with garbage, noise or other neighbor to neighbor issues. With a lack of enforcement over the years, it is possible those with issues have stopped reporting these complaints formally.

However, there are some legitimate issues related to truck parking, primarily safety related, including visual line of sight and roadway width. And, infrastructure issues, including damage to infrastructure or roads. Example: when a heavy truck parks on an unimproved shoulder and damages a water line or other utility.

## Impact example



Truck parking on shoulder. Gravel added, but there is no base and truck tracks will continue to sink into ground, potentially damaging infrastructure.

# Commercial Truck Parking Comparisons by Jurisdiction

- ▶ Each City handles parking and truck regulations differently. Some do it via Ordinance and others by Resolution or a combination of both. If done by Resolution, there is little information that staff can gather to conduct comparisons. The level of enforcement by each city is unknown.
- ▶ Fortuna: Bans commercial truck/trailer parking on Park Street and the Fireman's Pavilion parking lot. Other restrictions exist on various streets via Resolution.
- ▶ Scotia: No restrictions on County streets.
- ▶ Ferndale: No known information or no restrictions on City Streets.
- ▶ Eureka: Commercial trucks/trailers are restricted to park in only Limited Industrial Districts and General Industrial Districts.
- ▶ Blue Lake: Any trailer disallowed to be parked for over 72 hours in the public right-of-way.
- ▶ Arcata: No restrictions. Issues have revolved around RV's and camping but generally no problems with truck / trailer parking.
- ▶ Trinidad: No known restrictions, possibly done by Resolution.
- ▶ Crescent City: Ban in residential zone.

## Direction to Staff

### ► Breakdown of Basic Options

- 1.) Remove all or most commercial truck / trailer traffic regulation. Allow parking.
- 2.) Adopt a middle ground.
- 3.) Ban all or most commercial truck / trailer traffic regulation. Ban Parking.

# The Middle Ground

- ▶ Staff recommended proposal for discussion and direction:
  - 1.) Explicitly allow parking on Northwestern Avenue for up to 72 hours.
  - 2.) Explicitly ban parking on Wildwood Avenue for longer than 2 hours.
  - 3.) Allow parking in all other areas (including residential) by Police Department issued permit.
    - A. Permits to be signed by the Chief of Police and Roads Superintendent.
    - B. Considerations would be safety (road width & sightline impact), and infrastructure (damage to water lines or other public property - damage billable to permittee or establish requirements for site improvement).
    - C. No fee for permit.
    - D. Permit would be revocable based on complaint and/or emergent safety or infrastructure considerations.

## Next Steps

- ▶ With Council direction to staff on the basic options:
- ▶ Option 1: Refer the item to the Traffic Committee to work out language specifics for a new proposed Ordinance to be presented at a future date for Council consideration and potential adoption.
- ▶ Option 2: Direct staff to work on new proposed Ordinance and return to the Council at a future date for consideration of the language or for potential adoption.
- ▶ Changes to the Rio Dell Municipal Code require at least two public meetings for adoption at a regularly scheduled meeting. Once adopted, the ordinance goes into affect after 30 days.

**10.05.020 Definitions of words and phrases.**

The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall for the purpose of this chapter have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this article. Whenever any words or phrases used herein are not defined, but are defined in the Vehicle Code of the State of California and amendments thereto, such definitions shall apply.

“Central traffic district” means all streets and portions of streets within the area described as follows: Wildwood Avenue lying between the southerly limit of the City of Rio Dell and the interchange of Wildwood Avenue with State Highway Route 101.

“Coach” means any motor bus, motor coach, trackless trolley, or passenger stage used as a common carrier of passengers.

“Council” means the City Council of the City of Rio Dell.

“Curb” means the lateral boundary of the roadway, whether such curb be marked by curbing construction or not so marked. The word “curb” as herein used shall not include the line dividing the roadway of a street from parking strips in the center of a street nor from tracks or rights-of-way of public utility companies.

“Divisional island” means a raised island located in the roadway and separating opposing or conflicting streams of traffic.

Holidays. Within the meaning of this chapter, holidays are New Year’s Day, Lincoln’s Birthday, Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Admissions Day, Columbus Day, Veterans’ Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

“Loading zone” means the space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers or materials.

Official Time Standard. Whenever certain hours are named herein, they shall mean standard time or daylight saving time as may be in current use in this City.

“Parking meter” means a mechanical device installed within or upon the curb or sidewalk area immediately adjacent to a parking space, for the purpose of controlling the period of time of occupancy of such parking meter space by any vehicle.

“Parkway” means that portion of a street other than a roadway or sidewalk.

“Passenger loading zone” means the space adjacent to a curb reserved for the exclusive use of vehicles during the loading or unloading of passengers.

“Pedestrian” means any person afoot.

“Police officer” means every officer of the Police Department of this City or any officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violation of traffic regulations.

“Stop,” when required, means complete cessation of movement.

“Vehicle Code” means the Vehicle Code of the State of California. [Ord. 173 §§ 33-02.010 – 33-02.170, 1983.]

#### **10.05.780 Parking commercial vehicles in residential districts.**

No person shall park any commercial vehicle more than five hours in any residential district except as follows:

(1) While loading or unloading property and time in addition to such five-hour period is required to complete such loading or unloading; or

(2) When such vehicle is parked in connection with and in aid of the performance of a service to or on a property in the block in which such vehicle is parked and time in addition to such five-hour period is reasonably necessary to complete such service. [Ord. 173 § 33-13.080, 1983.]

#### **10.05.790 Certain vehicles prohibited in central traffic district.**

(1) No person shall operate any of the following vehicles in the central traffic district between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of any day:

(a) Any freight vehicle more than eight and one-half feet in width, with load, or any freight vehicle so loaded that any part of its load extends more than 20 feet to the front or rear of said vehicle;

(b) Any vehicle carrying building material that has not been loaded, or is not to be unloaded, at some point within the central traffic district;

(c) Any vehicle conveying refuse, rubbish, garbage or dirt.

(2) Provided, that the City Traffic Specialist may by written permit authorize the operation of any such vehicle for the purpose of making necessary emergency deliveries to or from points within the central traffic district. [Ord. 181 § 1, 1984; Ord. 173 § 33-14.010, 1983.]





**RIO DELL POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
CRYSTAL LANDRY- INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

**COURTESY NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING**

Dear [REDACTED]

The Rio Dell Police Department has been receiving multiple complaints regarding commercial vehicles parked in residential areas. This letter is a courtesy notice to provide information regarding commercial vehicle parking within the City limits of Rio Dell.

I have attached the City of Rio Dell's zoning map and the Rio Dell Municipal Code Sections related to Commercial Vehicle parking.

In Summary:

- 1) Commercial vehicles are prohibited from being parked in residential areas for more than 5 hours.
- 2) Commercial vehicles may be parked in "Town Center" for no longer than 24 hours.
- 3) "Town Center" is the full length of Wildwood Avenue south of Davis Street to Monument Road. (on the zoning map provided, "Town Center" is highlighted in red.)

If violations continue to occur and complaints continue to be received after being provided this information, enforcement actions will need to take place which could consist of citations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Mary Clark  
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707-764-1983

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Interim Chief of Police  
[landryc@cityofriodell.ca.gov](mailto:landryc@cityofriodell.ca.gov)  
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**17.30.230 Parking regulations.**

(1) Purpose and Intent.

(a) Purpose. The general purpose of these requirements is to enhance public safety by minimizing traffic congestion, by providing for off-street motor vehicle parking and thereby permitting safe passage of passengers to and from their destinations.

(b) Intent. The intent of these off-street parking requirements is to provide for the on-site, off-street parking of motor vehicles associated with any use or uses on the premises. More off-street parking will allow on-street parking to be limited or prohibited to permit greater utilization of streets for moving traffic. The facilities required by these requirements represent the minimum that will be required by the various land use types. It shall be the responsibility of the developer, owner or operator of any specific use to provide adequate off-street parking even though such parking is in excess of the minimum requirements set forth in these requirements.

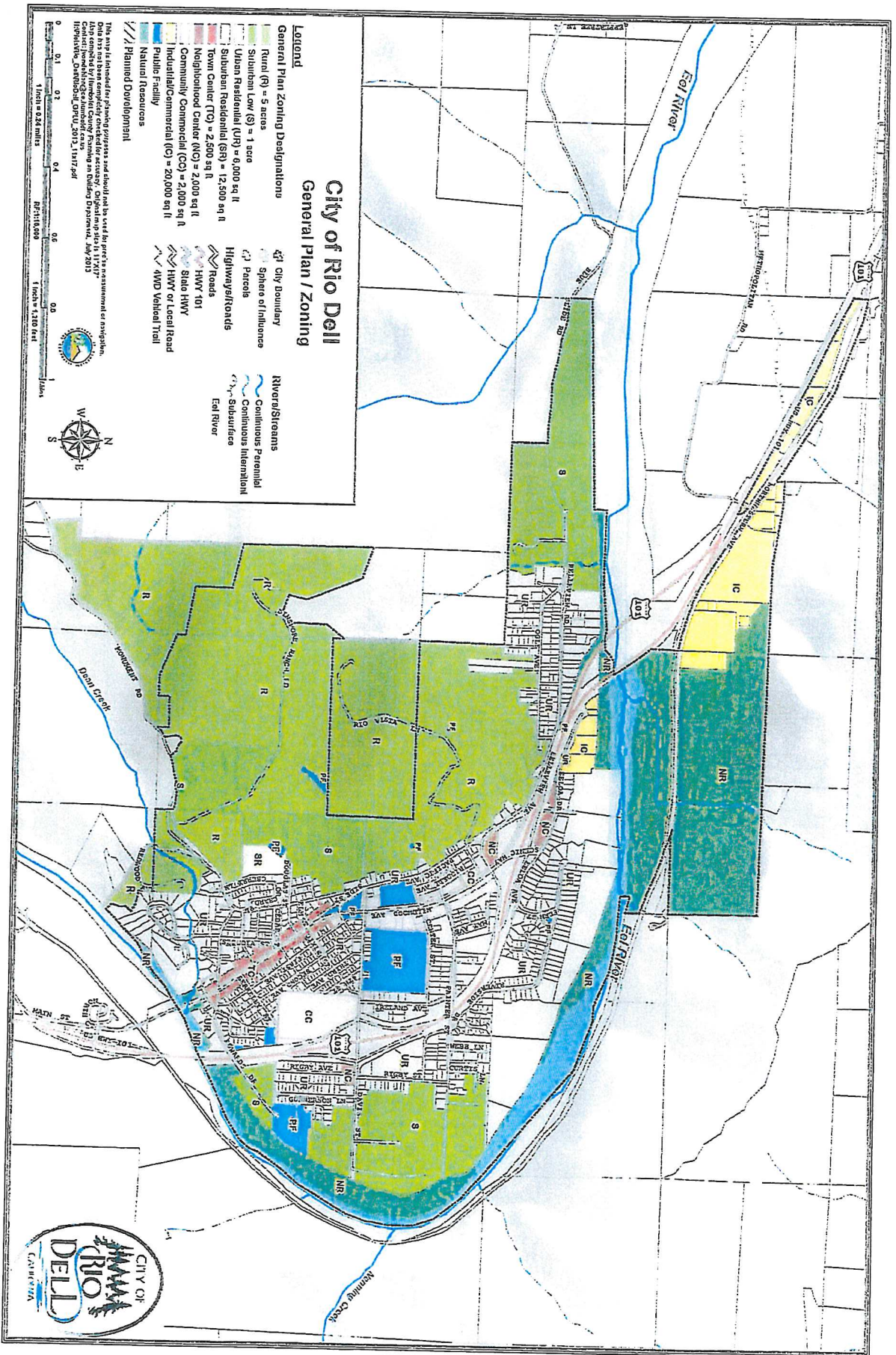
(2) General Parking Regulations.

(a) Parking and Loading Spaces to Be Permanent. Each parking and loading space shall be permanently available, marked, and maintained for parking or loading purposes. Areas not reviewed and approved for use as parking or loading shall not be used for such purposes.

(b) Parking and Loading to Be Unrestricted. A lessee, owner, tenant, or other person having control of the operation of premises for which parking or loading spaces are required by this section shall not prevent, prohibit, or restrict authorized persons from using the spaces without the prior approval of the Community Development Director.

(c) Vehicles for Sale. Vehicles, trailers, or other personal property shall not be parked on private property for the purpose of displaying the vehicles, trailers, or other personal property for hire, rental, or sale, unless the property is appropriately zoned, approved by the City for that use, and the person or business at that location is licensed to sell vehicles, trailers, or other personal property. However, one vehicle or trailer owned by the lessee, owner, or renter of the property may be displayed for the purpose of sale for a maximum of 30 days. This shall not be construed to allow the continued sale of vehicles.

(d) Recreational Vehicle/Trailer Parking. The storage (parking for any period longer than 72 hours) of a recreational vehicle, boat and/or trailer shall be allowed only when all portions of the vehicle, boat and/or trailer are located entirely within the property boundaries and do not extend into the public right-of-way, including public utility easements and sidewalks. The storage (parking for any period longer than 24 hours) of a recreational vehicle, boat and/or trailer in the Town Center zone along Wildwood Avenue shall be allowed only when all portions of the vehicle, boat and/or trailer are located entirely within the property boundaries and do not extend into the public right-of-way, including public utility easements and sidewalks.





# FORTUNA POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Casey Day • Chief of Police*

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Fortuna Resident:

With the school year approaching, we would like to remind residents and business owners that the City of Fortuna will be enforcing the Permit Parking Zone in the residential vicinities of the Fortuna Union High School and Fortuna Middle School, when school is in session. **We plan to begin enforcement shortly after the school year starts.** Vehicles parked in the posted Permit Parking Zones without a visibly-displayed permit, may be issued a parking citation.

In order to obtain your free permit (and two guest permits, if needed), please complete the attached application and return it to the Fortuna Police Department as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday, August 26, 2023.**

Permit Parking Zone signs are posted in the affected blocks:

- 300 East block and 400 East and West blocks of 11<sup>th</sup> Street
- 300, 400 and 500 Blocks of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, West side of the street
- 500 Block of 13<sup>th</sup> Street, both West and East sides of the street
- 400 and 500 Blocks of 14<sup>th</sup> Street, both West and East sides of the street
- 1100 Block of I Street, North side of the street
- 1100 Block of J Street, both North and South sides of the street
- 1100, 1200, 1300, and 1400 blocks of K Street, both North and South sides of the street
- 8<sup>th</sup> Street between K Street and L Street

Permit parking is enforced in an effort to restrict non-residential drivers (such as students and school staff) from utilizing resident's limited off-street parking.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding permit parking, please do not hesitate to contact the records division at 707-725-1424.

Casey Day  
Chief of Police

(707) 725-7550 (707)725-7574 (Fax) P.O. Box 545 - Fortuna, California 95540  
[www.FriendlyFortuna.com](http://www.FriendlyFortuna.com)

*"Working Together, We can make a Difference"*

**PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION**

**Please complete and return to the Fortuna Police Department by Monday, August 26, 2024. Please neatly print or type.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle #1:**

**License #** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Make:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle #2:**

**License #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Make:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle #3:**

**License #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Make:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Color:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Guest permits** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Two issued - Special request needed for additional guest permits)**

**Please sign and date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**AREA**

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**24 0077 25**

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**GUEST PERMIT**

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**24 0065 25**

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