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City of Sebastopol to Commence Enforcement of RV Parking Regulations

SEBASTOPOL, Calif., December 6, 2024 — In 2022, the Sebastopol City Council adopted an ordinance regulating where and when recreational vehicles ("RVs") may park on public streets. The City has never enforced those regulations due to litigation challenging the Ordinance. The US District Court, Northern District of California recently ruled in favor of the City in that litigation (more information is available here).

The City will begin enforcement of the RV Ordinance on Monday, January 6, 2024. Enforcement will not begin until this date in order to give the City time to notify impacted individuals, and to give those violating the regulations an opportunity to comply. The City's RV Ordinance generally prohibits parking a recreational vehicle on any public street in the City that is zoned residential at any time. The RV Ordinance allows recreational vehicles to be parked on public streets in the City that are zoned commercial, industrial, or community facility only between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. The RV Ordinance includes additional regulations and exceptions.

On January 6, the City will also begin increased enforcement of other parking regulations for all vehicles, including both RVs and non-RVs. In particular, the City will be increasing enforcement of the prohibition on any vehicle parking in the same location for longer than 72 hours. Enforcement of these regulations is necessary to ensure adequate street parking for the general public.

The City's parking regulations are contained in Title 10 of the Sebastopol Municipal Code. The RV Ordinance is codified as Sebastopol Municipal Code Chapter 10.76.

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