



Sunnyvale

10.16 Citywide Parking Ordinance Amendments

June 2, 2026



Background

On February 2, 2026 Council directed staff to:

- Amend the 72-hour parking ordinance (10.16.120) to require vehicles be moved at least 1,000 feet and prohibit returning to the same parking space within 24 hours.
- Develop an ordinance to prohibit inoperable trailers on City streets.
- Develop an ordinance to prohibit “vanlording”.

72-hour Parking – Amended Ordinance 10.16.120

- Clarifies that a vehicle or trailer is considered continuously parked if it remains inoperable, is not moved at least 1,000 feet, or returns to the same parking space within 24 hours.
- Defines an inoperable vehicle as a vehicle or trailer that cannot move under its own power or cannot legally and safely operate on public roadways.

“Vanlording” – Added Section 10.16.180

- Prohibits renting or loaning oversized vehicles for habitation or sleeping on public property in exchange for compensation.
- Prohibits unauthorized individuals or entities from selling, renting, reserving, or facilitating use of public right-of-way spaces without City approval.
- Defines “oversized vehicles” to include RVs, trailers, campers, van conversions, and other vehicles designed or altered for human habitation.
- Prohibits advertising of oversized vehicles for rent, lease, or loan for habitation or sleeping on public property.

Implementation Plan:

- There are approximately 120-150 known inhabited RVs in the City of Sunnyvale.
- For the first 30 days following passage of the ordinance Public Safety will conduct community outreach and education consisting of:
 - ◆ Public education through social media;
 - ◆ In-person flyers with the new ordinance language and unhoused resources will be distributed to subjects contacted who live in defined vehicles;
 - ◆ Following the education period, enforcement efforts will commence consisting of citations and towing of vehicles.
- Currently, Family Tow indicated they are ready to tow RVs if needed.



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Questions