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Subject: Planning Commission Hearing on RV/Trailers Ordinance considerations.

My years on the design review boards for the City of Goleta and Santa Barbara City influence me as to how I view the RV/Trailer issue, that being from the perspective of "neighborhood compatibility".

Neighborhood views are important to a lot of people. A person whose used to looking out their kitchen window daily, then suddenly finds they are looking at a RV blocking sunlight and views might likely see this as a big problem and sadly at this point with vague city ordinances and no guidelines it's a problem between neighbors.

Each property is different and should be treated as such, having City "guidelines" available in an effort to reach a more equitable situation between neighbors effected could help everyone involved. Guidelines for the ordinances showing more suitable scenarios for RV/Trailer locations, giving visuals and descriptions of various lot layouts ie: corner, center, end lots, and typical lengths of driveways.

Driveways do seem to be a more desirable place for people to store RV's/trailers in most cases as they are perpendicular to the street, avoiding dominate views of a full length trailer . Having them in the driveway mostly effects the people who own them being that they are not in side yards effecting other neighbor's views.

Beyond views, a couple safety concerns come to my mind: having some kind of distance between the sidewalk and the RV when parked in the driveway and perhaps another way of thinking about a setback rather than the proposed 20' property line setbacks. **Maybe an opportunity for compromise.** This comes from the concern for needing some distance that could allow a person to move out of the way if the RV started rolling towards the sidewalk. For example if the owner forgot to put tire-blocks down or the RV, had bad breaks, or if a camper fell off its blocks. Perhaps a percentage of a driveway length to be a set-back rule, with a minimum set distance for safety?

Another safety concern is having the proper compaction under a trailer/camper. It is difficult to tell it there is a compacted sub grade under only gravel.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak in letter-form versus feeling compelled to speak at a previous meeting and not having been prepared. It's a daunting task having to consider the needs of the community and keeping neighborhood compatibility in mind. The Board's efforts are appreciated.

Sincerely,
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