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The Eureka City Council amended the Eureka Municipal Code dealing with abandoned vehicles at the March 17, 2009 council meeting. The amendment to Eureka Code 90.16. will prohibit the parking of oversized, non-motorized and recreational vehicles from parking overnight in the city of Eureka.

The amendment, which takes effect on April 17, 2009, will have exceptions for vehicles parking in the limited industrial or general industrial districts. The amendment also provides for exemptions to this code, and a process for individuals to obtain a 24 hour, daily use, medical, and construction permits from the Chief of Police.

It was also passed that Section 90.16 be amended to include “successive acts of parking within two-tenths of a mile area shall be presumed to be a single act of parking for the purposes of this ordinance.

The police will begin citing utility trailers, boats and recreational vehicles that are stored on residential streets on April 17, 2009. Owners of such vehicles who wish to obtain a permit for overnight parking can contact the department and give a contact number. A system is being developed to request permits on line through the police department website and should be implemented by early summer.

Vehicles that will not be allowed to park overnight in residential Eureka without a permit are:

- (a) Any motor vehicle over twenty feet long.
- (b) Any vehicle over 96 inches wide.
- (c) Any motor vehicle, including buses, motor trucks, trailers, semitrailers, trailer coaches or truck tractors over 96 inches wide.
- (d) Any vehicle used as an implement of husbandry.
- (e) Any non-motorize vehicle, such as a semitrailer, trailer, trailer coach, utility trailer, two or more axle camper, or one-axle camper or
- (f) Any recreational vehicle over 20 feet long.

For the entire code go to www.ci.eureka.ca.gov/depts/city_clerk/doc.asp then go to public documents and abandoned vehicles is at the top of the list.