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Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Addressing Safety and Regulation of Motorhomes and Vehicles Used as Dwellings on Residential Streets I am writing to express my growing concerns regarding the increasing number of motorhomes and occupied vehicles parking on single-family residential streets in our community. While I recognize that homelessness is not a crime and that individuals experiencing hardship deserve compassion and assistance, I also believe that the rights and safety of all residents, including those who have put down roots and invested in our community, must be protected. Many of these vehicles are parked for extended periods without oversight, raising serious concerns about safety, sanitation, and accountability. Unlike traditional housing, these vehicles lack fixed addresses, making it difficult to verify occupants' backgrounds, including whether they are registered sex offenders or individuals with criminal histories. This creates a potential risk to families, particularly children, in our neighborhoods. Additionally, the accumulation of trash, debris, and even human waste in some areas has led to unsanitary conditions that impact both public health and property values. Residents who have invested in their homes and contribute to city services through property taxes should not have to endure declining neighborhood conditions or feel unsafe walking down their own streets. Furthermore, allowing motorhomes and occupied vehicles to park freely in residential zones grants preferential treatment to one group at the expense of another—while homeowners and renters abide by zoning and parking regulations, those living in vehicles currently face little to no enforcement. To address this issue, I urge the City Council to implement a new regulation prohibiting the parking or occupancy of motorhomes and other dwellings-on-wheels on single-family residential streets at all times. Years ago, it was illegal to park any type of occupancy vehicle on public or residential streets, forcing property owners to include designated motorhome parking or requiring vehicle owners to rent storage space when not in use. These vehicles were simply not allowed to park on city streets at any time. I am unsure when this law changed, but it should be restored to protect the character and safety of residential neighborhoods. Instead, I propose designating specific areas in commercial zones or city-owned properties for overnight parking, where services and

oversight can be provided in a controlled environment. Enforcing such a regulation will help restore the integrity of residential neighborhoods while ensuring that the city remains fair and safe for all its residents. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your leadership in creating a balanced and responsible policy.