



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Integrated Community Safety Office

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Maria Vargas

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Designated Oversized Vehicle Parking Facility

**SUMMARY:**

Councilmember Dr. Rocha Garcia issued a City Council Considerations Request (CCR) regarding Designated Oversized Vehicle Parking Facility. The purpose of this briefing is to provide information on the CCR and get feedback from the Public Safety Committee.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On April 4, 2024, Councilwoman Dr. Rocha Garcia issues a CCR regarding Designated Oversized Vehicle Parking Facility.

The CCR specifically requests:

1. For the City to conduct more outreach opportunities to hear from drivers and residents regarding

potential changes to the City Code that would impact overnight parking of Oversized vehicles.

2. An analysis of private spaces that allow oversized parking for rent or free of charge.

3. A plan to initiate a designated facility for oversized parking with city owned-land, in partnership with the impoundment facility space, or through means of a contract with private businesses.

The CCR was heard by the Governance Committee on May 17, 2024, and referred to the Public Safety Committee.

### **Current Restrictions**

Current Unified Development Code (UDC) and City Code prohibits the parking of oversized vehicles within twenty specified residential areas as defined in City Code Sections 19-194 (a) and 35-383. The UDC defines an oversized vehicle as “a motor vehicle, trailer, or boat which by itself or together with other structure(s) or vehicle (s) attached to it exceeds any one (1) of the three (3) following dimensions: twenty-four (24) feet in length, eight (8) feet in width, or eight (8) feet in height, exclusive of appurtenances such as antennas, air conditioners, luggage racks, and mirrors.” The San Antonio Police Department works in coordination with Development Services and Center City Development Office (Parking Enforcement) to investigate and address concerns associated with oversized vehicles parked within neighborhoods and other prohibited areas. The SAPD SAFTE Unit also maintains regular communication with neighborhood organizations to provide updates on identified locations of concern.

Potential additional restrictions: A CCR authored by Councilmember Pelaez requesting a revision to the City Code to regulate the overnight parking of oversized commercial vehicles in a manner that better protects the right of business and homeowners to quiet enjoyment of their properties was submitted in May 2022. This CCR was heard by the Governance Committee and forwarded to the Public Safety Committee where it was heard twice (September 2023 and March 2024).

The Police Department conducted two trucking industry input meetings for San Antonio-area truck companies to provide information on the proposed amendment and solicit feedback. Invitations to the meetings were mailed out to over 400 truck companies with a total of six attendees participating.

Based on the feedback received at the Public Safety Committee and feedback received at the public input meetings held in February, SAPD recommended parking restriction in non-residential areas within 1,000 feet from residential zoned areas between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., except when actively loading and unloading and when making emergency repairs.

The Public Safety Committee endorsed the proposed changes and requested that this be moved forward to a “B” Session for City Council discussion and consideration. This recommendation has not been heard by the full City Council pending the outcome of the discussion of the CCR filed by councilmember Dr. Rocha Garcia.

### **Current Parking Availability**

In a February 2020 study, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) identified 40 oversized vehicle parking locations in the San Antonio District. The available parking areas included 27 privately owned parking facilities, eight (8) rest areas/travel centers, and five (5) picnic/pullout areas.

In an April 2020 study, the TxDOT reported that the San Antonio area has an oversized vehicle parking shortage of 465 spaces. There are 2,178 parking spaces for 2,643 parked oversized vehicles. This study utilized data based on the statewide peak parking hour of 1:00 a.m. The majority (64%) of trucks are parked for 15 minutes to one hour. The next biggest percentage of (15%) was for truck parked between 8 hours and 14 hours.

**ISSUE:**

City staff is requesting feedback from the Public Safety Committee regarding two items outlined in the CCR:

1. For the City to conduct more outreach opportunities to hear from drivers and residents regarding potential changes to the City Code that would impact overnight parking of Oversized vehicles.
2. A plan to initiate a designated facility for oversized parking with city owned-land, in partnership with the impoundment facility space, or through means of a contract with private businesses.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**ALTERNATIVES:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The purpose of this briefing is to get feedback from the Public Safety Committee. No recommendations are being made at this meeting.