

Oversized Vehicle Parking

CITY COUNCIL A SESSION
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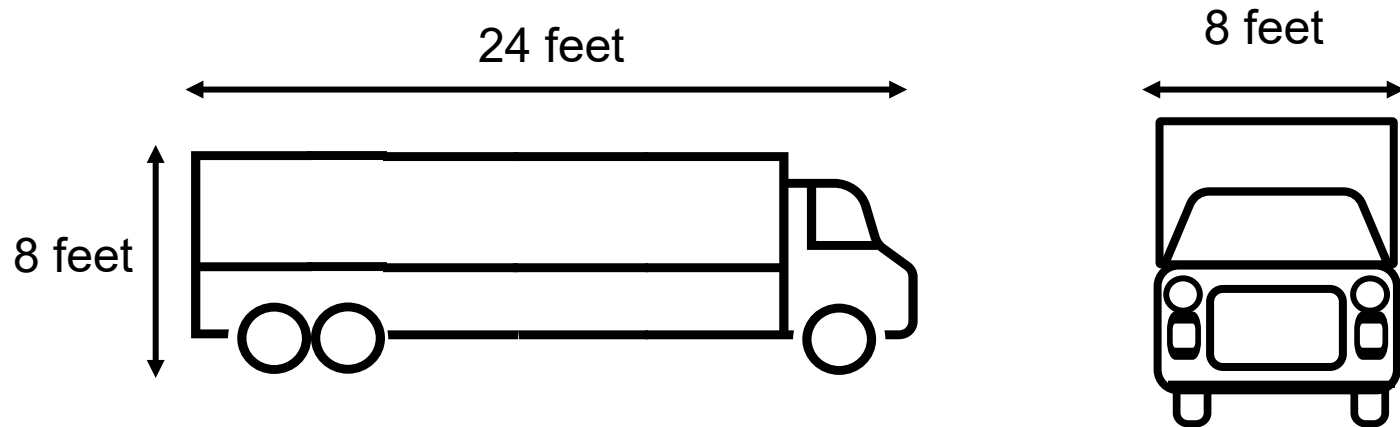
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Oversize Vehicle Definition

An Oversized Vehicle is defined in City Code Sec. 35-A101 as:

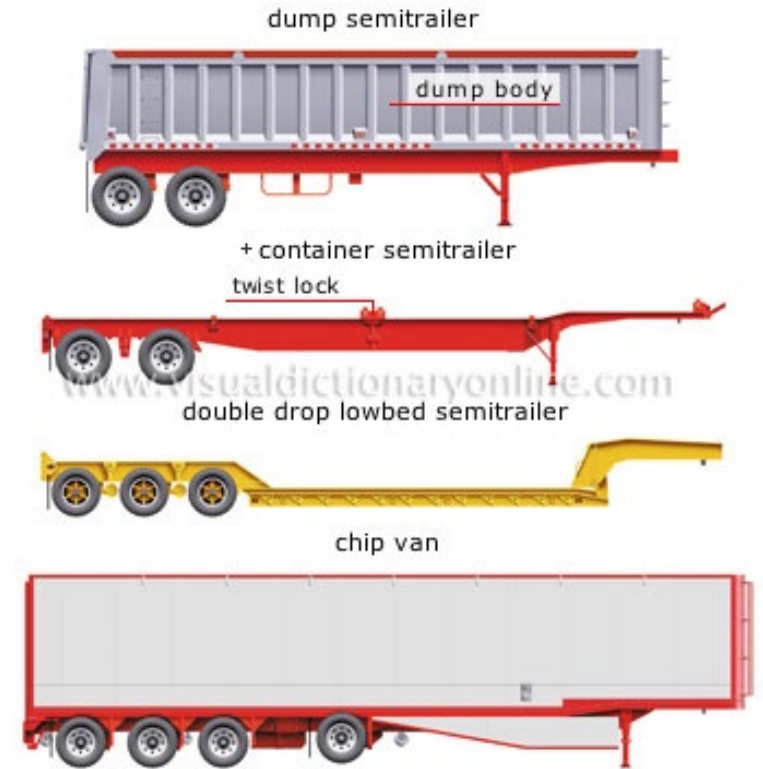
A motor vehicle, or trailer which by itself or together with other structure(s) or vehicle(s) attached to it exceeds any one (1) of the three (3) following dimensions: twenty-four (24) feet in length, eight (8) feet in width or eight (8) feet in height, exclusive of appurtenances such as antennas, air conditioners, luggage racks, and mirrors. Recreational Vehicles as defined in this chapter shall not be considered an oversized vehicle.



Background

Truck-Tractor & Semi-Trailer Definitions

- A Truck-Tractor is a vehicle configuration consisting of a power-unit designed to draw/pull a semi-trailer.
- A Semi-Trailer is constructed so that some part of the weight rests upon the power unit.
- Texas Transportation Code [621.001](#)



Existing Laws

Law	Description	Enforced By
Current State Law Transportation Code Section 545.307	Class C Misdemeanor to park commercial vehicle (gross weight over 26,000lbs.) in or near residential subdivision between hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am	SAPD
Current Unified Development Code Section 35-383	Prohibits the parking of oversized vehicles within the restricted parking area (front yard of property) in residential districts	Code Enforcement
Current Municipal Code Section 19-194(a)	Prohibits the parking of an oversized vehicle in front of any lot, parcel or street used solely for residential use in residential districts	SAPD & CCDO-Parking

Council Consideration Requests

DISTRICT 8 CM PELAEZ

MAY 2022

1. Revise City Code to regulate overnight parking of oversized commercial vehicles in a manner that better protects the rights of residents and homeowners
2. Review and evaluate regulations in major Texas cities

DISTRICT 4 CM DR ROCHA GARCIA

APRIL 2024

1. 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.



CCR Public Safety Committee Timeline

September 2023

SAPD presented proposed code changes to restrict parking in all non-residential streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

February 2024

2 Public Comment Sessions held

March 2024

SAPD revised proposal to be less restrictive (1000 feet from residential areas);
Public Safety Committee approved recommendation and sent to B Session

April 2024

CCR Submitted – CD4 Adriana Rocha Garcia Designated Oversized Vehicles Parking Facility

May 2024

CD4 CCR heard by Governance Committee and referred to Public Safety Committee

August 2024

Public Safety Committee: ICSO presented the current state of truck parking in San Antonio

October 2024

Survey seeking resident truck driver feedback on proposed ordinance change distributed throughout month of October

November 2024

2 Virtual Townhalls held to provide information on proposed ordinance change, gather feedback, and answer questions

February 2025

Public Safety Committee: ICSO presented parking restriction options. Committee approved moving selected option directly to A Session.

Options Presented to Public Safety Committee

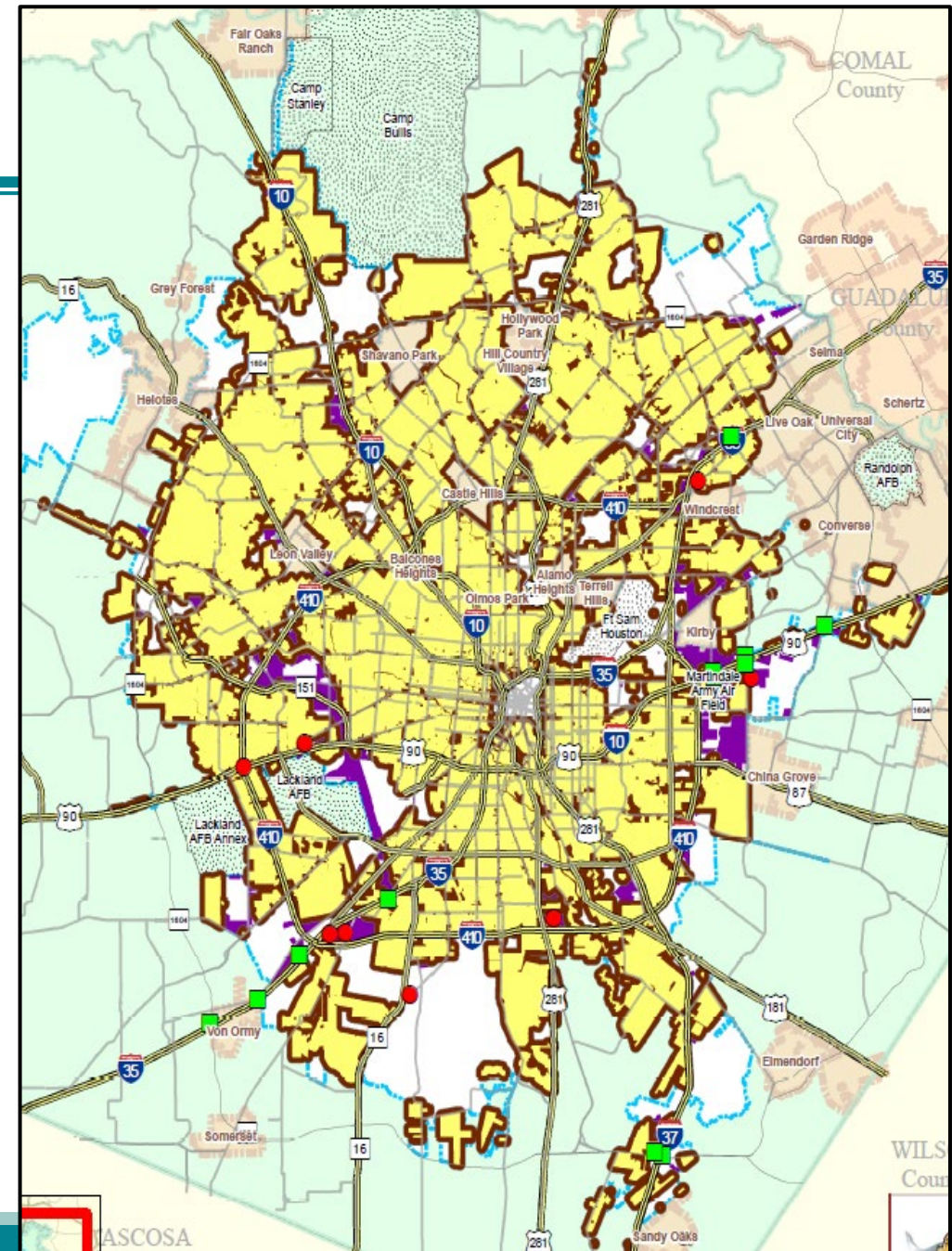
Presented on February 18, 2025 with option A selected by the Committee.

Issue	Option A	Option B
Restrict Parking of Oversized Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restricts parking of oversized vehicles defined as “truck-tractors” or “semitrailers” 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.• Establish a \$500 fine to align with the oversized vehicle residential zone fine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restricts parking of “oversized vehicles only” (truck-tractors & semitrailers) based on 311 request and after evaluation, signs will be installed once a determination is made.• Establish a \$500 fine to align with the oversized vehicle residential zone fine.
Address truck parking shortages	COSA will request TxDOT to prioritize the San Antonio District for a Parking Study for the goal of addressing truck parking shortages. Similar effort is currently underway with the Houston District	

Proposed Ordinance Change

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- Restricts parking for oversized vehicles consisting of a “truck-tractor” or “semitrailer” 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
- Fines for parking violations in non-residential areas to increase from \$35 to \$500 to align with existing fines for parking in residential districts
- Effective Date of Change: 30 days from Council Approval
- Violators to receive warnings during the first 60 days after effective date
- Citations will be issued beginning 90 days from effective date



Focused Signage

- Signs will be placed on streets with highest number of citations and violations (45 signs)
- Streets of concern for signage
 - Bluffdale Dr
 - Gardendale Rd
 - Parkdale St
 - Garden Brook Dr
 - Holly Hill Dr
 - Finis Ave
 - Acorn Ridge Rd
 - Cinnamon Trl
 - Heimer Rd
 - Crystal Bow
 - Autumn Stage
 - Milsa Dr
 - Datapoint Dr
 - Spectrum 1
 - Fairhaven St
 - Console Dr
 - Midhorizon Dr
 - East Horizon Dr
 - Horizon Hill Blvd



Ordinance Change

Education & Outreach



Communications & Engagement developing messaging and materials to inform the public of changes to the City Code:

- City website
- Social media
- Community townhalls
- Flyers and push cards to be distributed at truck stops, truck driving learning locations
- Emails to be distributed to truck driving associations with local affiliates, Ready to Work CDL drivers, CDL training providers, trucking companies headquartered in San Antonio
- Informational flyers to be placed on trucks parked on restricted streets prior to the ordinance effective date

Ordinance Change

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GIS Search Tool on City website

- Allows user to search a location to determine if it is affected by the ordinance
- If a location is in a residential district or within the 1,000-foot buffer a message appears:
 - This location is affected by the current Municipal Ordinance prohibiting the parking of oversize vehicles per City Code Sec. 19-194.

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure parking is permitted and safe at any location.

[City Code Sec. 19-194](#)

- Tool available for us by public and SAPD

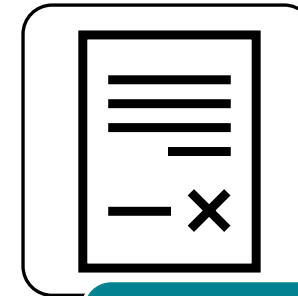
Ordinance Change: Enforcement

San Antonio Police Department

- SAFFE Officers begin educating drivers and residents about upcoming changes through HOA contacts and targeted social media outreach
- Once restricted parking signage is installed, SAFFE Officers would take primary responsibility for initial enforcement
 - Regular assignment or check-in for SAFFE Officer in the area
 - SAFFE will coordinate with Patrol Officers to ensure calls made to Dispatch are handled in same manner



Officer discretion
to issue warnings
first



Citations would
follow if warnings
prove ineffective



Towing would only
occur in accordance
with the General
Manual; vehicles
must pose a traffic
hazard

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