



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Integrated Community Safety Office

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Maria Vargas

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Amendment to City Code 19-194 to restrict oversized vehicle parking within 1,000 feet of a residential zoned area between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., except when actively loading and unloading and when making emergency repairs, and establishing a fine of \$500.00 to align with the oversized vehicle residential fine.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance amends City Code 19-194 to restrict oversized vehicle parking within 1,000 feet of a residential zoned area between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., except when actively loading and unloading and when making emergency repairs, responsive. This amendment also establishes a fine of \$500.00 to align with the oversized vehicle residential fine.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On May 12, 2022, Councilman Manny Pelaez issued a CCR regarding Overnight Parking Regulations for Oversized Commercial Vehicles. The CCR requested a revision to the City Code to regulate the overnight parking of oversized commercial vehicles on non-residential public streets in a manner that better protects the right of business and homeowners to quiet enjoyment of their properties. The San Antonio Police Department presented recommendations to the Public Safety Committee on September 19, 2023 and March 19, 2024. Two town-hall meetings were

held in February 2024 to gather input.

The committee approved staff recommendation to restrict parking 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 requested the proposed ordinance change be presented at a “B” Session for City Council discussion. This recommendation was not heard by the full City Council due to the CCR filed by councilmember Dr. Rocha Garcia.

On April 4, 2024, Councilwoman Dr. Rocha Garcia issued 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 Governance Committee heard the CCR on May 17, 2024, and referred to the Public Safety Committee. Additionally, it was discussed at the Governance Committee that the topic of this CCR was the same as a previous CCR submitted by Councilmember Pelaez and that after the Public Safety Committee discussed the April 2024 CCR, both CCRs would be brought to a B Session.

The Integrated Community Safety Office (ICSO) presented on the Current State of Truck Parking at Public Safety Committee on August 20, 2024 and received feedback from the Committee. In October and November 2024, a survey was conducted with resident truck drivers and two virtual townhalls were held. The results of the survey and townhalls as well as two options for restricting truck parking were presented to the Public Safety Committee on February 18th, 2025. ICSO presented alternatives to the Public Safety Committee to address the two CCRs.

The Public Safety Committee approved restricting parking 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. Additionally, the Public Safety Committee approved moving the recommended ordinance change to a City Council “A” Session for approval.

Signs and signage installation for the streets experiencing the greatest number of citations and violations is anticipated to cost \$33,750. Funding in the amount of \$33,750 is available in the General Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget and the Public Works Department will install signs in those locations prohibiting the parking of oversized vehicles consistent with the approval of this council action.

Current Parking Restrictions – Oversized Vehicles

The City’s 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 SAFFE Unit also maintains regular communication with neighborhood organizations to provide updates on identified locations of concern.

Community Engagement

- **February 2024:** Two trucking industry input meetings to provide information on the proposed amendment and solicit feedback. Invitations were mailed out to over 400 truck companies with a total of six attendees participating.
- **October 2024:** Survey conducted targeted to resident truck drivers from October 4, 2024 to November 1, 2024.
 - The survey was promoted by sending emails to Ready to Work CDL drivers, CDL training providers, 49 small trucking companies headquartered in San Antonio, and major truck driving associations with local affiliates. Additionally, flyers and QR push cards were distributed to 9 San Antonio truck stops.
 - 168 San Antonio truck drivers completed the survey. Of the 88 responses to the question “Do you struggle to find parking?”, 73 (83%) said yes. Additionally, 58% of responding truck drivers said they park in the street or other public right-of-way.
- **November 2024:** Two virtual townhalls were held for both residents and truck drivers.
 - Participants expressed frustration with oversized vehicles parked on streets adjacent to their homes and neighborhoods.

Private Parking Analysis

The City completed an analysis on the number, cost, and locations of private parking facilities for oversized trucks. There are 15 private lots/facilities in San Antonio city limits as part of travel centers, gas stations/truck stops, and parking businesses. The average cost is \$28 per day/night and \$160 per month. Private parking facilities are primarily located along major highways with a concentration of 7 locations in code 78219 in Council District 2 and 3 locations in zip code 78211 in Council District 4.

ISSUE:

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Staff recommends the effective date of this ordinance to be 30 days from the approval of this ordinance. A 60-day warning period is recommended, from the effective date of this ordinance, when warnings will be issued to those found in violation.

ALTERNATIVES:

Staff presented an alternative to the Public Safety Committee to restrict parking of oversized vehicles based on 311 requests or community requests and after evaluation, install signs once a determination is made.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance amends City Code 19-194 to restrict oversized vehicle parking within 1,000 feet of a residential zoned area between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., except when actively loading and unloading and when making emergency repairs. This amendment will also establish a \$500 fine to align with the oversized vehicle residential fine. Signs and signage installation for the streets experiencing the greatest number of citations and violations is anticipated to cost \$33,750. Funding in the amount of \$33,750 is available in the General Fund FY 2025 Adopted Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends amending Section 19 of the City Code to restrict parking of oversized vehicles parking 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.

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