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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING CITY CODE OF SAN ANTONIO,  
TEXAS, CHAPTER 19, DIVISION 2, SECTION  
19-194 (a) AND (b) TO PROHIBIT  
OVERSIZED VEHICLE PARKING WITHIN  
1,000 FEET OF AN AREA ZONED  
RESIDENTIAL, EXCEPT WHEN ACTIVELY  
LOADING AND UNLOADING, AND WHEN  
MAKING EMERGENCY REPAIRS; TO  
PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE  
REVIEW FOR EXCEPTIONS; AND  
PROVIDING FOR A FINE FOR  
VIOLATIONS.**

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**WHEREAS**, the parking of oversized vehicles is regulated under City Code of San Antonio, Texas, (City Code) Chapter 19, Division 2, Section 19-194; and

**WHEREAS**, the parking of such vehicles in and near residential areas has led to traffic congestion and other issues related to traffic flow on these streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the parking of oversized vehicles is currently restricted in residential areas and fines are imposed in accordance with the schedule set forth at City Code Chapter 19, Article II, Division 2, Section 19-38 (a)(21); and

**WHEREAS**, the parking of such vehicles in and near residential areas disturbs the safe and quiet enjoyment of residents near the areas in which these vehicles are parked; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Code, Chapter 19, Article VI, Division 2, Section 19-194 (a) and (b) is hereby amended to read as follows, with strikethroughs indicating deletions and underlines indicating additions:

**Sec. 19-194. – Parking of certain vehicles prohibited on certain streets, and parking of certain motor vehicles on front lawns of residential zones.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having control of any “oversized vehicle” as defined in chapter 35 of this Code, to park the same in front of any lot or parcel used solely for a residential use (to include home occupations) within a special district, as defined in chapter 35 of this Code, or zoned FR, RD, or UD or upon any street within the following residential zoning districts: FR, R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6, R-20, RM-4, RM-5, RM-6, NP-8, NP-10, NP-15, MH, MF-25,

MF-33, MF-40, MF-50, or residential PUD or other planned residential districts, according to the zoning provisions of the city (chapter 35) at all times, or to park an oversized vehicle which consists of a “truck-tractor” or “semitrailer,” as defined in Texas Transportation Code section 621.001, either together or separately, within 1,000 feet of the property line of a residence in such districts between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This section shall not apply to the parking of such vehicles for such time as it is ~~actually necessary to load or unload passengers, freight or merchandise.~~ being actively loaded or unloaded or during any time necessary to make emergency repairs to the vehicle.

(b) No oversized vehicle of any type shall be parked at any time within the restricted parking area as defined in chapter 35 in any of the residential districts as listed in subsection (a) above, provided, however, this section shall not apply to the parking of such vehicles for such time as is ~~actually necessary to load or unload passengers, freight or merchandise,~~ it is actively being loaded or unloaded, during any time necessary to make emergency repairs to the vehicle, or if the oversized vehicle bears a valid special handicapped parking permit as allowed in section 35-38~~53~~53 of this Code. In addition, an oversized vehicle, other than one that is also defined as a truck-tractor, road-tractor, semi-trailer, trailer or commercial motor vehicle with three (3) or more axles, may be parked within the restricted parking area for such time as is actually necessary for trip preparation as allowed in section 35-38~~53~~53 of this Code.

**SECTION 2.** The City Code, Chapter 19, Article VI, Division 2, Section 19-194 is hereby amended to add subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) The city finds and determines that granting exceptions to section 19-194(a) and (b) might be in the public interest, with administrative review to ensure that the spirit and intent is preserved. The Director of the San Antonio Public Works Department, or designee, may grant an exception by permit from the requirements of this section. A person may apply for an exception in writing with specific reference to the section of the City Code, along with any supporting documentation justifying the need for the exception. In reviewing the exception, the director or designee shall consider whether the exception will be contrary to the spirit and intent of this section; whether applicant has taken all practicable measures to minimize any adverse impacts on the public safety, health and welfare; and whether the proposed exception outweighs the public interest served by this section. A written decision of the director or designee shall be provided within thirty days of the request for exception. If an exception is granted, the director or designee shall provide written notice on a written permit, including the period during which the exception applies, which must be displayed on the windshield of a vehicle that would otherwise be parked in violation of this section.

**SECTION 3.** The City Code, Chapter 19, Article II, Division 2, Section 19-38 (a)(21) is hereby amended to read as follows, with strikethroughs indicating deletions and underlines indicating additions:

**Sec. 19-38. - Payment of fine, issuance of process.**

(a)The following schedule of fines for parking violations is hereby established:

Violations	Fine
(21) Oversized vehicle in residential zone <u>at any time, or “Truck-tractor” or “Semitrailer,” as defined in Texas Transportation Code Chapter 621 within 1,000 feet of a residential zone between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. ....</u>	500.00

**SECTION 4.** Should any portion of this ordinance for any reason be held illegal, inoperative, invalid, unconstitutional or ineffective, the remainder shall, nevertheless, stand effective and valid as if it had been enacted or ordained without the portion held to be illegal, inoperative, invalid, unconstitutional or ineffective.

**SECTION 5.** The publishers of the City Code are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein, to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing Code.

**SECTION 6.** The City Clerk of the City of San Antonio is hereby directed to publish notice of this Ordinance as required by Section 17 of the Charter of the City of San Antonio and the laws of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 7.** This ordinance shall take effect XXX.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**M A Y O R**  
Ron Nirenberg

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney