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DEPARTMENT: Integrated Community Safety Office

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Oversized Vehicle Parking

SUMMARY:

Briefing and possible action on an update to the Public Safety Committee regarding the a City Council Consideration Request (CCR) for Designated Oversized Vehicle Parking Facility authored by Councilmember Dr. Rocha Garcia.

The presentation scheduled for January 21, 2025, will provide additional information requested by the Public Safety Committee and provide options to address the CCR authored by Councilmember Dr. Rocha Garcia and a previous CCR issued by Councilmember Pelaez on the same topic of Oversized Vehicle parking.

The purpose of this briefing is to provide information on the CCRs and get feedback from the Public Safety Committee on what option(s) to move forward to the City Council for discussion at a future “B” Session.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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.

As stated in the previous paragraph, 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.

This CCR was heard by the Governance Committee on December 13, 2022 and referred to the Public Safety Committee. The San Antonio Police Department presented on a proposed ordinance amendment to regulate the overnight parking of oversized vehicles on non-residential public streets at the Public Safety Committee on September 19, 2023, and after receiving feedback from the Committee a revised recommendation was presented on March 19, 2024. At this meeting the Public Safety Committee recommended a “B” Session to discuss the proposed ordinance amendment.

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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.

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 requested that this proposed Ordinance change be moved forward to a “B” Session for City Council discussion and consideration. This recommendation was not heard by the full City Council due to the CCR filed by councilmember Dr. Rocha Garcia.

The ICSO presented on the current state of truck parking in San Antonio to the Public Safety Committee on August 20, 2024 and requested feedback on councilmember Dr. Rocha Garcia’s request for additional community feedback and a plan to initiate a designated facility for oversize vehicle parking.

Community Engagement

A survey was 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. The results of the community engagement will be presented at the January 21, Public Safety Committee Meeting.

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 zip code 78219 in Council District 2 and 3 locations in zip code 78211 in Council District 4.

Land Analysis

The City completed a land analysis of potential vacant land with an industrial zoning designation. The analysis specifically looked at industrial zoned areas with an improvement valued at \$10,000 or less. There are 1,676 properties accounting for 7,855 acres that meet this condition across the City. 170 of these properties, totaling 1,162 acres, are owned by the City of San Antonio.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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