



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Public Safety Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** William McManus, Chief of Police

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Overnight Parking Regulations – Oversized Commercial Vehicles

**SUMMARY:**

Briefing and possible action on proposed ordinance amendment to regulate the overnight parking of oversized commercial vehicles on non-residential public streets.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On May 12, 2022, Councilmember Manny Peláez issued a Council Consideration Request (CCR) requesting the revision of the City Code to regulate the overnight parking of oversized commercial vehicles in a manner that better protects the right of businesses and homeowners to quiet enjoyment of their properties. This CCR further requested that Staff evaluates regulations of other Texas cities and recommend revisions to the City's Code based on these findings.

### **Current Regulations:**

- The Unified Development Code (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 anyone (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.”

Current 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 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.

#### **State Law – Enforced by SAPD**

Transportation Code Section 545.307: Class C Misdemeanor to park commercial vehicle (gross weight over 26,000lbs.) in or near a residential subdivision between hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.

#### **Unified Development Code (UDC)**

Section 35-383: Enforced by Code Enforcement prohibits the parking of oversized vehicles within the restricted parking area (front yard of property) in residential districts.

Section 19-194(a): Enforced by SAPD/CCDO prohibits the parking of an oversized vehicle in front of any lot, parcel, or street used solely for residential use in residential districts.

### **Proposed Change/Amendment to the Unified Development Code:**

- The SAPD completed a review of oversized vehicle regulations and restrictions implemented by other major Texas cities to inform the recommendation that will be presented to the Public Safety Committee.

- The proposed change to the UDC is as follows:

#### **Chapter 19, Article VI Sec. 19-179: Parking of oversized commercial vehicles during certain hours**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or stand any oversized\* commercial vehicle on or upon the streets in non-residential districts between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. except during the act of loading or unloading.

\*Oversized vehicle is defined 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

### **ISSUE:**

Briefing and possible action on a proposed ordinance to amend the Unified Development Code (UDC) to restrict parking of oversized commercial vehicles on non-residential public streets.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This item is for briefing purposed only.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item is for briefing purposed only.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee forward the proposed ordinance amendment to the City Council for consideration.