



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Governance Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Proposed Overnight Parking Regulations – Oversized Commercial Vehicles

SUMMARY:

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 requests that Staff evaluates regulations of other Texas cities and recommends revisions to the City’s Code based on these findings.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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 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.”

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

The Department is currently reviewing oversized vehicle regulations for the cities of Houston, Dallas, and Ft. Worth to evaluate the types of restrictions implemented and help inform the discussion related to the possible revision of parking regulations in San Antonio.

ISSUE:

There are currently State and Local Laws that restrict the parking of oversized vehicles in residential areas but do not include commercial or other zones. The existing laws are as follows:

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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item is for briefing purposed only.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends referring this Council Consideration Request (CCR) to the Public Safety Committee for further consideration.

