

Proposed Off-Street Parking Regulations for Oversized Vehicles



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Purpose of Presentation

- Review the current ordinance.
- Review the recommended changes.
- Receive feedback.
- Discuss next steps.

On-Street Ordinance Review

(This Ordinance is not being revised)

Definitions

Recreational Vehicle

- A motor vehicle primarily designed as a temporary living quarters for recreational camping or travel use. The term includes a travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, and motor home (State law definition)

Large Recreational Vehicle

- Recreational vehicle which exceeds twenty feet (20') in length, but is less than thirty-three feet (33') in length
- Boat trailer or other trailer which exceeds twenty feet (20') in length, but is less than thirty-three feet (33') in total length
- Converted or partially converted bus which exceeds twenty feet (20') in length, but is less than thirty-three feet (33') in total length

Oversized Recreational Vehicle

- Recreational vehicle which is thirty-three feet (33') or greater in length
- Boat trailer or other trailer which is thirty-three feet (33') or greater in length
- Converted bus which is thirty-three feet (33') or greater in length

On-Street Ordinance Summary



Oversized Commercial Vehicles

- Prohibited on any public street in a residential area except for active loading or unloading
- Allowed for up to 2 hours on public streets not in a residential area

Large and Oversized Recreational Vehicles

- Prohibited on any public street in a residential area except for loading, unloading or maintenance for no more than 48 hours in a 7 day period
- Prohibited on public streets not in a residential area



Enforcement

- Parking citation with towing option

Off-Street Oversized Commercial Vehicles

(Revising Penalty Only)

Current Off-Street Ordinance: Commercial Vehicles



Prohibits Oversized Commercial Vehicles

1. Vehicles designed to carry property or cargo with a gross weight in excess of 15,000 pounds
2. Dump truck, truck-tractor, concrete mixing truck, stake-bed truck, panel truck or a flat bed tow truck.
3. Trailers that are:
 - a. More than 20 feet in length
 - b. Wider than 7 feet at widest point
 - c. Taller than 7 feet at tallest point
4. Vehicles designed to transport more than 15 people



Current Oversized Commercial Vehicle Examples



- **These are unlawful:**
Anywhere on residential private property



- **Current Enforcement:**
Parking Ticket

Proposed Changes: Off-Street Oversized Commercial Vehicles

Current Ordinance	Proposed Ordinance
Any vehicle designed for the transport of more than fifteen (15) passengers, inclusive of the driver;	Same
Trailers which are more than twenty (20) feet in length from end to end, more than seven (7) feet in width at their widest point, or more than seven (7) feet in height at their highest point;	Same
Any motor vehicle with a gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating, as those terms are defined in state law, of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds, including but not limited to dump trucks, truck-tractors, concrete-mixing trucks, and stake-bed trucks.	Same
Not allowed on residential property except for active loading and unloading	Same
Parking citation	General citation and towing option

**Off-Street
Recreational Vehicles
(New Ordinance)**

Current Off-Street Ordinance: Recreational Vehicles



The current ordinance does not regulate recreational vehicles on private property.



Proposed Changes: Oversized Recreational Vehicles

Issue	Current Ordinance	Proposed Changes
RV* under 20'	Not Regulated**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Regulated**
Large RV* 20 – 33'	Not Regulated**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be kept behind a 6' screening fence and parked in a side or rear yard • May be parked on driveway or other lawful parking area for up to 48 hours in any 7 day period for loading, unloading or maintenance and must conform to all general parking regulations • Enforcement: General citation with towing option
Oversized RV* Greater Than 33'	Not Regulated**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not allowed except for active loading and unloading in conformance with general parking regulations • Enforcement: General citation with towing option

*RV includes boat, boat trailer or other similar trailer.

**No special regulations; however, all general on and off-street parking regulations apply.

Off-Street Recreational Vehicles Examples (Less than 20')



Off-Street Large Recreational Vehicles Examples (20 – 33')



Off-Street Oversized Recreational Vehicles Examples (Over 33')



Recommended Effective Dates

- Off-Street Commercial Vehicles: **Effective upon adoption.**
- Off-Street Recreational Vehicles: **Effective 180 days after adoption.** (Except that sidewalk, yard and other existing off-street parking regulations would still apply)

Next Course of Action

- Conduct five public meetings at 6:30 p.m. to solicit additional public input on the recommended revisions
 - February 21 Rose Marine Theatre (1442 North Main Street)
 - February 28 Botanic Garden (3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard)
 - March 6 Lowery Elementary School (7600 Lowery Road)
 - March 13 Eugene McCray Community Center (4932 Wilbarger Street)
 - March 20 Travis Avenue Baptist Church (800 West Berry Street)
- Post recommended revisions on City's web site at fortworthgov.org and solicit e-mail input on recommended changes
- Report back to Council in April 2008

Questions
&
Discussion

