

RESIDENTIAL PARKING

Commercial / Large Vehicles and Other Problems

Proposed County Code Changes

June 15, 2009

Background

- Previous briefing at March 6, 2009 meeting
- Board members subsequently provided examples of typical parking complaints
- Additional research on other jurisdictions

Other Jurisdictions – Commercial / Large Vehicle Parking Restrictions in Residential Areas

Jurisdiction	Prohibited Weight (lbs.)	Size (dimension)	Duration (time)	Prohibited Other
Montgomery County, MD	> 1 ton		24 hrs unless adjacent	
Loudoun County	> 1.5 ton			> 2 axles; recreational
Chesterfield County	> 6,000 if dual tire truck			trailer, semi-trailer or its cab
City of Richmond (inc res/comm mixed)	> 6,500			trailer, motorhome
City of Alexandria	> 7,500		8 hrs - on same street; 72 hrs continuous except weekend	advertising; leased to business; trailer, rec restrictions
City of Fairfax	≥ 9,000			commercial venture; boat, trailer unload only
Town of Herndon	≥ 10,000		2 hrs commercial	ban vehicles with advertising or use; 72 hrs trailer, boat;
Manassas City	> 10,000	> 21' long > 102" wide includes load and trailer	48 hrs	overnight rec and trailer unless active
City of Manassas Park	> 10,000	> 24' long		> 2 axles, > 6 wheels
Arlington County	≥ 12,000			> 3 axles Never - boat, boat trailer; 5 days-camping
Prince William County	≥ 12,000			≥ 3 axles; trailer
City of Falls Church			8 hrs-adjacent	ban vehicles with advertising inc taxi; boat, boat trailer
Town of Vienna			48 hrs	lacking town decal
City of Virginia Beach		> 20' long > 7' high		
Fairfax County				

NOTE: The above is a generalized summary for comparison only and does not include many of the details, definitions and exceptions in the code provisions.

Typical Problems Cited

- See handout for complete list
- Major focus on commercial vehicles that don't fit code definition:

Existing Code Section 82-5-7. Parking commercial vehicles in residential districts.

Commercial vehicle includes: (i) any solid waste collection vehicle, tractor truck or tractor truck/semitrailer or tractor truck/trailer combination, dump truck, concrete mixer truck, towing and recovery vehicle with a registered gross weight of 12,000 pounds or more, and any heavy construction equipment, whether located on the highway or on a truck, trailer, or semitrailer; (ii) any trailer, semitrailer, or other vehicle in which food or beverages are stored or sold; (iii) any trailer or semitrailer used for transporting landscaping or lawn-care equipment whether or not such trailer or semitrailer is attached to another vehicle; and (iv) any vehicle licensed by the Commonwealth for use as a common or contract carrier or as a limousine.

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New restrictions in Sec. 82-5-7, Parking Commercial Vehicles in Residential Districts:

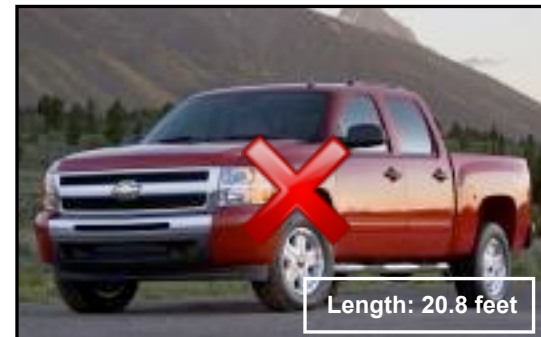
- Require taxis/limos to be registered in Virginia
- Restrictions for size, weight, type of vehicle including vehicles:
 - more than 20' long (HB 1694)
 - more than 8' high including appurtenances
 - more than 102" wide
 - GVW of 12,000 or more pounds
 - carrying commercial freight in plain view (HB 1694)
 - any trailer or semitrailer except camping trailer, boat trailer, or single axle
 - 3 or more axles
- Specific language on service roads adjacent to residential areas
- See mark-up for full text

More than twenty (20) feet in length or eight (8) feet in height including appurtenances

Will comply

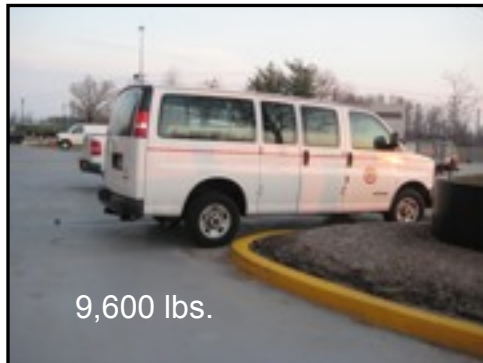


Will not comply



gross weight of 12,000 or more pounds

Will comply



Will not comply



Trailer or semitrailer except those designed to be used as a camper trailer or boat trailer or a single axle utility trailer, regardless of whether such trailer or semitrailer is attached to another vehicle;

Will comply - except in CPDs



Will not comply



Other Proposed Code Changes - 2

Other new requirements / modifications:

- Require license tags on both front and rear of vehicle (Sec. 82-5-26)
- Require current safety inspection sticker (Sec. 82-5-26.1)
- Other minor and “clean-up” changes

Summary

- Major code changes will affect a substantial number of residents
- Will not solve all problems but is expected to substantially reduce parking complaints
- May consider grace period and outreach program to allow time for transition and implementation
- Complete re-write of Chapter 82 planned

Feedback and Questions ?