

City of San Antonio



AGENDA PACKET

Public Safety Committee

City Hall Complex
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

9:30 AM

City Hall Complex

The Public Safety Committee will hold its regular meeting in Council Briefing Room at City Hall beginning at 9:30 AM. Once convened, the Public Safety Committee will take up the following items no sooner than the designated times.

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Once a quorum is established, the Public Safety Committee shall consider the following:

4. Briefing and possible action on a proposed ordinance amendment to regulate the overnight parking of oversized commercial vehicles on non-residential public streets. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

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Public Safety Committee Members

Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6, Chair

Dr. Sukh Kaur, Dist. 1 | Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2

Marina Alderete Gavito, Dist. 7 | Marc Whyte, Dist. 10

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Posted on: 09/19/2023 09:44 AM



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor and City Council
 FROM: Councilman Manny Pelaez, District 8
 COPIES TO: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Emily McGinn, Assistant to City Council
 SUBJECT: Overnight Parking Regulations for Oversized Commercial Vehicles
 DATE: May 12, 2022

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 CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL
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Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Revising 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.

Brief Background

The parking of 18-wheelers, semi-trucks, and other oversized commercial vehicles on non-residential public streets can pose a tremendous safety concern, particularly on narrow and highly trafficked roads. Additionally, the presence of these oversized commercial vehicles in business and residential districts can be an aesthetic concern for neighbors and nearby businesses. Each year, City Council Offices receive countless complaints about these safety and aesthetic concerns regarding oversized commercial vehicles.

While the Unified Development Code currently restricts, with limited exceptions, oversized commercial vehicles from parking in residential districts (as per Article 3, Division 7, Section 35-383), there are no overnight parking restrictions for business and residential districts or public streets.

In 2007, the City of Houston took a proactive step by limiting the parking of commercial vehicles on public streets between the hours of 2:00 am – 6:00 am, except during the process of loading or unloading. We ought to evaluate the prospect of similar regulations here in San Antonio for oversized commercial vehicles and consider revising our City Code based on these findings.



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For these reasons and more, I request that we revise City Code to restrict overnight parking of oversized commercial vehicles.

Submitted for Council consideration by:

Councilman Manny Pelaez, District 8

Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (4 only)

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Overnight Parking – Oversized Commercial Vehicles

Public Safety Committee September 19, 2023

Presented by William McManus, Chief of Police

Background

City Council Request (CCR)



- CCR filed by Councilmember Pelaez in May 2022
- Revise City Code to regulate overnight parking of oversized commercial vehicles in a manner that better protects the rights of residents and homeowners
- Review and evaluate regulations in major Texas cities
- December 13, 2022 – Governance Committee

Existing Laws & Ordinances

Current laws restricting the parking of oversized vehicles are applicable all hours of the day but are limited to residential areas and do not include other zones

State Law – Enforced by SAPD

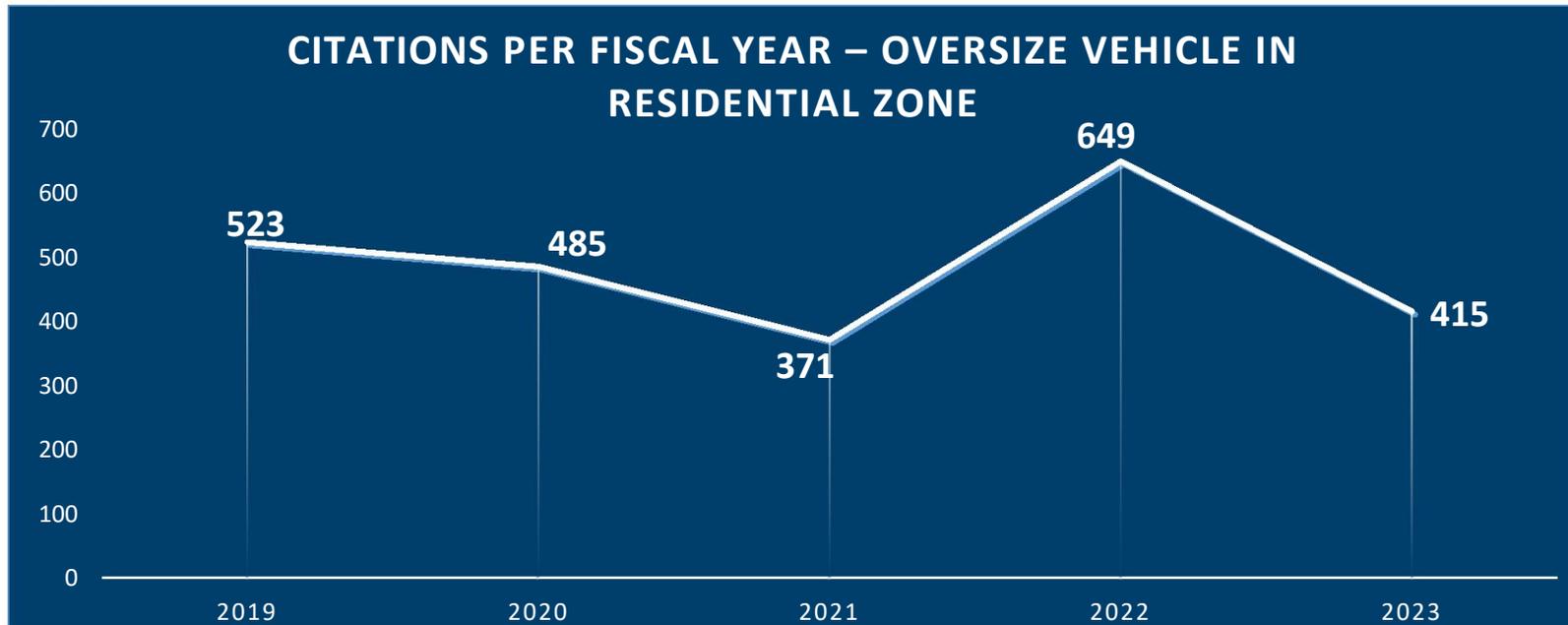
- Transportation Code Section 545.307
 - Class C Misdemeanor to park commercial vehicle (gross weight over 26,000lbs.) in or near residential subdivision between hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am

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

Enforcement – Sec. 19-194(a) Violations

Total Citations issued by SAPD and CCDO Parking Enforcement for street parking violations



Source: San Antonio Municipal Court – FY 2023 citations received through August 31, 2023

Enforcement Outcomes Sec. 19-194(a) Violations

FY 2019 – FY 2023

Violation Status	
Fine Paid	1,131
Fine Not Paid	1,112
Person Found Not Liable	164
Administratively Closed	9
Docket Voided	5
Scheduled to Appear in Court	22*
TOTAL	2,443

Source: San Antonio Municipal Court – *FY 2023 (through August 31, 2023)

Oversized Vehicle Restrictions Other Texas Cities

San Antonio	Austin	Houston	Ft. Worth	Dallas
<p>Restricts parking in residential areas</p> <p>No current restrictions within commercial areas</p>	<p>Restricts parking in residential areas</p> <p>No current restrictions within commercial areas</p>	<p>Restricts parking on all streets between hours of 2:00am – 6:00am (except loading/unloading)</p>	<p>Restricts parking in residential areas</p> <p>Restricts parking for more than two hours in any area not zoned residential</p>	<p>Restricts parking on any public street except for loading and unloading goods or mechanical repair</p>

Proposed Ordinance Amendment

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 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.

Recommendation

Forward proposed ordinance amendment restricting overnight parking of oversized commercial vehicles on non-residential streets to City Council for consideration



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