

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 22, 2008

TO Transportation and Environment Committee:
Linda Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Jerry R. Allen, Carolyn R. Davis, Vonciel Jones Hill, Angela Hunt, Pauline Medrano, Ron Natinsky

SUBJECT Commercial Truck Parking Enforcement in Neighborhoods

Attached is the "Commercial Truck Parking Enforcement in Neighborhoods" briefing that will be presented to you on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at the Transportation and Environment Committee Meeting.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Miguez', written over a horizontal line.

Ramon F. Miguez, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

Attachment

The Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council
Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
Deborah Watkins, City Secretary
Tom Perkins, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
Judge C. Victor Lander, Judiciary
Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
A.C. Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager
David O. Brown, Interim Assistant City Manager
Jill A. Jordan, P. E., Assistant City Manager
David K. Cook, Chief Financial Officer

Commercial Truck Parking Enforcement in Neighborhoods

Transportation and Environment Committee Briefing

Prepared by
Parking Management
Public Works and Transportation
August 26, 2008





Purpose of Briefing

- Provide information on the relevant City Codes that restrict commercial truck parking in residential areas
- Report on enforcement activity related to commercial truck parking
- Obtain Committee feedback on current enforcement efforts



Current City Code

- Section 28-80 – Parking of Commercial Vehicles
- Section 28-81 – Parking of Vehicles with Capacity of More than One and One-Half Tons in Certain Districts



Dallas City Code

Sec. 28-80. Parking of Commercial Vehicles

- It is an offense to park a commercial truck on a public street or alley unless:
 - Vehicle is engaged in street construction, maintenance or repair
 - Vehicle is a public service utility company engaged in construction or repair
 - Vehicle is a bus boarding or discharging passengers
 - Vehicle is parked in designated loading zones or other lawful place for delivery of goods
 - Vehicle has a mechanical defect requiring emergency repair
- Enforcement: \$25 fine plus option to tow vehicle

Dallas City Code

Sec. 28-81. Parking of Vehicles with Capacity of More than One and One-Half Tons in Certain Districts

- It is an offense to park a commercial truck upon over 1-1/2 tons within a residential area unless loading or unloading passengers or freight
- It is an offense to park a motor home, house trailer, or recreational vehicle over 1-1/2 tons on public right-of-way abutting a residential area unless loading or unloading passengers or property
- Residential area means any block face containing single family, duplex or multi-family
- Enforcement: \$25 fine plus option to tow vehicle located on public right-of-way



Background

- Code Compliance asked for PWT Parking Management assistance in addressing complaints about commercial truck parking in residential areas
- Parking Management dedicated two parking enforcement officers (PEO) beginning in February 2008 to respond to specific complaints and to patrol for these violations on a citywide basis



Enforcement

- When a violation is found, a citation is always issued – if the driver is not present, then the vehicle is towed
- Six months of enforcement from February thru July 2008 have resulted in 303 citations and 80 tows



Enforcement

Month - 2008	Citations	Tows
February	26	4
March	37	10
April	71	16
May	53	25
June	57	9
July	59	16
Total	303	80



Education

- Comment was made at a Council briefing that there should be an educational element along with enforcement
- Staff suggests developing a flyer that explains the restrictions on commercial truck parking in residential areas and including it with the citation



Appendices

- Section 28-80 – Parking of Commercial Vehicles
- Section 28-81 – Parking of Vehicles with Capacity of More than One and One-Half Tons in Certain Districts



Dallas City Code

Sec. 28-80. Parking of Commercial Vehicles

A person commits an offense if he stops, parks, or stands a truck-tractor, road tractor, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, bus, or any commercial motor vehicle upon a public street, alley, parkway, boulevard, or public place. This section shall not apply to street construction, maintenance, and repair equipment; trucks, equipment, trailers, and vehicles used by public service utility companies engaged in repairing or extending public service utilities; motor busses when taking on or discharging passengers at customary bus stops; other vehicles when actually parked at a designated loading zone, or where it is lawful to park a commercial motor vehicle for the purpose of accepting or delivering transportable goods; or a vehicle with a mechanical defect, making it unsafe to proceed further, in which event, it shall be lawful to stand or park the vehicle during the time necessary to make emergency repairs. (Ord. 14584)

Dallas City Code

Sec. 28-81. Parking of Vehicles with Capacity of More than One and One-Half Tons in Certain Districts

(a) A person commits an offense if he stops, parks, or stands a truck-tractor, road tractor, semitrailer, bus, trailer, or truck with a rated capacity in excess of one and one-half tons, according to the manufacturer's classification, upon property within a residential area. This subsection shall not apply to the parking or standing of a vehicle for the purpose of expeditiously loading or unloading passengers, freight, or merchandise.

(b) A person commits an offense if he stops, parks, or stands a motor home, house trailer, or recreational vehicle with a rated capacity in excess of one and one-half tons, according to the manufacturer's classification, upon any public right-of-way abutting a residential area. This subsection shall not apply to the parking or standing of a vehicle for the purpose of expeditiously loading or unloading passengers or property.

(c) In this section, RESIDENTIAL AREA means any block face containing a single family, duplex, or multi-family dwelling. (Ord. Nos. 14584; 19455; 20269)