



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Mavina Moore, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, September 23 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins and Committee Member Reps. Curtis, Giordano, Fleischer, Michelson, Patterson and Wallace. Excused was Rep. Di Costanzo. Absent was Rep. Moore. Also present were Reps. Adams, Graziosi, Morson, and Sherwood; Vikki Cooper, Deputy Corporation Counsel; and Frank Petise, Acting Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau Chief.

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T30.068	REVIEW; The Ability of Commercial Vehicles to Park in Front of Residential Properties. 08/03/21 – Submitted by Reps. Sherwood, Graziosi, Figueroa, Morson, Stella, Pratt, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, and Miller 08/19/21 – Report Made & Held by Committee 8-0-0	Report Made

Ms. Cooper reviewed the [legal opinion](#) she had issued after the last meeting. She concluded that there was no legal barrier to reducing the weight limitation, but they would have to be mindful of zoning regulations. The current ordinance does not define a commercial vehicle. A height restriction could be imposed. Restricting trucks without any size or weight limitation would have to be rationally related to a legitimate government purpose.

Committee members discussed this item with Ms. Cooper and Mr. Petise. Items discussed included the following:

- The ordinance was initially adopted to address noise and street safety; a record would be needed to add additional restrictions
- Some people only have trucks with commercial or combination plates as their everyday vehicles
- This ordinance has included the 18,000 lb restriction since at least 1981
- Different municipalities in the state have varied parking restrictions
- The Greenwich ordinance is a good model
- The Board would need a legal record of its reasoning to make a change from 18,000 to 10,000 lbs
- The revised ordinance could be based upon Zoning Board zones
- Commercial vehicles could be redefined

- The ordinance could restrict parking based upon the width of the street and vehicle
- This should be taken up by the 31st Board, including the issues of non-motorized vehicles, trailers and how the 120 hour limit would apply.

Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Watkins, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).