



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins, Vice Chair Adams and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Gilbride, Grunberger, Moore and Sandford. Also present were Reps. Boeger, Cottrell, Goldberg and Sherwood; Deputy Corporation Counsel Vikki Cooper; and Frank Petise and Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau.

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T31.001	REVIEW; The Ability of Commercial Vehicles to Park in Front of Residential Properties (Previously T30.068). 12/07/21 – Submitted by Rep. Watkins, Sherwood, Figueroa, Morson, Stella, Pratt, Fedeli, Di Costanzo and Miller	Report Made

Rep. Cottrell explained that she put this item on during the 30th Board because in densely populated areas there are issues with visibility and driveways being blocked caused by commercial vehicles parked on the street, although they also understand that residents may be the owners of these vehicles and need them for work. Rep. Sherwood stated that this is a citywide issue.

Ms. Cooper stated that the current ordinance is confusing and needs updating. She proposed using the [Greenwich ordinance](#) as a starting point. The current Stamford ordinance has 3 different weight limitations. The Greenwich ordinance does not have a 2 hour limit, and restricts vehicles by limiting types of number plates and requiring additional characteristics. The definition is built into the number plate types. The ordinance contains exceptions for utility vehicles and delivery vehicles.

Mr. Petise noted that the committee needs to be careful about residents who may need larger vehicles for work. The Greenwich ordinance is a good start, but the committee needs to be aware of what they are trying to limit.

Committee members discussed Item No. 1 with the invited guests. Items discussed included the following:

- There needs to be parking for small contractors
- What issues does Greenwich have enforcing this ordinance
- Stamford's parking enforcement officers work from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. Enforcement outside of those hours would be by the police

- There are also sedans which are associated with a business
- Mr. Petise will try to get data on enforcement of the current ordinance
- Mr. Petise will check to see if truck parking was addressed in the citywide parking study, which is almost completed.

Committee members discussed introducing a revised ordinance for next month's meeting.

Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Watkins, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).