



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Terry Adams, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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 Rep. Sherwood; Frank Petise and Luke Buttenwieser, Transportation, Traffic and Parking Bureau; and Vikki Cooper, Law Department. .

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T31.003	ORDINANCE <u>for publication</u> ; Prohibiting certain Classes and Characteristics of Commercial Vehicles from Parking on Residential Streets During Certain Hours. 01/04/22 – Submitted by Frank Petise and Rep. Adams 01/10/22 – Moved to Pending	Approved 7-0-0

Mr. Petise and Ms. Cooper discussed the proposed ordinance with the Committee. Items discussed included the following:

- The current ordinance has restrictions on truck parking on City streets for over 2 hours and overnight
- The proposed ordinance is based upon the Greenwich ordinance to come up with parameters and lowered the gross vehicle weight limit
- The 12,000 pound limit was chosen after researching the typical sizes of pickup trucks
- They are not trying to punish contractors who work for themselves and have to park their vehicles in front of their homes
- The existing ordinance has an 18,000 pound limit, which presents a safety hazard
- This is enforceable from a traffic enforcement standpoint
- This ordinance retains the two hour limit and overnight parking restrictions
- The proposed ordinance has a 20 foot length rather than the 18 feet in the Greenwich ordinance because some smaller pickups and larger SUVs come close to 20 feet
- 12,000 pounds was chosen based on current vehicle weights and also because electric vehicles are heavier
- This would not affect people parking in their own yards
- Ms. Cooper will confirm that boat trailers are covered by the schedule and will include a description of commercial trailer in the schedule for next month

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Adams, Di Costanzo, Gilbride, Grunberger, Moore and Sandford in favor)

2. [T31.002](#) REVIEW; Parking of Passenger Cars on Residential Streets by Commercial Enterprises and Their Customers and Employees. **Held 7-0-0**
01/05/22 – Submitted by Reps. Watkins and Sherwood
01/18/22 – Held by Committee 7-0-0

Rep. Sandford and Chair Watkins reviewed the proposed suggestions they had submitted prior to the meeting, including:

- Outsourcing enforcement and using a window barnacle rather than towing
- Have businesses apply for parking permits for street frontage
- Having business parking during daytime hours
- Have a hybrid residential parking program
- Have fines payable by businesses which park their customers' cars
- Require businesses to put up signage re: parking restrictions

Committee members discussed Item No. 2 with the invited guests

- Can the City compel businesses to provide employee license information
- Private entities might rent out parking spaces
- Some of these issues are Parking Enforcement and some are Zoning Enforcement issues
- It is not clear how to make a business owner responsible for an illegally parked car
- Some RPP programs are already hybrid
- There is a current booting program, rather than towing
- Businesses can probably not be asked to turn over employee vehicle information

A motion to hold Item No. 2 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Watkins, Adams, Di Costanzo, Gilbride, Grunberger, Moore and Sandford in favor)

3. T31.006 REVIEW; Application Process for Neighborhood Parking Program. **Report Made**
02/09/22 – Submitted by Rep. Adams

Rep. Adams explained that he put this on the agenda because of difficulties seniors have with digital access to the residential parking program. Mr. Petise explained that while he does not supervise Cashiering and Permitting, he has spoken to them about permitting people to come in with their paperwork if they are unable to submit it electronically. There is concern about using hanging tags and digital permits with people gaming the system. Mr. Petise will see what else he can do to accommodate people who have issues getting guest passes and will see what other communities do.

Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Watkins, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)..