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# Oversized Vehicle Regulations

Study Session Meeting | April 1, 2025

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Requested By: Councilman Roger Neal

# Ordinance Objectives

**Regulate oversized and commercial vehicles in residentially zones areas.**

**Reduction of weight on residential streets will reduce damage to the streets.**

**Enforce similarly to our peer municipalities.**

**Improve the livability of the residents and the neighborhood.**

**Reduce overcrowding of vehicles in residential streets.**



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# Ordinance History



## Ordinance 2325

June 16, 1997

- Provided that RVs must be stored in the rear of a property on an improved surface and be completely screened from view. Special vehicles were defined as motor homes, campers, large trailers or RVs. Currently owned special vehicles not able to be stored in the rear were grandfather for 5 years subject to an annual permit. Established length limitations.

## Ordinance 2403

July 13, 1998

- Amended Ordinance 2325 to remove screening requirement if special exception granted (by staff).

## Ordinance 2420

September 8, 1998

- Amended prior ordinances. Allowed RVs that cannot fit on side or rear of property to stay in front as long as the resident owns the vehicle. Length limitations were removed.

## Ordinance 2427

October 5, 1998

- Amended prior ordinances. Eliminated “grandfathering” provision which legal counsel advised was not legal as it discriminated against new residents. Ordinance passed.

# Current and Proposed Program

## Current Ordinance

There is currently no ordinance that regulates the parking of Oversized Vehicles in a residentially zoned area.

## Proposed Ordinance

- Definitions:
  - Vehicle
  - Oversized Vehicle
- No parking/storing vehicle in excess of 9ft width or 23ft in length.
- No standing, stopping, parking an oversized vehicle in a residential district.
- No parking/storing vehicle in rear or side yard unless concealed from right of way by:
  - Permitted wall/fence
  - Vegetation
  - Combination of above

# Research

City	Ordinance
Addison	Prohibits overnight parking of vehicles designed for commercial use within residential areas of the city. Examples: RV, Box truck, tow truck, dump truck, trailers, vehicles more than 25 ft in length, 8 ft in width, 10 ft in height.
Carrollton	Prohibits a vehicle in excess of 8 ft 6in in width or 40 ft in length. Vehicles include RV's, trailers, boats in residentially zoned districts. Vehicles parked in a side yard or rear yard are allowed on improved surface if concealed from the right of way by fence, vegetation or combination.
Colleyville	Prohibits vehicles weighing 1 ½ ton or larger in any residential area.
Flower Mound	It is unlawful to park or store any oversized commercial vehicle upon property within residentially zoned district. No RVs, trailers, boats, etc. in excess of 8 ½ ft in width, or 14 ft in height, or 36 feet in length shall be stored/parked in any residential district.
Garland	It is an offense if a person parks or stands the following vehicles on public or private property within a residential zone: Oversized vehicles, Vehicles exceeds 16 ft in length or exceeds 9000 GWT.
Irving	No person shall stop, stand or park an oversized vehicle in residential district. Oversized vehicle is considered in excess of 1 ½ tons.
Richardson	Prohibits vehicles in excess of 23 ft in length, 8ft in width, 10 ft in height at any time. A RV may be placed in side or rear yard if properly screened by fence or approved landscaping.

# Questions

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