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Oversized Vehicle Regulations

Study Session Meeting | September 2, 2025

Requested By: Mayor Terry Lynne, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Roger Neal

Ordinance Objectives

Regulate oversized and commercial vehicles in residentially zoned areas.

Enforce similarly to our peer municipalities.

Reduce overcrowding of vehicles on residential streets.

Improve the livability of the residents and the neighborhood.

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



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Ordinance History

Ordinance 2325

June 16, 1997: Provided for RVs to be stored in the rear yard on an improved surface and completely screened from view. Defined Special vehicles as as campers, large trailers, or RVs. Currently owned special vehicles unable to stored in the rear yard -grandfathered for 5 years, subject to an annual permit. Established length limitations for special vehicles.

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. Eliminating the grandfathering provision.

Current Ordinance

No provisions exist that regulates the parking of Oversized Vehicles in a residentially zoned areas.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

- Definitions for:
 - Vehicle
 - Oversized Vehicle
- No parking/storing RV, boats, box trucks, dump trucks, tow trucks, trailers, vehicles in excess of 9 feet in width or 21 feet in length.
- No standing, stopping, or 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 the above

Future Request

Review the existing ordinance and provide suggestions for amendments

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, 10ft 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 1½ 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 14ft 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 1½ tons.
Richardson	Prohibits vehicles in excess of 23 ft in length, 8ft in width, 10ft in height at any time. A RV may be placed in side or rear yard if properly screened by fence or approved landscaping.

Questions

