

Subject: First Reading and Public Hearing Regarding Parking Requirements for Trucks and Commercial Vehicles

Meeting Date: July 25, 2022	
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Action Type	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Direction
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Informational Only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action/Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Action	
After discussion and holding a public hearing, approve the first reading on an ordinance amendment to City Code section 71.04 regulating the parking of trucks and commercial vehicles on roadways.	
Background	
<p>Over the past couple of years staff and council members have received complaints regarding larger commercial-use vehicles parked on residential streets throughout the city for extended periods of time and days. This creates issues during snowfalls, parking availability for residents and just a general eyesore to some.</p> <p>We can enforce overtime parking under a couple of different ordinances including the 48 hours parking limitation. However, a person responsible for the motor vehicle can move the vehicle one foot and then be allowed to continue to park in the spot for another 48 hours. This has been taken advantage of.</p> <p>An option is to modify ordinance 71.04 by replacing 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight with 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight which will allow the owner to only park those commercial vehicles on the street for 90 minutes. Rosemount is one local city that has this weight restriction in their ordinance</p> <p>Staff presented this issue to the Public Safety Committee on April 6, 2022 and after discussion it was agreed upon to present this language change to the City Council. On April 25, 2022 this topic was discussed at the OCWS. Staff heard from council members to move forward on an ordinance change but expressed a desire to make sure school buses are taken into account and the parking of a vehicle between 9,000 and 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight may remain if parked on private property.</p>	

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Before you tonight are suggestions to modify the current ordinance to restrict the parking of trucks and commercial vehicles over 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight from parking on a public street or alleyway for more than 90 minutes.

There are exemptions for trucks and/or commercial vehicles that are actively providing services to a property that allows for parking on the street provided that the parking does not prevent the flow of traffic or violate other ordinances.

The parking restrictions on private property has not changed, and the 12,000 pound gross vehicle weight restriction remains in place, thus allowing those vehicles between 9,000 and 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight to be parked on a private driveway or parking surface.

School buses are somewhat difficult to regulate as they are well over 12,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and are currently not allowed to park on a street for more than 90 minutes. However, we have not received any complaints regarding school bus parking and we can address those issues if they arise.

Attached is the ordinance amendment and staff requests discussion, comments and holding a public hearing regarding the amendment. If passed, the final reading will occur at the next council meeting.

Attachments

Proposed ordinance language.

Previous Relevant Actions

Presentation made at the OCWS on April 25, 2022.

Alternatives

Do not pass the ordinance or make modifications.

Financial

Budgeted: Yes

No Financial Impact

Fund:

Department:

Account:

Amount:

