



Large Vehicle Parking

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Presentation 21-02

Purpose

- Council discussion of options for parking of large vehicle types on City streets
- Current law:
 - 72 hours on public street (vehicles, and trailers under 30 feet, can park in front of owner's residence (if operational, registered, and without debris accumulation) before being considered “abandoned” ([11-41\(a\)\(3\)](#))
 - General parking restrictions ([Model Traffic Code Part 12, as adopted and amended by the City](#))
 - 5 hour rule in residential districts ([11-1202\(n\)](#))



New Proposal

- Prohibit parking of:
 - [Large vehicles](#)
 - [Recreational vehicles](#)
 - [Utility trailers](#)
- Residential zoned districts/adjacent to residences in other districts (not all streets)
- **Exemptions**



Exemptions

- Recreational vehicles or utility trailers:
 - Up to 48 hours in a 7 day period
 - For purposes of loading/unloading
 - No occupancy while parked
 - Must moved from streets for at least 72 hours
- Government vehicles
- Delivery vehicles (while making deliveries)
- Vehicles used in construction adjacent to the parking location (from 6:30 am – 6:00 pm)
- Vehicles stopped for emergency repairs
- Vehicles during utilities or street construction
- Large vehicles during active loading/unloading
- With a license or permit



Location

- Limited to residential areas:
 - Residential zoned districts
 - On streets adjacent to residences in other districts
- Non-residential areas:
 - General parking standards
 - Vehicle/trailer abandonment



Large Vehicles

- Some addressed elsewhere already:
 - Vehicles with gross weight over 8,000 lbs ([MTC 514, 11-1202\(c\)](#)) prohibited in residential areas with limited exceptions
 - Unattached semitrailers generally prohibited on streets ([MTC 1203\(2\), 11-1202\(l\)](#))
- Definition:
 - Trailer ([MTC Definition](#))
 - Truck tractor or semi trailer (laden or unladen and regardless of size) ([MTC Definition](#))
 - Tow truck or vehicle equipped to provide towing services
 - Farm tractor
 - Bus
 - Construction equipment
 - Any other vehicle over 25'/300" in length



Recreational Vehicles

- Camper trailer, camper coach, motor home, recreational vehicle, or trailer coach
- Any recreational vehicle or recreational park trailer as defined in C.R.S. § 24-32-902
- Watercraft (on or off trailers)
- Off-highway vehicles



Utility Trailers

- Wheeled vehicle without power less than 2,000 lbs designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport personal effects, articles of household furniture, loads of trash and rubbish, or not to exceed two horses over the public highways ([Model Traffic Code](#))





Council Discussion



Model Traffic Code 1210

No person shall park in a residential district on any surface other than a driveway or other approved parking area or on that portion of the street where parking is permitted. No person shall park on any portion of the street where parking is permitted for more than five (5) hours unless the location on the street where the person is parked is immediately adjacent to property owned or occupied by such person.



Model Traffic Code 514(3)

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) above, no vehicle with a gross weight over 8,000 pounds shall be allowed within any residential district unless the vehicle has obtained a transportation permit from the Department of Public Works or is performing a service for a destination within the neighborhood where such vehicle is operating.



Model Traffic Code 1203(2)

Semitrailers shall not be parked within the public right-of-way for the purpose of exchanging trailers or parked on the public right-of-way without being connected to a semi-tractor.

Except on that portion of Elm Street between 69th and E. 72nd Avenues which remains unpaved, semi-trailers shall not be stored on public rights-of-way,



CRS 33-14.5-101(3)

"Off-highway vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle which is designed to travel on wheels or tracks in contact with the ground, which is designed primarily for use off of the public highways, and which is generally and commonly used to transport persons for recreational purposes. "Off-highway vehicle" does not include the following:

- (a) Vehicles designed and used primarily for travel on, over, or in the water;
- (b) Snowmobiles;
- (c) Military vehicles;
- (d) Golf carts;
- (e) Vehicles designed and used to carry individuals with disabilities;
- (f) Vehicles designed and used specifically for agricultural, logging, or mining purposes; or
- (g) Vehicles registered pursuant to article 3 of title 42, C.R.S.

