



CITY OF SACRAMENTO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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ENGINEERING DIVISION

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Transportation and Community Development Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members In Session:

SUBJECT: Large Truck Operation and Parking in Residential Districts

SUMMARY

The California Vehicle Code allows the City to restrict the parking of commercial vehicles over 10,000 pounds in residential districts. Commercial vehicles can be restricted by weight from any street that the City feels is inappropriate. Exempt from the above restrictions are any commercial vehicles performing pick-up/delivery or construction/maintenance on the street or using the street as the most direct route to their destinations.

BACKGROUND

The Traffic Engineering Section was asked to report on current City ordinances regarding the parking and operation of large trucks in residential neighborhoods and compare them to Sacramento County.

There are two major questions involved with this subject. The first area concerns trucks driving through residential neighborhoods. The second involves parking of commercial trucks in residential neighborhoods.

Attached for your information are relevant sections of the California Vehicle Code, Sacramento City Code, and Sacramento County Code pertaining to truck operation and parking in residential areas.

The California Vehicle Code allows any commercial vehicle to travel on any street for the purpose of pick-up/delivery and for providing services to property on the street. It also allows the incidental parking related to the above activities. There is a section in the Vehicle Code 35701.(a) which allows the City to prohibit the use of any street by a vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight. This section is used to keep large, heavy through trucks off inappropriate streets. It includes, however, the exception of commercial vehicles having bonafide business on a street as well as using the street as the most direct route to or from their place of pick-up/delivery or service.

The California Vehicle Code (22507.5) allows cities to prohibit parking of commercial vehicles over 10,000 pounds (GMUW) in a residential district. Section 25.111 of the Sacramento City code prohibits parking of this type of vehicle in a residential district for more than two hours. Discussions with the Police Department, Traffic Division, indicate that this ordinance is enforced on a request/complaint basis, and appears to be adequate.

The County ordinance restricting parking in residential districts is similar to the City's. There are three major differences between the City and County ordinances. First, the parking is restricted to one hour in the County compared to two hours in the City. This can increase enforcement costs. Second, the County ordinance describes in detail the type of vehicle. The City ordinance refers to gross weight. This is sufficient to enable the police to enforce it. The third difference between the City and the County ordinance is that the County adds a section making it illegal to re-park the vehicle less than 300 feet from the original point within a 24 hour period. The City's Police Traffic Division reports that this type of action has not been a problem for them.

To paraphrase the attached sections of the State Vehicle Code:

1. The City cannot enact traffic laws that conflict with the Vehicle Code.
2. A street with many vacant lots or large amounts of open area does not qualify as a residence district.
3. The City cannot restrict the parking of trucks less than 10,000 pounds gross weight.
4. Trucks cannot be kept off a street if they are making pickups or deliveries anywhere on that street or if it is the most direct route of travel.

The current City Ordinance is in conformance with State law and within the constraints of the Vehicle Code appears to be sufficient to enable the enforcement of parking restrictions related to commercial vehicles on residential streets.

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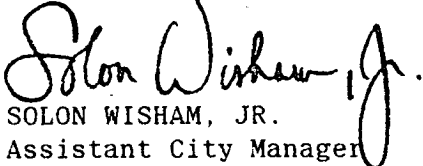
None.

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RECOMMENDATION

This is for informational purposes only.

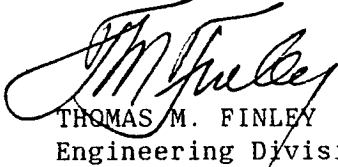
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All Districts

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

VEHICLE CODE

Uniformity of Code

21. . . .no local authority shall enact or enforce any ordinance on the matters covered by this code unless expressly authorized herein.

Residence District

515. A "residence district" is that portion of a highway and the property contiguous thereto, other than a business district, (a) upon one side of which highway, within a distance of a quarter of a mile, the contiguous property fronting thereon is occupied by 13 or more separate dwelling houses or business structures, or (b) upon both sides of which highway, collectively, within a distance of a quarter of a mile, the contiguous property fronting thereon is occupied by 16 or more separate dwelling houses or business structures. A residence district may be longer than one-quarter of a mile if the above ratio of separate dwelling houses or business structures to the length of the highway exists.

Local Regulations: Overnight Parking; Commercial Vehicles

- 22507.5 local authorities may, by ordinance or resolution, prohibit or restrict the parking or standing, on any street, or portion thereof, in a residential district, of commercial vehicles having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more. . . . No such ordinance or resolution relating to the parking or standing of commercial vehicles in a residential district shall, however, be effective with respect to any commercial vehicle making pickups or deliveries of goods, wares, and merchandise from or to any building or structure located on the restricted streets or highways or for the purpose of delivering materials to be used in the actual and bona fide repair, alteration, remodeling, or construction of any building or structure upon the restricted streets or highways for which a building permit has previously been obtained.

Manufacturer's Gross Vehicle Weight Rating

390. "Manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating" means the weight in pounds of the chassis of a truck or truck tractor with lubricants, radiator full of water, full fuel tank or tanks plus the weights of the cab or driver's compartment, body, special chassis and body equipment and pay load as authorized by the chassis manufacturer.

SACRAMENTO CITY CODE

Section 25.111 Parking commercial vehicles in residence district.

No person shall park any commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more on any street in a residence district for longer than two hours.

This section shall not apply to the parking of a commercial vehicle in a residence district where such vehicle is making pickups or deliveries of goods, wares, and merchandise from or to any building or structure located on the restricted streets or highways or for the purpose of delivering materials to be used in the actual and bona fide repair, alteration, remodeling, or construction of any building or structure upon the restricted streets or highways for which a building permit has previously been obtained.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY CODE

Section 10.24.060

(h) No person shall park any motor truck (excepting therefrom any truck commonly known as and referred to as a "pickup truck"), trailer, semitrailer, trailer coach, truck tractor or commercial vehicle for more than one hour on any highway within a residential district or move and repark such vehicle on any highway in a residential district within three hundred feet of the original parking site within any twenty-four hour period except while loading or unloading property or in connection with and in the aid of the performance of a service to or on a property adjacent to the block in which such vehicle is parked and only for such time in addition to one hour that is reasonably necessary to complete such loading, unloading or service. (SCC 383 § 1, 1979; Ord. 838 § 1, 1964; Ord. 825 § 2, 1963; Ord. 746 § 1, 1961; Ord. 703 § 64, 1960).

Decreases by Cities

35701. (a) Any city may, by ordinance, prohibit the use of a street by any commercial vehicle or by any vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight limit, except with respect to any vehicle which is subject to Sections 1031 to 1036, inclusive, of the Public Utilities Code.

Commercial Vehicles

35703. No ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 35701 shall prohibit any commercial vehicles coming from an unrestricted street having ingress and egress by direct route to and from a restricted street when necessary for the purpose of making pickups or deliveries of goods, wares, and merchandise from or to any building or structure located on the restricted street or for the purpose of delivering materials to be used in the actual and bona fide repair, alteration, remodeling, or construction of any building or structure upon the restricted street for which a building permit has previously been obtained.