

City Council



City Council Agenda Item Request:
Changes to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 30 for
the Storage or Parking of Heavy Trucks

May 6, 2024

Request by: Councilman Thompson

Request: Changes to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 30 for the Storage or Parking of Heavy Trucks, Trailers and Recreation Equipment.

Location: City Wide

District: All



- According to the City Council Agenda Item Request submitted by Councilman Thompson, this proposal is an effort to get large vehicles (buses) off private (residential) property.
- These types of uses may create decreasing property values and can be a nuisance for the community, according to Councilman Thompson.
- Any text amendment creates a citywide affect.
- No decision has been made regarding potential impact to existing personal property that is otherwise compliant.



According to Section 160D-301 of the North Carolina General Statutes:

(a) Composition. – A local government may by ordinance provide for the appointment and compensation of a planning board or may designate one or more boards or commissions to perform the duties of a planning board. A planning board established pursuant to this section may include, but shall not be limited to, one or more of the following:

(b) Duties. – A planning board may be assigned the following powers and duties:

(3) To develop and recommend policies, ordinances, development regulations, administrative procedures, and other means for carrying out plans in a coordinated and efficient manner.

- (School) buses are currently regulated by City Code 30-4.D.3.t: Storage and Parking of Heavy Trucks
- US DoT classifies (school) buses as a Class 6 motor vehicle (truck).
- Buses are defined as motor vehicles designed to carry 10 or more persons.
- Becomes a private bus when no longer transporting students.
- Cumberland County Schools allow some bus drivers to park at home.
- Most local schools are located in residentially zoned areas.

Options:

1. Create Additional Standards for the storage or parking of heavy trucks, trailers, or major recreational equipment – For example, Additional Buffering for the screening of such uses.
2. Create ordinance revisions to ban the parking of buses in residential zoning districts (except for schools).
3. Create ordinance revisions to fold in the regulation of additional large vehicles and equipment that are not currently specifically cited in the UDO.
4. No change, continue to restrict bus parking to areas currently allowed in Chapter 30.

Note: Any of the options 1 – 3 above would require a text amendment and review by the Planning Commission.

1. Move to direct staff to prepare text amendments related to banning bus parking in residential zoning districts (excluding schools) and present amendments to the Planning Commission.;
2. Move to direct staff to prepare text amendments related to buses and additional large vehicles and equipment that are not currently specifically cited in the UDO and present them to the Planning Commission.;
3. Move to make no ordinance changes citing the complications of regulating buses differently than other similar uses (staff recommendation).



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