



**City of Dallas**

# **Oversized Vehicles Definition**

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# Presentation Overview



- Background/History
- Purpose
- Issues/ Operational Concerns
- Operational Impact
- Proposed Action
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# Background/History



- Enforcement challenges
- Difficulty determining compliance due to outdated ordinance language



# Background/History



- Current Code Language - 51A-4.217(b)(6)

(aa) an operable motor vehicle with valid state registration parked on a surface that meets the standards for parking surfaces contained in the off-street parking regulations of this chapter, except that this defense is not available if the vehicle is a truck tractor, truck, bus, or recreational vehicle and it has a rated capacity in excess of one and one-half tons according to the manufacturer's classification, or if the vehicle is over 32 feet in length;

(bb) a boat, trailer, or recreational vehicle parked on a surface that meets the standards for parking surfaces contained in the off-street parking regulations of this chapter, and the item cannot reasonably be placed in an area behind the primary yard;



# Purpose



- Provide/enhance enforcement ability
- Clarify regulations with growing vehicle sizes



# Issues/Operational Concerns



- Outdated language prevents enforcement
- Common consumer vehicles exceed this limitation



# Issues/Operational Concerns



- Payload Capacity (in lbs)
  - Ford F-250: 2,462-4,323
  - Chevy Silverado 2500: 2,975-3,900
  - Dodge Ram 2500: 2,943-3,974
  - Ford Transit T-150 Passenger Van: 3,148-3,668



# Issues/Operational Concerns



- Examples of commercial vehicles in Dallas





# Issues/Operational Concerns



City	Oversized Vehicle Regulations
Austin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- It is unlawful to park a detached semitrailer upon any street, city-owned parking lot or other public property.</li><li>- It is unlawful to park a semi-trailer, truck-tractor or a combination thereof within an area zoned as a residential district, except for the purpose of actually loading or unloading the same.</li><li>- It is unlawful to park a truck of more than 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight upon any street in the business district which has been duly sign-posted prohibiting the same, but parking of the vehicle for a period of not more than 20 minutes shall be permitted in the space for the purpose of necessary access to abutting property while actively loading or unloading when the access cannot reasonably be secured from an alley or from an adjacent street where truck parking is not so restricted.</li></ul>
McKinney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- No trailers, tow-behinds, boats, recreational vehicles, non-passenger vehicles, or equipment other than operational passenger vehicles shall be permitted to be parked or stored between the primary building and the street of any residential property between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.</li><li>- Above are only permitted in the side or rear yard of residential properties if they are located behind an opaque fence or wall.</li></ul>



# Issues/Operational Concerns



City	Definition of Oversized Vehicle
Grand Prairie	Truck-tractor, road tractor, semi-trailer, bus, trailer, commercial vehicle, or truck with a rated capacity in excess of one and one-half (1½) tons according to the manufacturer's classification
Houston	Large vehicle means a "motor vehicle" or a "trailer," as defined herein, that is in excess of eight feet in height at the highest point on the vehicle or trailer or in excess of 22 feet in length. To the extent that any motor vehicle is coupled or otherwise attached to a trailer, then the motor vehicle and trailer shall together be deemed as constituting a single large vehicle if the combined length of the motor vehicle and trailer exceeds 30 feet.
Fort Worth	(1) any vehicle designed to transport more than 15 passengers, inclusive of the driver; (2) Any trailer or semi-trailer that is more than 20 feet from end to end, more than 7 feet at their widest point or more than 9 feet from the ground to its highest point; or (3) Any motor vehicle with a gross weight registered weight or gross weight rating, as those terms are defined in state law, of more than 15,000 pounds, including but not limited to the following: a. Dump truck; b. Tractor-truck; c. Concrete Mixing truck; d. Stake-bed truck; e. Flat-bed tow truck; or f. Panel truck.



# Proposed Action



- Update Ch. 51A-4.217(b)(6)
- Define Oversized Vehicles as:

(1) any vehicle designed to transport more than 15 passengers, inclusive of the driver; (2) Any trailer or semi-trailer that is more than 20 feet from end to end, more than 7 feet at their widest point or more than 9 feet from the ground to its highest point; or (3) Any motor vehicle with a gross weight registered weight or gross weight rating, as those terms are defined in state law, of more than 15,000 pounds, including but not limited to the following: a. Dump truck; b. Tractor-truck; c. Concrete Mixing truck; d. Stake-bed truck; e. Flat-bed tow truck; or f. Panel truck.



# Staff Recommendation/Next Steps



- Staff recommends the Quality of Arts, Life, and Culture Committee forward the following to City Council for consideration and approval:
  - Adoption of amendments to 51A-4.217(b)(6)





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