

August 13, 2002

To the Honorable Common Council  
Zoning, Neighborhoods and  
Development Committee  
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is File No. 020602 being a substitute ordinance prohibiting vehicles greater than 10 feet in height or with more than 6 wheels from parking on lots in certain zoning districts.

This amendment is a follow up to the recent ordinance prohibiting the parking of tow trucks in residential districts. As the tow truck ordinance was being reviewed, it was felt that a more comprehensive approach should be taken that dealt with a broader range concerns and limitations that should be applied to non-residential or atypical vehicles that should not normally be parked in residential districts.

The initial draft of this amendment only included a prohibition of vehicles with more than 6 wheels but upon review by the Zoning Code Technical Committee it was recommended that an additional standard relating to vehicle height also be included. This substitute ordinance would therefore add two new standards to those currently included in the code. Currently the code now prohibits the parking of tow trucks, vehicles longer than 22 feet and more than one commercial or recreational vehicle on a residentially zoned lot. This substitute would add the prohibition of vehicles with more than 6 wheels or higher than 10 feet.

Based on comments from the City Attorney's Office, the committee also recommended that the Common Council consider creating exceptions to these standards to cover common occurrences such as large service vehicles that park for relatively short periods of time while repairs, deliveries, moving or special events take place on a residential property.

A public hearing was held on August 12, 2002 at which time no objections to the proposal were expressed.

Based on this information, the City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting of August 12, 2002 recommended the approval of the attached substitute ordinance.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Penman  
Executive Secretary  
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

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