



**City of Coral Gables
Planning Department Staff Recommendation**

Applicant:	City of Coral Gables
Request:	Discussion of the City of Coral Gables provisions related to trucks and abandoned/junk motor vehicles
City Public Hearing Date(s)/Time(s)	Planning and Zoning Board October 12, 2011, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Location	City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida, 33134

Request.

Discussion of the City of Coral Gables, Florida provisions related to trucks and abandoned/junk motor vehicles, more specifically:

- a. Zoning Code Article 4, "Zoning Districts", Division 4, "Prohibited Uses", Section 4-411, "Parking in residential areas", and Section 4-412, "Trucks, trailers, commercial vehicles, and recreational vehicles--Parking upon streets and public places";
- b. Zoning Code Article 5, "Development Standards", Division 19, "Signs", Section 5-1902.D.8., "General design standards that are applicable to all signs";
- c. Zoning Code Article 8, "Definitions", "Truck";
- d. City Code Chapter 34, "Nuisances", Article III, "Lost, stolen, junked, abandoned property", Division 2, "Vehicles", Section 34-78, "Abandoned or junk motor vehicles on public or private property prohibited; exceptions"; and,
- e. City Code Chapter 74, "Traffic and Vehicles", Article I, "In general", Section 74-4, "Definitions", "Commercial vehicle".

Background Information.

This request is coming forward to the Planning and Zoning Board a discussion item. The City Commission on 09.13.11 requested input and comments from the Board regarding the regulation of trucks and abandoned/junk vehicles within the City. A copy of the 09.13.11 City Commission verbatim meeting minutes are provided as Attachment A. The Planning Department will provide a brief overview and background and the City Attorney will provide a legal perspective and Code Enforcement will provide an overview of the administration/enforcement of the regulations. This item has been scheduled as a public hearing, therefore public comment will follow City Staff's presentation. At the meeting, City Staff will present an outline of alternatives to assist the Board in its discussion and recommendation.

A memorandum and support documentation (binder) prepared by the City Attorney's Office is provided as Attachment B, and is intended for informational purposes and to facilitate the Board's discussion.

Public Hearing Timeline.

A tentative schedule and possible consideration of a proposed text amendments by the City Commission is dependent on the results of the Planning and Zoning Board public hearing.

Public Notification.

The following has been completed to provide notice:

Public Notice

Type	Date
Posted in Building and Zoning Department	09.19.11
Posted in Code Enforcement Division	09.19.11
Legal advertisement	09.21.11
Posted agenda on City web page/City Hall	09.21.11
Posted Staff report on City web page	09.28.11

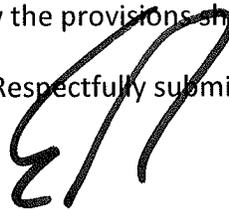
Any public comments received will be provided in verbatim form at the meeting.

Staff Recommendation.

City Staff is not providing a specific proposal or recommendation at this time. The purpose of the meeting is to secure the Planning and Zoning Board's input and recommendation as follows:

1. If changes are warranted to the current Zoning Code provisions.
2. If changes are warranted, direction as to how the provisions should be amended.

Respectfully submitted,



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Planning Director
City of Coral Gables, Florida

Attachments.

- A. 09.13.11 City Commission Meeting Minutes.
- B. Memorandum and support documentation (binder) prepared and provided by the City Attorney's Office.
- C. Legal advertisement.