



City of Coral Gables

Workshop Date/Time:	Planning and Zoning Board February 15, 2012 Workshop will begin immediately following the Regular Meeting which begins at 6:00p.m.
Location:	City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, Florida, 33134

Request.

The purpose of the Workshop is to allow the Board to review and discuss the current regulation of truck parking in the City, as well as abandoned and junk motor vehicles, more specifically the following City provisions:

1. The Official City of Coral Gables Zoning Code related to trucks and abandoned/junk motor vehicles:
 - 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".
2. The Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, related to trucks and abandoned/junk motor vehicles:
 - a. 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,
 - b. City Code Chapter 74, "Traffic and Vehicles", Article I, "In general", Section 74-4, "Definitions", "Commercial vehicle".

The Board will not take any formal action or make any recommendations to the City Commission at the Workshop. The public is invited to attend, however public comments will not be taken.

Background Information.

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. The Commission minutes are attached as Attachment A. On 10.19.11, the Board conducted a public hearing and solicited public participation. A copy of the minutes and all information entered into the record by participants is attached as Attachment B.

Subsequent to the hearing, Staff has developed a listing of opportunities for modifications to the both

the Zoning Code and City Code regarding the regulation of trucks, pickup trucks and commercial vehicles (see attached 11” by 17 “document referenced as “Vehicle Parking Limitation Opportunities”). The document organization and explanation of each section is as follows:

1. Alternative 1: Modernization of Existing Zoning Code Provision. This section provides in verbatim format the existing Zoning Code Regulations, Article 4, Division 4, Prohibited Uses, Sections 4-411 and 4-412 and Article 5, Division 19, Signs, Section 5-1902.D, and a listing of opportunities available to “modernize” and clarify the regulations. (See column 3, “Summary of Opportunities Available).
2. Alternative 2 – Additional Options + Alternative 1. This section provides a listing of options available to modify the provisions providing both for exemptions and prohibitions related to trucks. The intent would be to include the suggested modifications of Alternative 2 with Alternative 1 into one document.
3. City Code, Chapter 34, Lost, Stolen, Junked, Abandoned Property. This section outlines modifications to the City Code to clarify the provisions and prohibit the storage of abandoned vehicles within the City. Presently, abandoned vehicles are permitted if hidden by a vehicle cover.
4. Definitions. This section provides suggested Draft definitions to clarify and define the provisions. This section will be amended to reflect the policy direction provided.

The Opportunities document is intended to initiate Board discussion and input. Staff will review each section in detail at the workshop. No recommendation is being requested by the Board at this time.

Staff has included as further background information, a CD ROM providing the following:

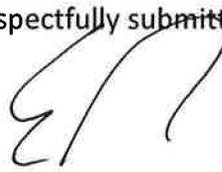
1. Pickup truck specifications organized by vehicle make, model, width, height, length, ground clearance, gross weight, curb weight, tire size and photograph for trucks manufactured in the last ten (10) years.
2. Sport Utility Vehicle (SUVs) specifications organized by vehicle make, model, width, height, length, ground clearance, gross weight, curb weight, tire size and photograph for SUVs manufactured in the last ten (10) years.
3. Local Government Truck Performance Standards Comparison Chart and Regulations – Twenty six (26) units of local government.

Public Notification.

The following has been completed to provide notice of the workshop:

Type of Public Notice	Date
Legal advertisement	02.02.12
Posted agenda on City web page/City Hall	02.02.12
City of Coral Gables News Release	02.03.12
Posted Staff Report on the web page	02.10.12

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments.

- A. 09.13.11 City Commission Minutes.
- B. 10.19.11 Planning and Zoning Board Minutes and all items entered into the record.
- C. "Vehicle Parking Limitation Opportunities" (11" by 17" document)