



The City Of  
**SOCIAL CIRCLE**

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### Agenda Report

DATE: October 17, 2023

SUBJECT: Text Amendment to Section 8.3.4.A.2.b

**Issue:**

Take-home commercial vehicles being parked in driveways.

**Background:**

In June of 2023, the Mayor and Council adopted the Unified Development Code that is now in place for the City of Social Circle, which included provisions for commercial vehicle parking. Staff has received complaints about people parking their take-home commercial vehicles (dually trucks, company trucks, etc.) in driveways. Currently, the Code only allows commercial vehicles that are less than 1.5 tons in cargo capacity to park in a carport or in the side or rear yard. Staff has amended the text of this provision to allow for driveway parking, as well.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of this text amendment.

## Section 8.3 Off-street Parking and Loading

### 8.3.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to ensure the proper and uniform development of off-street parking and loading areas. This shall be accomplished by requiring short-term storage of vehicles associated with the uses of buildings and land. These regulations will aid in minimizing any detrimental impacts of off-street parking and loading areas on adjacent properties and/or rights-of-way, while allowing for flexibility in addressing vehicle parking and loading.

### 8.3.2 Applicability

- A. Unless specifically exempt elsewhere in this UDC, all existing and proposed development shall provide off-street parking and loading facilities in accordance with this Section.
- B. With the exception of restriping parking lots or other routine maintenance which does not result in a reconfiguration of the parking spaces, any modification to existing off-street parking and loading facilities shall conform to the requirements of this Section.
- C. Unless specifically exempt from these requirements, the off-street parking and loading requirements shall not be reduced or modified beyond what this UDC allows.

### 8.3.3 General

- A. Location.
  1. Off-street parking for all uses shall be located on the same lot as the proposed use(s) unless a shared parking approval is issued.
  2. Garage space or space within buildings in basements or on the roofs of buildings may be used to meet the off-street parking requirements of this Section.
- B. Uses Not Permitted
 

Required off-street parking or loading areas are not be used for the display, sale, repair, dismantling, or servicing of any vehicle, equipment, or supplies unless provided elsewhere in this UDC.

### 8.3.4 Vehicle Parking in Residential Districts

#### A. Commercial Vehicle Parking

1. Except as provided herein, no commercial vehicle shall be allowed to park in any AG, R-15, R-25, RMD, or residential-only PUD District either on private property so zoned or on the streets abutting such property.
2. Exceptions
  - a. Any commercial vehicle actively engaged in loading or unloading of merchandise or passengers, or actively servicing a customer.
  - b. Any commercial vehicle under one- and one-half (1.5) tons in cargo capacity shall be allowed to be parked in a carport, driveway, or within a side yard or rear yard behind the main building line in accordance with other sections of this ordinance.
  - c. This section shall not apply to any vehicle in an enclosed building or not visible from any public place, street, right-of-way, or from any surrounding private property.

- d. This section shall not apply to vehicles on school property or on property of not-for-profit organizations.
  - e. Any government vehicle or other vehicle used for the primary purpose of transporting children to and from non-profit organizations, or state licensed accredited schools may park in said districts provided that such vehicle is not parked on any public street and is parked in the side or rear yard behind the main building line of the driver's dwelling.
3. Whenever any Police Officer finds a commercial vehicle stopped, standing, stored, or parked upon any alley, street, highway, or right-of-way that creates or would create an immediate public safety hazard or prevents public safety vehicles, which shall include, but not limited to, police, fire, and EMS vehicles, from traveling on or otherwise using such alley, street, highway or right-of-way, the police officer is hereby authorized:
- a. To require the driver or other person in charge of the commercial vehicle to move the vehicle to a position off of the alley, street, highway, or right-of-way; or
  - b. To provide for the removal of the vehicle to the nearest vehicle impound or other place of safety if the owner or other person in charge of the vehicle is unable or refuses to immediately move the vehicle to a position off of the alley, street, highway, or right-of-way.

#### **B. Recreational Vehicle (RV), Equipment, and Trailer Parking**

- 1. Except as provided herein, no motorized or non-motorized recreational vehicles, equipment, or trailers shall be parked or stored in any R-15, R-25 or RMD, or residential-only PUD district, either on private property so zoned or streets abutting such property for more than seventy-two (72) hours unless one of the following conditions is satisfied:
  - a. The motorized or non-motorized recreational vehicle, equipment, or trailer is parked in a side or rear yard behind the main building line in accordance with other sections of this ordinance.
  - b. The motorized or non-motorized recreational vehicle, equipment, or trailer is parked under a carport or in an enclosed garage or structure.
  - c. The motorized or non-motorized recreational vehicle, equipment, or trailer is completely out of public view from the street.
- 2. Motorized or non-motorized vehicles, equipment, or trailers parked or stored shall not have fixed connections to electricity, water, gas, or sanitary sewer facilities and at no time shall be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes in any R-15, R-25, RMD, or residential-only PUD district.
- 3. All motorized or non-motorized recreational vehicles, equipment, and trailers must be kept in good repair, carry a current year's license and registration, and be titled to or leased by one of the permanent occupants of the residence, or their temporary guest.