

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Barron, City Manager

FROM: David Salmon, P.E., City Engineer

VIA Eric Ferris, Deputy City Manager

DATE: August 6, 2018

SUBJECT: **Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Lewisville City Code, Section 15-133, Parking Buses, Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, Etc., by Extending the Time Permitted for Temporary Parking of Recreational Vehicles on Public Streets in Residential Zoning Districts.**

BACKGROUND

In response to resident complaints that the 20-minute time limit for parking of a recreational vehicle (RV) on a public street in front of the house is too short, staff researched similar ordinances in other cities for the permitted time for RV parking. Based on the research, staff proposes extending the permitted time for RV parking on a public street in residential zoning district to 4 hours.

ANALYSIS

Current city ordinance permits the parking of recreation vehicles on public streets for a duration of 20 minutes for loading and unloading passengers and/or contents. Staff has received complaints from citizens that this time limit does not provide them enough time to complete the loading or unloading of contents while parked on the public street in front of their residences. The 20-minute time limit which applies to busses, trailers, recreational vehicles and trucks was established in January 8, 2018 when the parking regulations for Old Town were established. Prior to that, the ordinance simply said ‘expeditious loading and unloading of passengers or contents’ which is undefined. The 20-minute time limit was chosen to so as not conflict with the 20-minute loading zones in Old Town.

Staff conducted research on the recreational vehicle (RV) parking ordinance in cities in the Dallas Fort Worth metroplex. The research indicated that cities have adopted ordinances with varied permitted times for RV parking on public streets in residential districts ranging from completely disallowing parking of RV’s to permitting them for 2 hours or 1 day or 3 days or 7 days or with a permit application approval etc. Based on the research, staff determined that permitting RV parking for 4 hours on a public street in residential zoning districts would be adequate time for residents to park a RV on the public street in front of their house and conduct the loading and unloading of passengers or contents. The 4-hour time limit will also inhibit the

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nuisance of extended parking of RV's on public streets. According to the Texas Transportation Code, an authority or law enforcement agency may remove personal property from a roadway right of way if the Authority or agency determines the property blocks the roadway or endangers public safety. Engineering staff reached out to the Police Department to get feedback regarding the proposed time limits for RV parking related to possible blocking of streets. According to the Police Department, there has not been a problem with blocked streets due to RV loading or unloading under the previous and current ordinances. Regardless of the time frame, all vehicles are required to be parked within 18 inches of the curb according to the Texas Transportation Code. Assuming vehicles are legally parked, the Police Department does not foresee a problem with blocked streets. A vehicle parked illegally (too far away from the curb) can be ticked and/or towed if creating a nuisance. Staff recommends the residential zoning districts where the temporary parking of RV's on public streets will be allowed are restricted to single-family attached or detached and two-family zoned districts only. RV parking would continue to be restricted to 20 minutes in other zoning districts.

At the August 7th, 2018 meeting, the Transportation Board considered this item and voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the item.

A Transportation Board member asked what the permitted time is for the parking of trucks or vans used for moving on residential streets. Per this ordinance, the permitted time for moving trucks or moving vans will still be 20 minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

It is City staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the ordinance as set forth in the caption above.