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ROW TRUCK PARKING

Transportation Workshop
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CHARLOTTE COUNTY
FLORIDA

County Roadway Network

The County is responsible for diverse roadway types, each serving unique traffic needs and local access requirements.

Functional Classifications:

-  **Residential Roads:** Priority local safety
-  **Collector Roads:** Neighborhood links
-  **Arterial Corridors:** Regional mobility



Legal Authority

316.006

Florida Statute

"Provides counties with jurisdiction over local streets and highways, including the regulation of parking on county-maintained roadways."



Existing County Regulatory



Section 2-4-2: Currently prohibits trucks on access roads along US41.

- It prohibits both through traffic and parking



Ordinance 2020-3: Amended section 2-4-79 to prohibit overnight parking on localized corridors. Specifically identifies the regulated roadways, such as Hinline Avenue, Paulson Drive, and Kenilworth Boulevard.



Escalating Parking Activity

The Growth Impact

- Truck parking challenges have increased due to the following:
 - Ongoing development
 - Increased commercial activity
 - No parking ordinance changes in other municipalities and in Charlotte County



Analysis of Core Issues



Safety Risks

Parked trucks obstruct visibility at critical intersections and driveways, significantly increasing crash risk for motorists.



Quality of Life

Residential areas suffer from excessive engine noise, visual blight, and potential loitering near private property.



Current Status

A fragmented approach spreads the issue to other roadways and leads to difficulty for code enforcement.



Infrastructure Damage

Heavy Loading Impact

Shoulders and pavement edges are not engineered for prolonged heavy vehicle loading. Consistent parking leads

to:

- Edge Cracking & Rutting
- Shoulder Erosion
- Accelerated Repair Costs



Staff's Process

- Staff has had many meetings with individuals from multiple department to discuss the issue and possible solutions
 - Public Works, Community Development, County Attorney's office, Sheriff's Office
- Trying to create an ordinance that would solve the issue and not create others
 - This was met with challenges and concerns

Challenges

How do we identify truck types?

- 6 wheels or larger
 - This would not include delivery size trucks
 - Trailers may have less than 6 wheels
- Staff discussed having a weight limit on trucks
 - That is subjective if staff does not have a scale

Location of No truck parking

- Should it be per street or Countywide



Challenges

Length of No Parking

- Any time
- Over night



Signage

- Sheriff's Office may want signage to enforce
- Staff feels it will be impossible to place signs in the County
 - Can place signs at County Access points; however, many are on state roads
 - Education and a grace period prior to enforcement



Operational Exceptions

To support local commerce and public safety, the following activities remain permitted:

-  Active loading and unloading operations
-  Emergency vehicle stops and staging



Parking in residential neighborhoods

Sec 3-9-79.01 Parking of boats, recreational vehicles, trucks, and trailers

- Parking of trucks and trailers capable of having tandem axles or 2 rear wheels per side shall be prohibited on private property in residential districts.
 - Exceptions – Tow trucks owned by property owner when on call, pick up trucks with no more than two rear wheels per side, service and delivery vehicles when engaging in loading, unloading, or service on the premises.

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Sec 3-9-79.01 Parking of boats, recreational vehicles, trucks, and trailers

- The following shall not be parked on any property less than 20,000 square feet or any undeveloped property in residential districts unless it is abutting a developed property and owned by the same property owner:
 - Cargo trailers with more than 4 wheels or greater than 20 feet in length, boat trailers with more than 6 wheels or tri-axles.
 - All boats or RVs shall not be stored or parked on stands or blocks

Parking in residential neighborhoods

Sec 3-9-79.01 Parking of boats, recreational vehicles, trucks, and trailers

- Boats, RVs, or trailers parked on private developed property:
 - Shall be the personal property of the owner, tenant, or guest, shall be operable, shall be licensed and registered, and shall be parked behind the leading edge of the principal building or within a paved driveway.
 - Shall not encroach upon any property line, and shall not be used for living, sleeping, housekeeping, or business purposes.

Parking in residential neighborhoods

Sec 3-9-79.01 Parking of boats, recreational vehicles, trucks, and trailers

- Storage of boats, RVs, or trailers on any public right of way or vacant property is prohibited in residential districts
- Motor vehicles which are not permitted on roadways by the state of Florida or Charlotte County must be stored within a fully enclosed building
 - Where golf carts are permitted, golf carts may be stored on a paved driveway

Board's Direction

- Would you like staff to consider creating a no truck parking ordinance?
- Location
 - County wide
 - Per location – where?
- Truck size
 - Trucks and trailers with more than 6 wheels
 - Trailers less than 6 wheels?
 - More than 10,000 lbs.



Board's Direction

- Length of No parking
 - Anytime
 - Over night
- Signage
 - Education with grace period
 - At county access points not including state roadways
 - No signs



Questions?

