



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Danny Barton, Chief of Police

**Date:** October 13, 2020

**Reference:** Ordinances Regulating Parking on Public Roadways

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**Introduction:** A review of the City's parking ordinances has revealed irregularities in definitions and times related to recreational vehicles and campers in the City of Coppell. Coppell City Ordinances 8-3-5, 9-5-1, and 9-2-5 A were discussed during work session at the July 13, 2020 City Council Meeting. Council agreed to further discuss changes to the ordinance once the discrepancies and outdated language were modernized and made clearer.

It was discussed that the two-hour time limit for some vehicles, including recreational vehicles and boats, may be unreasonable in today's times. Preparation and return cleaning and storage are often more laborious for today's modern recreational vehicles and boats. Parking concerns related to all other vehicles are also more complex and more time limit relief may be needed in certain circumstances.

**Proposal:** Legal Staff has drafted a proposed city ordinance that increases the time limit of various vehicles parked on public streets in residential areas to 48 hours.

Proposed Ordinance 8-3-5 B change states:

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to park on any public street within any residential area of the city, for a period longer than forty-eight (48) hours, any trailer, boat trailer, stock trailer, camper trailer with or without self-contain sanitation and water system, semitrailer, mobile home, motor coach, truck tractor or bus, farm tractor, house trailer, multi-function school bus, pole trailer, road tractor, special activity bus, special mobile equipment, school bus, recreational vehicle truck trailer.

The added vehicles define the numerous vehicles that are defined in Chapter 541 of the Texas Transportation Code that were not previously specified in the Ordinance.