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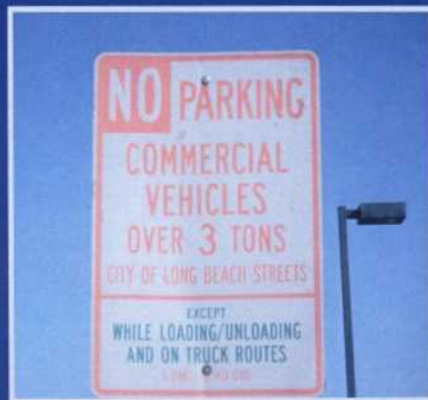
**LBMC 10.40.010**

**Long Beach City Council**

March 3, 2009

# Issue

Certain types of pickup trucks, for both business and personal use, cannot park on residential streets in the City



# Who defines and regulates commercial vehicles?

- Federal Government

*Manufacturing & Operating Laws*

- State of California

*Licensing & Operating Laws*

- Cities

*Parking & Routing Laws*

# What types of vehicles are we talking about?

Pickups



Box Vans



Utility Trucks



# How does Long Beach define a commercial vehicle?



Commercial Plates

+



Gross Vehicle Weight  
(Empty)

# How does Long Beach's definition compare with others?

- Surveyed 12 Southern California cities
- Many different combinations of criteria:
  - Commercial Plates
  - Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (Loaded)
  - Gross Vehicle Weight (Empty)
  - Height
  - Length
  - Width

What are the City's options?

# Option 1

Make no changes

## Result:

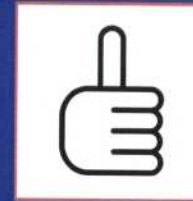
- Some truck owners who use their vehicle for personal use are not allowed to park on residential streets



# Option 1



Under 6,000 lbs.



Over 6,000 lbs.



Over 6,000 lbs.



## Option 2

Raise the empty weight to 8,000 lbs

### Results:

- Would allow larger vehicles to park in residential areas, including those used for business purposes
- Would require the replacement of signage

## Option 2



Heavy Duty  
Pickups



Box Vans



Utility Trucks



## Option 3

### Adopt a hybrid ordinance

- Maintain the 6,000 lbs (empty) weight
- Add 20 ft. length maximum
- Add signage/advertising criterion

#### Results:

- This will accommodate a wider range of resident vehicles, including some vehicles used for business purposes

# Option 3



Under 6,000 lbs.



Long Trucks  
(Over 20 ft.)



Over 6,000 lbs.  
w/Signage



# T & I Committee

February 2, 2009

- Of these three options, the T & I Committee, as well as the majority of the public in attendance, preferred Option 2
- Staff was also requested to further investigate the issue and advise the full City Council if other options were available
- Based on additional research and public input, staff has identified a fourth option

## Option 4

### Provide an exemption for pickup trucks

As defined by the State Vehicle Code:

A "pickup truck" is a vehicle with an empty weight of less than 8,001 lbs. and equipped with an open box-type bed not exceeding 9 ft. in length

#### Results:

- Utility trucks and box vans would not be allowed
- Most pickup trucks, including some used for business purposes, would be allowed
- Signs can remain as is

# Option 4



Pickups  
Under 8,000 lbs.



Utility Trucks  
Over 6,000 lbs



Box Vans  
Over 6,000 lbs.





# How would neighborhoods be affected?



# What does staff recommend?

Staff recommends Option 4, which provides an exemption for pickups under 8,000 lbs. (empty)

- Less restrictions on pickup-owning residents
- Signage remains the same
- Simplified enforcement

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