Community Parking District

CPD Restricts Residential Area Parking of:

- watercraft,
- boat trailers,
- motor homes,
- camping trailers, or
- any other trailer or semi-trailer, regardless of whether such trailer or semi-trailer is attached to another vehicle;
- any vehicle with three or more axles;
- any vehicle that has a gross vehicle weight rating of 12,000 or more pounds except school buses used on a current and regular basis to transport students;
- any vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver, except school buses used on a current and regular basis to transport students; and
- any vehicle of any size that is being used in the transportation of hazardous materials.

Large Area CPD Community Parking District Program (CPD) Large Area Application

On March 10, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the Fairfax County Code 82-5B to allow for a new process that can be used to create a large area CPD. This process augments the current petition based process which is still in use. In all cases, restrictions only apply to public streets in residential areas within any CPD.

For this new process, a district supervisor submits a request that would include all or most of their magisterial district. At this time Reston, Mount Vernon and Lee District have the CPD.

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Commercial Vehicles

Is the vehicle "Commercial"?

Per 82-5-7, a Commercial Vehicle is any of the following:

Any solid waste collection vehicle
Tractor / Trailer combination or apart
Dump Truck
Concrete Mixer Truck
Towing or Recovery Vehicle 12,000 lbs GVW or greater
Heavy Construction Equipment
Trailer or other vehicle which food or beverages are stored or sold
Trailer used to transport landscaping or lawn equipment
Contract Carrier or Limousine**1
Vehicle over 21 feet in length including appurtenances**2
Vehicle over eight feet in height including appurtenances**2
Vehicle over 102 inches in width**2
Vehicle with gross weight of 12,000 pounds or more**2
Vehicle carrying commercial freight in plain view

Exceptions:

**1 One vehicle per single family dwelling unit is permitted (house, apartment, condo, etc) The vehicle must be registered in Virginia to the address (dual registration is OK (DC and VA, etc))

**2 Vehicles used by a public service company as defined in 56.1, or others working on their behalf are allowed. Vehicles providing cable television services, such as Cox Cable 56.2-2108.1 are also allowed. School buses used on a current and regular basis to pick up students are permitted. Properly placarded private vehicles used to transport disabled persons are permitted. Moving vehicles such as a U-haul truck are permitted within 48 hours of the execution of the leasing contract. Vehicles used in the provision of propane gas service are also permitted

**3 Vehicles designed to be used as a camper or boat trailer or a single axle utility trailer are permitted, as long as the roadway has not been designated as part of a Community Parking District, 82-5B-7. Another change to the code clarifies enforcement on service roads that abut residential areas. The entire service roadway which abuts a residentially zoned area shall be deemed residential for the purposes of enforcement.

THE NEW LAW
Effective June 2009
Provides specific coverage of driving while texting. A secondary violation with a relatively low fine, it may be useful as a supplement to other already existing code provisions covering driving behavior frequently associated with distracted driving.

VIRGINIA CODE § 46.2-1078.1.
Use of handheld personal communications devices in certain motor vehicles……

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a moving motor vehicle on the highways in the Commonwealth while using any handheld personal communications device to: Manually enter multiple letters or text in the device as a means of communicating with another person; or Read any email or text message transmitted to the device or stored within the device,

C. No citation for a violation of this section shall be issued unless the officer issuing such citation has cause to stop or arrest the driver of such motor vehicle for the violation of some other provision of this Code …..

D. A violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a traffic infraction punishable, for a first offense, by a fine of $20...

D.W.D Driving While Distracted

A Virginia Tech study showed that of crash and near-crash occurrences, 80% of all crashes, and 65% of all near crashes involved a distracted driving incident within 3 seconds of the event.

How many of these things do you do while driving? Every time you get behind the wheel while distracted, your chances of a crash increase. Don't take any more chances:

TEXTING	23 TIMES INCREASE IN CRASH RISK
REACHING FOR A MOVING OBJECT	9 TIMES INCREASE IN CRASH RISK
DRIVING DROWSY	5 TIMES INCREASE IN CRASH RISK
USING A CELL PHONE	4 TIMES INCREASE IN CRASH RISK
LOOKING AT AN EXTERNAL OBJECT	4 TIMES INCREASE IN CRASH RISK
READING	4 TIMES INCREASE IN CRASH RISK
DIALING A PHONE	3 TIMES INCREASE IN CRASH RISK
APPLYING MAKEUP	3 TIMES INCREASE IN CRASH RISK

Since cell phone use occurs more frequently and for longer duration, this is the #1 source of driver inattention behind the wheel.

DON'T DRIVE DISTRACTED.

Think about all the things you do behind the wheel besides driving...now think about how many times you've had a close call. Half a million people were injured each year and another 6,000 were killed by drivers who were distracted, particularly by their phones (U.S. Department of Transportation). Some studies have even shown that texting while driving is just as dangerous as driving drunk (Car and Driver Magazine). Operating a multi-ton vehicle requires full attention. Put the phone away, minimize your distractions and don't use your drive time as your down time.