



Parking Ordinance Revisions

Board Transportation Committee

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Background

- September 2013 - Request was made by the Board to review the “Parking” section of the Fairfax County Ordinance, Chapter 82, Article 5 to account for new technology, parking management and community needs as the County begins to urbanize.
- February 2014 - A list of parking issues to be considered was distributed to each Supervisor office.
- Spring 2014 - Proposed ordinance revisions were discussed with Board aides from each district.
- Spring 2014 to July 2016 – FCDOT worked with the Office of the County Attorney and Fairfax County Police to develop proposed ordinance revisions.
- October 2016 – Present proposed ordinance changes to the Board Transportation Committee.



Goals

- Clarify ordinance language to allow better enforcement.
- Address existing parking problems such as “unattended vehicles” and habitation in vehicles.
- Update the parking meter or “pay for parking” section to reflect current and future technology.



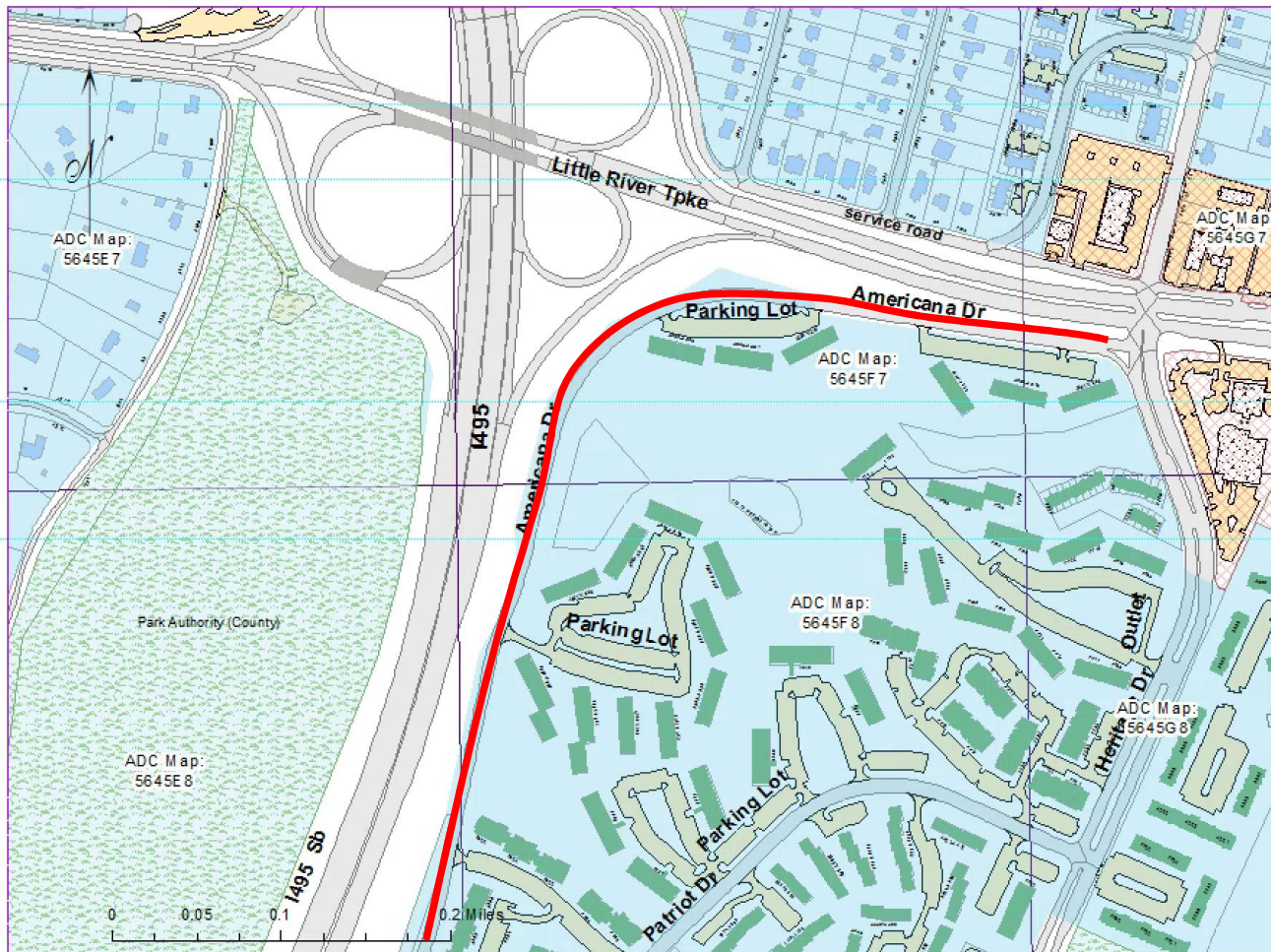
Proposed Changes

Issue: Commercial vehicles are parking across the street from residential areas.

- Revise Section 82-5-7 to designate certain roadways as “Residential”
 - The existing ordinance allows for certain situations where both sides of a street are treated as “residential” for parking purposes, even if one side of the street is adjacent to commercial or industrial zoned property or adjacent to a roadway.
 - This proposed ordinance revision would allow roadways adjacent to government owned property to be treated as “residential” for parking purposes (see Americana Drive example on next slide).



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Proposed Changes

Issue: There are a variety of “pay for parking” methods available but the current ordinance allows only for coin operated parking meters.

- Revise parking meter ordinances (Sections 82-5-11 through 82-5-17). Revised ordinance would allow for multiple forms of “pay for parking”:
 - Coin or credit card accepting parking meters
 - In-vehicle parking meters (similar to EZ pass)
 - Multi-space parking meters (parking kiosk)
 - Electronic payment option (no physical meter)
 - Future systems
- There are currently no on-street parking meters on VDOT maintained roadways in the County. County staff, as designated by the County Executive, would have the authority to create “Pay for Parking” zones under this ordinance.



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Proposed Changes

Issue: Businesses are storing fleets of vehicles on public streets.

- Revise Section 82-5-19 (Parking for certain purposes prohibited).
 - New section to prevent “fleet vehicle” storage on public right-of-way. Includes vehicles owned or leased by a company. Also includes vehicles offered for rent or lease by a company.
 - Also, delete the provision prohibiting signs indicating that a vehicle is offered to sale or rent. This change is being made based on guidance from the Office of the County Attorney based on enforceability issues.



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Proposed Changes

Issue: Difficult to enforce existing ordinance because “unattended” is not specifically defined

- Revise Section 82-5-29 to define what unattended means.
 - Existing provision requires only that a vehicle be “attended to” and “moved”. Neither “attended to” nor “moved” is specifically defined. This provision has not been enforced.
 - Proposed modification would require that a vehicle must be moved every 10 days at least 100 feet unless the vehicle is parked within 1,000 feet of the property line where the vehicle is registered.



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Proposed Changes

Issue: People living in vehicles on public streets

- Add a new ordinance section (82-5-42) to prohibit habitation in vehicles parked on public streets.
 - No vehicle could be used for human habitation on any public property or public right-of-way.



Proposed Changes

Issue: Vehicle repair and maintenance occurring within the public right-of-way

- Add a new ordinance section (82-5-43) to prohibit maintenance of parked vehicles in the right-of-way.
 - No vehicle maintenance would be permitted within the public right-of-way.
 - Exception would be made for emergency minor repairs such as brakes, electrical or fuel systems and tire repairs.



Next Steps

- Possible revisions based on Board comments
- OCA review of the proposed final ordinance language
- Authorization of a Public Hearing
- Public Hearing and Board Action on the proposed ordinance language



Questions?