

# Update on Parking Ordinance Revisions

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#### Purpose of Briefing

 To discuss two of the proposed parking ordinance amendments remaining from the February 2017 Board Transportation Committee meeting.

#### Background

- September 2013 Request made by the Board to review the "Parking" section of the Fairfax County Ordinance, Chapter 82, Article 5.
- February 2014 A list of parking issues to be considered was distributed to each Supervisor office.
- Spring 2014 Proposed ordinance revisions discussed with Board aides.
- Spring 2014 to July 2016 FCDOT worked with the Office of the County Attorney and Fairfax County Police to develop proposed revisions.

#### Background (continued)

- October 2016 Proposed ordinance changes presented to the BTC, who provided additional comments.
- February 2017 BTC feedback on proposed changes to parking regulations. Board directed FCDOT to move forward with five out of the seven proposed changes. An item to authorize a public hearing for the five items is scheduled for December 5, 2017.

#### Remaining Items

#### **Continued Discussion**

- 1. Police are unable to enforce the existing ordinance related to "unattended" vehicles, because "unattended" is not specifically defined.
- 2. Businesses are storing fleets of vehicles on public streets.

#### **Unattended Vehicles**

**Issue:** The term "Unattended" is not specifically defined and unenforceable under the current ordinance.

Currently, any vehicle can park at any legal parking space for an unlimited amount of time. The purpose of the amendment is to modify that.

**Proposed Amendment:** Revise Section 82-5-29 to define "unattended" vehicles. Proposed modification would require that a vehicle be moved at least 300 feet every <u>10 days</u>.

An exception would be made to allow a vehicle to be parked within 1,000 feet of the property line where the vehicle is registered. (Distance measured will be based on roadway centerline)

**Purpose:** Proposed change would provide Fairfax County Police the mechanism to enforce violations under this code.

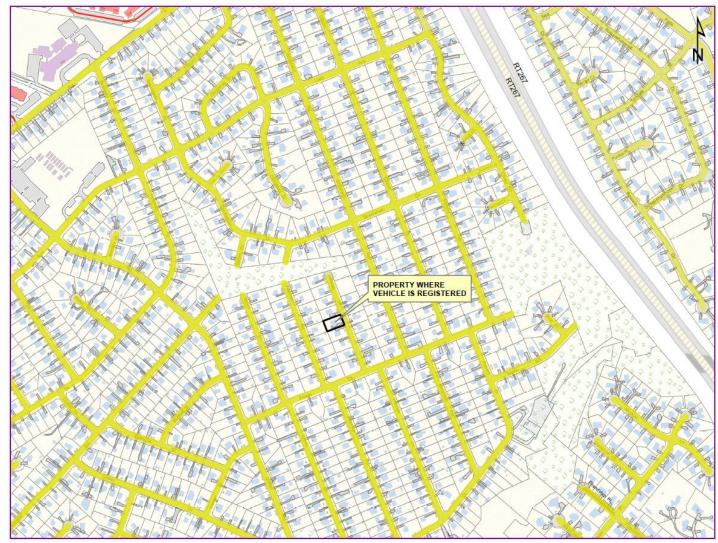
Concerns from February 2017 BTC Meeting: 1,000 foot distance that vehicles may park from property line is not restrictive enough.

Note: Currently most unattended vehicle issues are in commercial and industrial areas.

 Vehicles would be considered "unattended" after 10 days

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 <b>X</b>	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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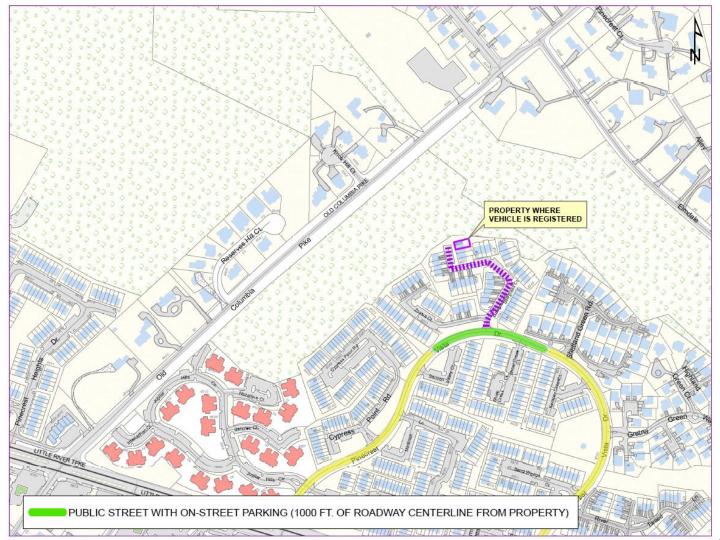
 Example of public streets where a resident can currently park with no time limit



- Example of public streets where a resident can park for longer than 10 days (with proposed changes)
- 1000 Ft. of linear roadway centerline from property where vehicle is registered



 1000 linear feet from the property line where the vehicle is registered



Staff recommends that the Board move forward with the code modification to define unattended vehicles.

#### Fleet Vehicles

Issue: Fleet vehicles are parked on public streets.

**Proposed Amendment:** Modification to Section 82-5-19 to add fleet vehicle parking restrictions.

**Purpose:** To prohibit the parking of fleet vehicles on public streets.

**Concerns from February 2017 BTC Meeting:** The terms "storage" and "fleet" were not clear.

#### Proposed Fleet and Storage Definitions

**Fleet:** The term "fleet" refers to vehicles and/or trailers, greater than one, that a company owns or leases that are used in the normal business operations of a company. Fleet vehicles also include vehicles intended to be rented or leased to individuals or organizations.

(\*See notes on the following slide)

**Storage:** The term "storage" refers to fleet vehicles parked on public streets, when not in use. This includes fleets of revolving inventory.

\*Does not apply to any commercial vehicle when picking up or discharging passengers, or when temporarily parked pursuant to the performance of work or service at a particular location. (Fairfax County Code 82-5-7)

\*Does not apply to a single taxicab or limousine per home or to Transportation Network Company vehicles pursuant to the code of Virginia 46.2-2099.50

\*During the time that one vehicle is rented or leased by an individual or organization, it is no longer considered a fleet vehicle

Not in Violation of Fleet Ordinance (not greater than one)





#### Would be considered Fleet Vehicles



Staff recommends that the Board move forward with the code modification to restrict the parking of fleet vehicles on public streets.

#### Next Steps

- 1. Feedback from the Board Transportation Committee on staff recommendations.
- 2. Develop proposed ordinance language in conjunction with OCA.
- 3. Authorization of a Public Hearing, anticipated in spring 2018.
- 4. Public Hearing and Board Action on the proposed ordinance language.

## Questions / Discussion