Commercial Vehicles

Do you know about Fairfax County’s zoning rules regarding Commercial Vehicles on residential lots?

- Par. 16 of Article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance regulates commercial vehicles on residential lots.

- For zoning purposes, a commercial vehicle is defined as a vehicle which bears or displays indicators that the vehicle is designed or used for commercial purposes, regardless of capacity, or is licensed as a “for hire” vehicle.

- One (1) commercial vehicle may be parked on a residential lot provided that it is owned and/or operated by the occupant of the residence, and is not a prohibited commercial vehicle.

- Prohibited commercial vehicles include:
  - Vehicles that are greater than 21 feet long or 8.5 feet wide or 8 feet high, including appurtenances;
  - Towing and recovery vehicles;
  - Vehicles carrying commercial freight in plain view;
  - Trailers used for transporting equipment, whether attached or unattached to another vehicle;
  - Vehicles with three (3) or more axles;
  - Solid waste collection vehicles, tractors and/or trailers of trucks, dump trucks, cement mixer trucks, construction equipment, or similar such vehicles or equipment;
  - Food Trucks.

- For complaints about commercial vehicles on public streets, contact the Police Department at 703-691-2131.

To report a possible violation:

Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance
12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035
Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711
Web: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code)

To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.

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