

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
Any trailer or semi trailer attached or not to another vehicle**3

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 56.2-2108.2 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.

These vehicles were previously not considered “Commercial” for parking purposes. Beginning February 1, 2010, they will be.



The vehicle is over 8 feet high, 21 feet in length and over 12,000 lbs GVW



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Utility Trailer with two or more axles



Cargo Trailer



Cargo Trailer



Over 21 feet in length including appurtenances



Out of state cab needs additional VA license

These vehicles remain legal



Less than 21 feet, 8 feet, 12,000 lbs



Single Axle Utility Trailer



Less than 8 feet high, less than 21 feet long, 4000 lbs GVW per DMV



Less than 8 feet high including ladders



Cab registered in VA to a residential address



Cable service vehicle is exempt