

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 06/16/08

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: On-Street Parking of Large Vehicles

REPORT BY: Mike McQuiston, Chief of Police

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council refer to the Traffic and Safety Commission a review of the current City ordinances regulating the parking of large commercial and recreational vehicles for recommendations to City Council regarding possible modification of existing regulations.

BACKGROUND

Vice-Mayor Atkinson has asked for a review of current city ordinances regulating the parking of large vehicles in residential areas.

DISCUSSION

Some residential neighborhoods in Albany, particularly the Masonic Avenue and Buchanan Street corridors (and adjacent streets), experience an increased level of *on-street storage* of large vehicles. These vehicles typically appear to be principally used for either commercial enterprise or recreational use. From time to time, overnight camping takes place in some of these vehicles. Unattended utility trailers (with or without loads) as well as boat trailers are also sometimes stored in the public right-of-way.

Based upon the investigation of periodic complaints received by the police department, on-street storage of these vehicles:

- Affects the quality of life in these neighborhoods
- May pose a hazard to other vehicles and pedestrians

The Albany Municipal Code presently contains provisions and prohibitions that address a multitude of violations, including abandoned vehicles and overnight parking of vehicles 8,000lbs or more however, enforcement efforts have only yielded a minimal impact on this activity and its neighborhood effects. Review of the existing relevant ordinances is requested.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None for referral to Traffic and Safety Commission review.