

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM43.12	ACTION			Ward: All
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Parking commercial plated 24 hour service vehicles on driveways in residential zones - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Housing Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to review zoning regulations that restrict outdoor parking of commercially licensed vehicles on private property in residential areas, with consideration for the need for vehicle operators to have convenient parking for commercial vehicles available near their residence, and to report to the Planning and Housing Committee on the outcome of the review with any appropriate recommendations for zoning by-law amendments.

Summary

The prohibition of driveway parking of commercial vehicles in residential neighbourhoods is creating an unforeseen problem for some residents. The zoning restrictions fail to take into account the special needs of residents whose work requires them to be on-call around-the-clock to provide rapid emergency services using a company van or other commercially licensed vehicle.

Examples of employers providing 24-hour service include hydro and natural gas utilities, property management firms, fire alarm services and elevator repair companies among others. To facilitate an immediate emergency service response, service workers in these companies are often required to park a company service vehicle at home. These workers need driveway parking for company vehicles that is easily accessible and unblocked by other vehicles at their residence. Current zoning bylaws only permit the parking of commercially-plated vehicles inside of residential garages.

Background Information (City Council)

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