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## **Memorandum**

**DATE:** May 1, 2000  
**TO:** Mayor Satterthwaite and the Urbana City Council  
**FROM:** Steve Holz  
**RE:** Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Urbana Local  
Traffic Code (Storage of Boats on Streets)

The attached proposed Ordinance was prepared at the request of Alderman Whelan to address some recurring problems with storage of boats on public streets. The Local Traffic Code currently prohibits the parking of trucks over  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton capacity and construction vehicles not engaged in construction activity for periods longer than 4 consecutive hours. The restriction applies to public streets in any residential (R) District. (Local Traffic Code, Section 23-202(b)). The proposal would add a subparagraph (d) to that Section, similarly prohibiting the parking or storage of any type of trailer for periods of longer than 4 consecutive hours if it is not hooked to an otherwise lawfully parked vehicle.

Under the proposal, the penalty for violating that provision would be the same as the penalty for violating other subparagraphs under that Section 23-202.

To place this proposal in context, I attach also a copy of the pertinent section of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance (Section VIII-3.G.), which regulates the parking of commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, water craft, and off-the-road vehicles on private property in residential zoning districts.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE**  
**(Storage of Boats on Streets);**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA,  
ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

***Section 1.***

That Article XV, Section 23-202 of the URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE is amended, as follows, with the underlined text indicating new language and the strikethrough text indicating deletions:

**ARTICLE XV. REGULATING THE KINDS AND CLASSES OF TRAFFIC ON  
CERTAIN HIGHWAYS**

**Sec. 23-201. Load restrictions upon vehicles using certain  
highways.**

When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall operate any vehicle with a gross weight in excess of the amounts specified at any time upon any of the streets or parts of streets so posted.

**Sec. 23-202. Commercial vehicles - parking restrictions  
and prohibition on ~~prohibited from using certain streets;~~  
Parking restrictions for trailers.**

(a) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall operate any commercial vehicle exceeding the posted gross weight at any time upon any of the streets or part of streets described in Schedule O, except that such vehicles may be operated thereon for the purpose of delivering or picking up materials or merchandise and then only by entering such street at the intersection nearest the destination of the vehicle and proceeding thereon no farther than the nearest intersection thereafter.

(b) Parking of vehicles licensed as trucks over three-quarter (3/4) ton capacity and construction vehicles not engaged in a construction activity at a site which has been authorized by the city shall not be permitted on any public street right-of-way in any (R) residential district, as listed in the Urbana Zoning Ordinance, provided that this provision shall not apply to parking such vehicles for a period of less than four (4) consecutive hours.

(c) For the purposes of this section, construction vehicles shall be defined as those vehicles which have as their primary purpose the excavation of earth, the placement of construction materials, or the removal of debris or earth from a site. This definition includes, but is not limited to, backhoes, cranes, bulldozers, trenchers and similar equipment.

(d) Parking or storage of any type of trailer not hooked to an otherwise lawfully parked vehicle shall not be permitted on any public street right-of-way in any (R) residential district, as listed in the Urbana Zoning Ordinance, provided that this provision shall not apply to parking such trailers for a period of less than four (4) consecutive hours.

**Sec. 23-203. Size restrictions upon vehicles using certain highways.**

(a) It is hereby determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the size permitted by state law is greater than physical conditions will allow upon the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule P.

(b) When signs are erected giving notice thereof, no person shall operate any vehicle exceeding the dimensions specified in said schedule.

**Sec. 23-204. Restrictions upon use of streets by certain vehicles.**

(a) The city traffic engineer is hereby authorized, upon approval of the city council, to determine and designate those heavily traveled streets or portions thereof upon which shall be prohibited any class or kind of traffic which is found to be incompatible with the normal and safe movement of traffic and shall erect appropriate official control devices giving notice thereof.

(b) When signs are so erected giving notice thereof, no person shall disobey the restrictions stated on such signs.

**Section 2.**

All ordinances, resolutions, motions, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**Section 3.**

This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

**Section 4.**

The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES:

NAYS:

PRESENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM

I, Phyllis D. Clark, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois.

I certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the corporate authorities of the City of Urbana passed and approved Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE URBANA LOCAL TRAFFIC CODE (Storage of Boats on Streets)**," which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the Urbana City Building commencing on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and continuing for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request at the Office of the City Clerk.

DATED at Urbana, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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CITY CLERK