

REQUEST FOR LEGAL OPINION

August 23, 2021

As Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Board of Representatives I would like to ask the assistance of the Stamford Legal Department in providing legal opinions to our Committee related to:

Item T30.068 “REVIEW: The Ability of Commercial Vehicles to Park in Front of Residential Properties”

The Transportation Committee wishes to consider clarifications and/or changes to the descriptions of vehicles that may be restricted from parking on Residential Streets. Before considering what changes should be suggested, the Committee wishes to assure itself that such changes would not violate State laws or City Zoning or other City Ordinances covering such parking. Thus we are requesting confirmation that there are no existing laws, Zoning Regulations or Ordinances, at either State or local level, that would prevent us from proposing an Ordinance that would restrict parking by:

- 1> Motor vehicles, including Trucks, that are smaller than the current 18,000 lb limit, either with or without specification as to requiring Commercial Drivers licenses and propose height restrictions (none in current ordinance)
- 2> Non-motorized vehicles, including but not limited to, semitrailers, boat trailers, horse trailers, and house trailers, that are smaller than the current 18,000 lb limit
- 3> Specific types of Trucks, such as garbage or haulage trucks regardless of size. (broadened definition of commercial vehicles)

By these questions I do not mean to suggest that the Transportation Committee will wish to propose such changes, only to clarify that such changes, if proposed, would be legally within our remit.

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Chairman, Transportation Committee