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TO: Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk
FROM: Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, District 4
COPIES: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; Joe Frank Picazo, Interim Assistant to the City Manager; Emily McGinn, Assistant to the City Council
SUBJECT: Designated Oversized Vehicle Parking Facility
DATE: Thursday, April 4, 2024

Issue for Proposed Consideration

After coordinating this Council Consideration Request (CCR) with the City Manager, I respectfully request for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Requesting consideration of the Designated Oversized Vehicle Parking Facility CCR

Brief Background

The past several years, residents have been dealing with oversized parking in their neighborhoods. In 2018, in an attempt to curb violations, the City of San Antonio increased the citation from \$35 to \$500¹. More recently, the Public Safety Committee heard a proposal to ban overnight parking in another attempt to rectify the issue. Residents who attended Public Comment at the committee meeting on March 29, 2024, stated some concerns about outreach efforts on this proposal.

Residents also expressed concerns that this new ban would negatively affect drivers of these oversized vehicles, who rely on their vehicles for work. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor

¹ <https://www.ksat.com/news/2018/03/06/city-cracking-down-on-oversized-vehicles-parked-in-residential-areas/>



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Statistics, Texas ranks number one with the highest employment of truck drivers. They estimate that the mean hourly and annual wages in Texas are \$26 and \$55,000, respectively². This type of work can help a family make a good living and provide more than basic services.

While some large retail stores allow for overnight oversized parking, e.g. Wal-Mart & Home Depot, etc., these arrangements are not permanent. Large retail spaces have been converting empty parking lots to more retail stores, minimizing availability for oversized parking. With no guarantee that these commercial spaces will continue to allow this type of parking, truck drivers are left without a place to safely store their main source of income.

The City of San Antonio must balance the need of neighborhoods and protect workers in an industry that provides a decent salary and helps move our goods across the state and the country.

Request

I respectfully ask that the City of San Antonio:

1. Conduct more outreach opportunities to hear from drivers and residents on the issue.
2. Analyze existing private spaces that allow oversized parking for rent or free of charge.
3. Develop a plan to initiate a designated facility for oversized parking with city owned land, in partnership with the impoundment facility space, or through means of a contract with private businesses.

Submitted for Council consideration by:

Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia

² <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes533032.htm>



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