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**VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE  
BOARD REPORT**

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**TO:** VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
**FROM:** WALTER MAGDZIARZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
PAT ROLLINS, CHIEF OF POLICE  
**SUBJECT:** DISCUSSION: VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS/STORAGE OF VEHICLES (TRUCKS)  
**AGENDA:** FEBRUARY 7, 2022 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
**DATE:** FEBRUARY 3, 2023

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**ISSUE**

Shall the Village Board discuss a parking and storage regulations for oversized vehicles (namely, trucks) primarily on residential lots in the Village.

**DISCUSSION**

The Police Department and Community Development Department both have responsibility in regulating oversized vehicle parking and storage in residential areas through the vehicle regulations (Title 6) and the zoning regulations (Title 11), respectively. Back in 2016 the Village Board approved Village Code amendments that removed the conflicts between the two Titles of the Village Code.

The oversized vehicle ("truck parking") regulations exist to prevent trucks, semi-tractors, dump trucks, step vans, box trucks, wreckers and the like from populating residential neighborhoods primarily because these vehicles are out of scale with residential homes and lots. Some communities cast a wider net to prohibit trucks like service/utility trucks and mechanics trucks and in exceptional case, even commercial vehicles of all types, including pick-up trucks. HOA's usually have even stricter requirements or outright prohibitions and would prevail over the Village requirements.

The truck spectrum ranges from pick-ups and vans to semi-tractors, box trucks and specialty vehicles like concrete mixers and tank trucks. The issue with the truck parking regulations is not the types at the large end, but rather those at the pick-up end of the spectrum. The basic truck types in the attachment show the most common truck types. Within these truck types there are numerous variations. When you see the number of different truck types you begin to understand why regulating them by type is not without its issues.

The Village Code amendment in 2016 helped to provide more consistency in enforcement of the regulations and changed the regulations from describing prohibited vehicles to relying upon the license plate classification, since the plate classification was weight-based and the plate classification made enforcement much easier. Since then, however, the State of Illinois re-classified truck plates which added a new classification and muddled the waters.

The “C” truck plate (8,001-10,000 pounds) classification was added. Currently, the Village Code limits truck parking to Class “D” or smaller. The new current State Class “D” plate is for vehicles (trucks) that are 10,001-12,000 pounds. There are other plate classifications (“E” thru “Z” based on vehicle weight) but these are for vehicles even larger (box trucks, dump trucks, semi-tractors) and clearly inappropriate for parking in a residential neighborhood.

The “C” plate classification creates inconveniences for residents and enforcement. It is not unusual for a pick-up truck to display “C” or “D” plates. The result is one homeowner can park his pick-up truck in the driveway and the neighbor with “D” plates on his pick-up cannot. Moreover, we are aware of circumstances in the Village where residents use the specialty truck, i.e., mechanics truck or utility truck, as a primary vehicle or are on 24 hour call and need the vehicle at their residence.

There appears to be several choices to consider:

- Apply the new Class “C” as the threshold, accepting that there will be inequalities created
- Retain Class “D” as the threshold, accepting that there will be some truck types that may be unacceptable by some
- Retain Class “D” as the threshold but add a list of prohibited trucks using the attached illustrations

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Truck types, illustrated
- Illinois Secretary of State truck plate classifications

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Village Board discuss and provide input and direction to Village staff in order to prepare an Ordinance amending the Village Code, if necessary, and to apply appropriate enforcement action.



service/utility truck



flatbed truck



bucket/bloom trucks



step vans



mechanics trucks



contractor's truck



landscape trucks



wrecker/tow trucks



heavy duty wrecker/recovery truck



semi-tractor, day cab



semi-tractor, sleeper cab



semi-tractor, yard truck



Box trucks



Refrigerated Box truck



Stake truck
















Others not shown: tank truck, crane truck, dump truck



Cargo vans



## Flat Weight Trucks (over 8,000 pounds) License Plates Guide

 <p>Class D 10,001-12,000 lbs</p>	 <p>Class F 12,001-16,000 lbs.</p>	 <p>Class H 16,001-26,000 lbs.</p>	 <p>Class J 26,001-28,000 lbs.</p>
 <p>Class K 28,001-32,000 lbs.</p>	 <p>Class L 32,001-36,000 lbs.</p>	 <p>Class N 36,001-40,000 lbs.</p>	 <p>Class P 40,001-45,000 lbs.</p>
 <p>Class Q 45,001-50,000 lbs.</p>	 <p>Class R 50,001-54,999 lbs.</p>	 <p>Class S 55,000-59,500 lbs.</p>	 <p>Class T 59,501-64,000 lbs.</p>
 <p>Class V 64,001-73,280 lbs.</p>	 <p>Class X 73,281-77,000 lbs.</p>	 <p>Class Z 77,001-80,000 lbs.</p>	

Source: Illinois Secretary of State