



Commercial Vehicles

Do you know about Fairfax County's zoning rules regarding Commercial Vehicles on residential lots?

A commercial vehicle is defined, in part, as a vehicle which bears or displays indicators that the vehicle is designed or used for commercial purposes, including but not limited to box trucks, step vans, or vehicles specifically designed to carry tools or specialized equipment, regardless of capacity, or which is licensed as a "for hire" vehicle.

Article 4 of the Zoning Ordinance regulates commercial vehicles on residential lots. The parking of one commercial vehicle per dwelling unit is allowed, subject to the following limitations:

- The commercial vehicle must be owned or operated only by the occupant of the dwelling unit where it is parked.
- The following commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking in a residential district:
 - ◆ Food trucks, solid waste collection vehicles, tractors and trailers of tractor-trailers, dump trucks, construction equipment, cement-mixer trucks, and towing and recovery vehicles;
 - ◆ Vehicles, including any appurtenances attached to the vehicle, that are greater than 21 feet in length, eight feet in height, or eight and one-half feet in width;
 - ◆ Vehicles carrying commercial freight in plain view;
 - ◆ Trailers used for transporting equipment, whether attached or unattached to another vehicle;
 - ◆ Vehicles with three or more axles; or
 - ◆ Vehicles or equipment that are similar to those identified above.

For complaints about commercial vehicles on public streets, contact the Police Department at 703-691-2131.



To report a possible violation:

Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance
12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

Phone: 703-324-1300, TTY 711

Web: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Code Compliance.



This Fairfax County, VA Publication (published July, 2021 summarizes a few regulations. See relevant codes for specific requirements.