



## Cooper City Commission Meeting Agenda Item Request Form

**Commission Meeting/Workshop Date:** April 27, 2021

**Requesting Department:** Community Development

**Subject:** Code Change # 60-67 (8 items for review)  
25-10 Parking of Commercial Vehicles, RV's and  
Boats & Definition updates

**Section:**

*Presentation*

*Consent*

*Regular*

*Discussion*

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**Background and Recommendation (attach backup material to Item Request Form):**

**BACKGROUND / DESCRIPTION:** The following proposed code changes are recommendations discussed at the 3/30/21 Workshop.

1) Change “Trailer” language - Chapter 25-10 – The proposed trailer language simply adds the word “any type of” to the regulations as they relate to trailers. Under the commercial vehicle ordinance everything is grouped together whether it is commercial vehicles, RV’s or trailers. Code Enforcement would like to establish that any type of trailer would need to meet the guidelines of this chapter in regards to storing or keeping said trailer for any period of time in the public street, public right-of-way or privately owned property in residentially zoned districts.

2) Commercial vehicles and trailers allowed behind a 6’ fence. No portion of a vehicle or trailer parked or stored pursuant to this subsection shall exceed ten (10) feet in height and shall not have any signage or letter visible.

3) Increase boat/RV height to 13 ft total height. – Chapter 25-10(a)1c – This proposed change is to increase the allowed boat, RV height and commercial vehicle height from 10ft as it currently stands to a total height of 13ft. Most standard boats on a trailer and RV’s surpass the 10ft height requirement of our code. This change would alleviate resident’s need of trying to find locals storage lots which can have long waiting lists and allow them to park on the side of their homes while still meeting all guidelines of this chapter. Language has also been added to address appearance issues.

4) Eliminate required cover for boat/RV – Chapter 25-10(a)1c – This proposed change is color coded in blue in you backup material and it proposes to eliminate the required cover for boats and RV’s. The current code reads that the boat or RV must be screened from public view by a form-fitting cover conforming with the standard designed contour of the vehicle or boat. Said form-fitting cover must be maintained in good, clean condition, such that there is no fading, tearing, or holes in the cover that are not part of its intended design and no

accumulated dirt, mold, debris or other material on the cover. The covers are for aesthetics only as it doesn't screen the boat/RV from the public view. Many of the covers are very costly and they deteriorate over time.

5) Keep the registration process in place to ensure boat/RV is registered to the homeowner, height is acceptable and add language for "right to inspect annually".

6) Add allowance for 36hrs of parking of a boat or RV in the front yard for preparation.

7) Eliminate the outdated variance fee – Chapter 25-10(c)1 – This proposed change is simply eliminating the reference to an outdated variance fee and reference to the City Clerk's office processing a variance request.

8) Update the definitions, section 21-8 with reference of FDOT vehicle reference/classification for Commercial vehicle and RV per chart (HSMV 83140 tax classification).

**Attachments:**

1. [Ordinance 21-14](#)
2. [Strikethrough/underline language & FDOT HSMV 83140, tax classification](#)

**Approvals:**

Finance Director

City Manager

City Clerk