

TO: Mayor and City Council of the City of Dacula

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SUBJECT: Ordinance Amendment – Parking regulations

The Marshal’s Department has received multiple complaints in regards to parking. The number of complaints are increasing and the Department currently does not have a mechanism in place to rectify the situation.

Complaints include residents maintaining their vehicles in a public road, parking commercial vehicles / trailers / boats in the street, and parking in a roundabout. These practices can create dangerous situations for residents by obstructing the flow of traffic and inhibiting line of sight.

Additional complaints include parking on grass / dirt in the front yard. Grassed areas are susceptible to damage from continual long-term parking. Said damage can include trenches, bare soil, and erosion washout.

Staff recommends amending the current ordinance in a holistic manner to address these concerns and prevent new issues from arising. The provided Amendments include, but are not limited to:

- Vehicles in excess of one-half ton, truck campers, camper trailers, motor homes, boats, boat trailers, utility trailers, and other recreational vehicles are limited to one-hour parking on a public street. Service vehicles actively engaged in a service, such as landscaping, are permitted to park in a public street for up to 12 hours (Sec. 26-152).
- “It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle or other vehicle to park the vehicle in or on any traffic circle or roundabout at any time” (Sec. 26-154(b)).
- Restricting vehicle parking to hard surface areas (concrete, asphalt, greenspace, grasscrete, pavers, and / or contained gravel) and limiting the

hard surface area in the front yard to 30% for single-family detached residences and 35% to single-family attached residences (Sec. 26-160).

- “No parking areas, public street, highway or other public place may be used for the sale, repair, dismantling, assembly, servicing or long-term storage of any vehicles or equipment, unless permitted by the zoning district in which the area is located” (Sec. 26-161).

Staff recommends approving the provided Ordinance to amend the City’s Parking Regulations effective immediately.

Best Regards,

Brittni Nix, Director of Planning & Economic Development