



Milton Police Department

To: Milton Common Council
From: Scott Marquardt, Chief of Police
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Subject: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Revisions to Semi Parking Ordinance 2020-478

Summary

Since the ordinance revisions made in October 2019, semi parking on Commerce Way has been occurring with few issues. In a recent review of the ordinances, police department staff noted some language that needs revision.

Our current ordinance language, revised in October 2019, states the following: 70-154(c) – “Parking of truck trailers and semitrailers is prohibited on streets and public spaces except as otherwise provided in Sec. 70-183(b).”

First, it was noticed that semi tractors are not included in the language. City staff suspects that the omission of tractors from the language was an oversight that occurred at some point during the multiple revisions of the language over three readings. The proposed revision reads as follows:

70-154(c) – “Parking of truck tractors, semitrailers and trucks 12,000 pounds or more gross weight is prohibited on streets and public spaces except as otherwise provided in Sec. 70-183(b).

A second issue we discovered is in the section allowing parking on Commerce Way. Our current language states the following: 70-183(b) - “This division shall not prohibit the parking of truck tractors on Commerce Way, provided that any truck tractor cannot be parked more than 48 hours in a 7 day period.”

Due to a misunderstanding of the final version of the ordinance, the police department has permitted truck tractors with attached trailers to park on Commerce Way, even though the language does not include attached trailers. The practice of allowing tractor-trailer combinations to park on Commerce Way has caused no issues and the police department requests the ordinance language be revised:

70-183(b) – “This division shall not prohibit the parking of truck tractors, tractor semitrailer combinations or trucks 12,000 pounds or more gross weight on Commerce Way, provided that such parking shall be restricted to no more than 48 hours in a 7 day period.”

Take note that stand alone semitrailers are not included in the language. Semitrailers are allowed only if attached to the truck tractor. We did not want Commerce Way to turn into a storage area for trailers. Finally, edits clarify that both ordinances expressly include all types of vehicles of similar weights over 12,000 pounds

Recommendation:

City Staff recommends passage of the proposed ordinance revisions.