

## Comments on ZTA 23-05 (July 25, 2023)

Any period of time spent worrying about numbers of recreational vehicles vs. light commercial vehicles is time wasted as long as the vehicles in question are parked at the residence. The real problems occur when the overflow spreads to the streets. That is when hapless homeowners are tasked with lodging complaints in order for the zoning amendment to be enforced. And even then, the resident making the complaint is likely to spend a considerable amount of time following up in order to effect any change. Because the people that this amendment is supposed to affect never pay attention to regulations anyway.

If the Council is going to be concerned with parking or vehicles numbers in any form, it should focus on problems that have developed in association with resident-instigated affordable housing. The Council, as they did during the meeting of July 18, discuss rent control and affordable housing endlessly. However, whether or not the Council wants to admit it affordable housing for multiple housing or significant numbers of unrelated adults has already unofficially been developed in the County. Unfortunately, this approach comes with numerous downsides, including parking of large numbers of cars, vans and pickup trucks, for which residential streets were never designed.

A result of this problem is directly opposed to the principles the County claims to be aiming at. Rather than creating an atmosphere of happy residents, neighborhood tensions arise in direct proportion to the number of vehicles of any kind parked on neighborhood streets.

Perhaps if these conditions were present in your neighborhoods, Council members, you would view excessive on-street parking as more important.