

TRUCK PARKING
ON MURRAY
STREET

Lawrence Fowler, owner of an apartment complex at 510 Murray Street, has requested that the City of Lodi take action to prohibit heavy trucks from parking all night on the street adjacent to his apartments.

Mr. Fowler states that residents of the apartments have complained to him of:

- 1) Noise from truck refrigeration units;
- 2) Odors from cattle trucks;
- 3) Blocking of apartment driveways;
- 4) Use of the apartment parking lot by trucks as a turning area; and
- 5) Dust, mud and dirt problems.

Truck parking is attracted to Murray Street because Del Rancho Motel is located at the southwest corner of Cherokee Lane and Murray Street and it is a convenient parking area for truckers using the motel.

The following City of Lodi code prohibits the all-night parking of heavy duty trucks on most City streets:

Sec. 14-55.1. All-night parking of heavy
duty type commercial
vehicles.

It shall be unlawful to park any heavy duty commercial type vehicle on any street for more than sixty minutes between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. where the abutting lot is zoned either residential or commercial under Ordinance No. 469, as amended. ^{2a}
For the purpose of this section, "heavy duty commercial vehicle" shall mean any trailer over six feet wide or a single vehicle having more than two axles, a single vehicle or combination of vehicles twenty feet or more in length, including load if loaded, or single vehicle or combination of vehicles six feet six inches or more in width, including load if loaded, and shall include, but not be limited to dump trucks, moving vans, tractors, pole or pipe dollies, cattle trucks, gondolas, farm labor bus or truck, semitraile r.
(Ord. No. 673, 1.)

The Police Department has issued numerous citations for this infraction on Murray Street. The penalty for this infraction is \$5 and to date no driver or trucking firm has contested. Neither Murray Street nor any

other residential or commercial street in the City has been signed to inform truck drivers of this section of the City Code.

The attached Police truck survey of 9 days in August shows just 2 trucks parked in the area during that time. Mr. Fowler has indicated he has seen as many as six (6) at one time.

Following are several possible alternates to the Murray Street problem that might be considered by the City Council:

1) Install signs informing the drivers of the existing Code (No Truck Parking 12:00 a. m. to 5:00 a. m., City Code Section 14-55.1) and increase the penalty from \$5 to a higher amount to discourage infractions. The cost of signing would be approximately \$600 (6 signs). This alternate would still require Police to make two (2) trips to the area prior to writing a citation;

2) Do nothing. This is the same as Alternate 1 but without the installation of the signing;

3) Prohibit truck traffic on Murray Street by establishing a load limit on Murray Street. The cost of signing would be approximately \$200 (2 signs).

This action can be expected to generate similar requests from other citizens for restrictions on other City streets. It is also our understanding that if a truck is found parked on such a restricted street, it can be cited only for a \$5 parking violation. The driver can be cited for a moving traffic violation only if a police officer observes the truck being driven on the restricted street. This alternate requires only one trip to the area by Police;

4) Establish designated truck routes for the entire City, thereby prohibiting non-delivery truck traffic on all other streets. The cost of this action would be difficult to ascertain due to the major problems of implementing and enforcing such a program. Designated truck routes should be established only after a full study by a traffic engineering firm in cooperation with the truck companies which will use them;

5) Revise existing ordinance to take care of all truck parking problems. In reviewing this problem with the other City departments, it has been determined that the City has been in receipt of many different types of truck parking problems on City streets and on private property. Some of the types of complaints received are as follows:

Trucks hauling hazardous materials parked on City Streets;

Semi-trailers with tractor cab detached parked on City streets in or across from residential areas;