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### Clarify trailer parking law to be applicable only to large, commercial trailers

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Council of the District to revise DCMR 18, 2405.5 to be applicable only to large, commercial trailers, exempting small, personal-use trailers.

Why: DCMR 18, 2405.5 imposes a very heavy penalty, currently one thousand dollars, for parking trucks and trailers on residential streets. The regulation is explicit in limiting application to trucks "longer than twenty-two feet or wider than eight feet", thus exempting pickup trucks and the like owned by residents for their personal use. The reference to trailers, however, includes no such specification, and so is applicable to any trailer, of whatever dimensions. A resident renting a small trailer for personal use would be subject to this draconian fine, as if the resident were a commercial entity, and not just an individual needing a small trailer for personal use.



This has in fact happened in Mount Pleasant, where a visiting family with a trailer no larger than a car, including its hitch, had this thousand-dollar fine inflicted on them by the Metropolitan Police. Fortunately an examiner dismissed the parking ticket, perceiving that this was not warranted by the circumstances. But it should not be necessary for a resident, or a resident's visitor, to take the ticket downtown to have it rescinded. The law should be explicit: only large commercial trailers should be subject to this heavy fine. If small, personal-use trailers are to be restricted, regulations appropriate for such trailers should be devised, with fines appropriate for individuals, rather than the extremely heavy fine evidently required to deter commercial entities.

*Passed by 5 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on December 19, 2017, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Karaffa, Romero-Latin, Stewart, Karrer, McKay. A quorum for this commission is three; five commissioners were present.*