

**ORDINANCE NO. (2022) 353 TC 465**

**TC-15-21 TOWING YARDS**

**AN ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PART 10  
RALEIGH UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO PERMIT TOWING YARDS  
FOR VEHICLES IN THE IX- ZONING DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Tow Yards are currently restricted to the IH zoning district; and

**WHEREAS**, Tow Yards provide a necessary service both to the City of Raleigh and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing separation standard severely limits where a Tow Yard can be located; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to permit Tow Yards in the IX- district with standards to ensure the impacts of the use are properly mitigated.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH THAT:**

**Section 1.** Section 6.1.4. of the Part 10 Raleigh Unified Development Ordinance, Allowed Principal Use Table, is hereby amended by:

In the row titled “Towing Yard for Vehicles”, in the column titled “IX-“ replace the “-“ with a “S”.

**Section 2.** Section 6.5.1.C. of the Part 10 Raleigh Unified Development Ordinance, Towing Yard for Vehicles, is hereby amended by adding the language shown in underline and deleting the language shown in strikethrough:

**C. Towing Yard for Vehicles**

**1. Defined**

A facility for the impound and temporary storage of vehicles that is operated by someone engaged in the wrecker or towing business.

**2. Use Standards**

- a. The facility must be used exclusively for vehicle storage and no parts from stored vehicles can be sold.
- b. A Type B1 or B2 transitional protective yard (see Sec. 7.2.4.A.) must be established along all shared property lines, except for an adjacent heavy industrial use or waste-related service.
- c. A Type C1 or C2 street protective yard (see Sec. 7.2.4.B.) must be established along all property lines abutting a public right-of-way.

- d. ~~No towing yard for vehicles can be within 5,280 feet of another towing yard for vehicles (determined by a straight line from property line to property line). The towing yard shall not be located on a site with frontage along a Major Street or on a site within 100 feet of a Major Street.~~
- e. The towing yard shall not be located on a site with frontage along a rail corridor or on a site within 1,320 feet of a rail corridor.
- f. No part of any vehicular surface area or vehicle storage yard enclosure shall be closer than 150 feet from a Residential District or residential use.

**Section 3.** This text change has been reviewed by the Raleigh Planning Commission.

**Section 4.** This ordinance has been adopted following a duly advertised legislative hearing of the Raleigh City Council.

**Section 5.** This ordinance has been provided to the North Carolina Capital Planning Commission as required by law.

**Section 6.** This ordinance shall be enforced as provided in N.C.G.S. 160A-175 or as provided in the Raleigh City Code. All criminal sanctions shall be the maximum allowed by law notwithstanding the fifty-dollar limit in N.C.G.S. 14-4(a) or similar limitations.

**Section 7.** This ordinance is effective 30 days after adoption.

**ADOPTED:** March 15, 2022

**EFFECTIVE:** April 14, 2022

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