

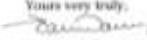
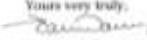
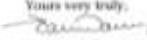
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1.	10 12 11	Thor W. Bruce 3252 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134	X		<p>From: Thor Bruce <thor.bruce@comcast.net> Date: October 12, 2011 2:27:28 PM GMT-04:00 To: <eriel@coralgables.com> Subject: Please keep pickup truck ordinance Mr. Riel,</p> <p>Please enter into your log that I support the continuation of the “no pick-up truck parking overnight ordinance.”</p> <p>Thanks, Thor W. Bruce 3252 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134</p>
2.	10 12 11	Andrea Cole 1009 Hardee Road Coral Gables, FL 33146	X		<p>From: andrea443@aol.com [mailto:andrea443@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 2:36 PM To: Planning; jimcason@coralgable.com; mandesn@coralgables.com; Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; Salerno, Patrick Subject: re pick-up trucks</p> <p>I am writing to urge you to uphold the ban on pick-up trucks in the Gables residential areas that was recently upheld by the courts. The great beauty of the City of Coral Gables derives in large part from the restrictions that keep out unsightly things such as trucks, pick-up trucks, boat trailers, boats, etc. in our residential neighborhoods. The City's rules also help citizens to avoid issues with neighbors who, if free to do so, might park whatever comes into their minds on property next to or near ours.</p> <p>Why would the City fight - with taxpayer money - to preserve our restrictions on trucks, recreational vehicles, boats and boat trailers etc. and then turn around after winning to do just the opposite?</p> <p>We live in Coral Gables and DO NOT want to see unsightly vehicles parked around our homes and neighborhoods at anytime, but especially during evenings and weekends. It is difficult to maintain the beauty of our residential areas when our neighbors are free to park whatever next to, across the street from, or behind our homes. There are many reasons for the restriction on what can be parked in our residential areas and the prohibition helps significantly to maintain the elegance and enjoyment of our homes and our residential neighborhoods.</p> <p>I do not want to suddenly have my neighborhood transformed into a Hialeah or other similar areas where there are no agreed upon restrictions that provide for the beauty and enjoyment of our homes and neighborhoods in peace. It is difficult to think of Coral Gables as the City Beautiful or the Garden City if the City permits citizens to fill our residential neighborhoods with all kinds of commercial and other unsightly vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, etc.</p> <p>We chose to live in Coral Gables for the very reason that it had rules that provide protection against such unsightly things in our neighborhoods.</p>

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3.	10 12 11	Richard Namon, Sr. 5555 Oakwood Lane Coral Gables, FL 33156-2109			<p>From: Richard [mailto:nam8252@bellsouth.net] Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 12:48 PM To: Riel, Eric Subject: Pickup Truck Ordinance Hearing</p> <p>Dear Mr. Riel,</p> <p>I hope you can add the following to the public comments for tonight's public hearing on overnight parking of pickup trucks in Coral Gables.</p> <p>The way the rule was written does not address the problem of parking commercial vehicles in Coral Gables at any time. Coral Gables' residential single family home areas are mostly 'dark' areas - the City does not provide night lighting to most of them. Who goes around at night (other than inspectors) looking to see (or even notice) what kind of vehicles are parked at homes? The night banning ordinance makes no sense. The object is to not have commercial vehicles in residential areas at any time from sun up to sun down excepting those providing needed services to the properties. My suggestion is to write a new ordinance that limits the duration any commercially identified vehicle can be parked by a single family residence. It could allow utility service (i.e. FPL) vehicles daylight parking on all days, most service vehicles two hour parking, and longer parking for commercial vehicles working on City permit approved projects. Vehicles with visible objects in truck beds would be classified as commercial as well as any vehicle with business advertising signs.</p> <p>That would get rid of commercial vehicles on weekends which I believe is what most Coral Gables want - not a limitation based on an aesthetic judgment of what a residential vehicle should look like as the current ordinance infers. The current ordinance is archaic and makes no sense today. It needs to be rewritten to reflect the majority of Coral Gables resident wishes allowing them to park their personal non commercial vehicle in sight at home at all times.</p> <p>Thank you, Richard Namon, Sr. 5555 Oakwood Lane Coral Gables, FL 33156-2109 305-661-1166</p>
4.	10 12 11	Vincent Damian			<p>From: "RSaetae@skdrlaw.com" <RSaetae@skdrlaw.com> To: "Riel, Eric" <eriel@coralgables.com> Cc: "VDamian@SKDRLAW.COM" <VDamian@SKDRLAW.COM></p>

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					<p>Subject: Truck Ordinance Public Hearing Dear Mr. Riel:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Good afternoon. Please see attached letter and enclosure from Vincent E. Damian, Jr., President of Coral Gables Citizens PAC.</p> <p>Thank you. Reesea R. Saetae-Olortegui Legal Assistant to Vincent E. Damian, Esq. and Ken Taninaka, Esq. Salomon, Kanner, Damian & Rodriguez, P.A. 80 S.W. 8 Street; Suite 2550 Miami, Florida 33130 Tel. (305) 379-1681 Fax (305) 374-1719</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>CORAL GABLES CITIZENS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE <small>80 SW 8 STREET SUITE 2550 MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130</small> CoralGablesCitizensPAC.com <small>TELEPHONE (305) 379-1681 TELEFAX (305) 374-1719</small></p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">From: damian@cgpac.com October 12, 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VIA EMAIL</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Board of Directors:</p> <p>Vincent E. Damian, Jr. Tel: (305) 379-1681</p> <p>Rosey Bulton Tel: (305) 446-0590</p> <p>Sandra Muzur Tel: (305) 448-4300</p> <p>Salvatore Geraci Tel: (305) 461-3079</p> <p>Charles Gertman Tel: (305) 461-3014</p> <p>Paul O'Rourke Tel: (305) 444-7531</p> <p>Robert Yarnu Tel: (305) 663-2625</p> <p>Robert Buey Tel: (305) 443-7973</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Edie Aizenstat Chairman Planning & Zoning Board c/o Eric Bick, eric@coralgables.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Re: Truck Ordinance Hearing</p> <p>Dear Mr. Aizenstat:</p> <p>I was just informed that the Planning and Zoning Board will be discussing the ban on truck parking in the City of Coral Gables. I have attached hereto a letter addressed to the Planning and Zoning Board, c/o you. I would appreciate it if you would give each member of the Board this letter or read it into the record. It is unfortunate that this meeting was not publicized, as I am sure there would be many, many residents who would have attended voicing similar expressions. I urge you to recommend that there be no change in the truck ban ordinance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yours very truly,  Vincent E. Damian, Jr. President of Coral Gables Citizens Political Action Committee</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">VED/ms <small>CLARENCE: 10/12/11 10:00 AM</small></p>	<p>Board of Directors:</p> <p>Vincent E. Damian, Jr. Tel: (305) 379-1681</p> <p>Rosey Bulton Tel: (305) 446-0590</p> <p>Sandra Muzur Tel: (305) 448-4300</p> <p>Salvatore Geraci Tel: (305) 461-3079</p> <p>Charles Gertman Tel: (305) 461-3014</p> <p>Paul O'Rourke Tel: (305) 444-7531</p> <p>Robert Yarnu Tel: (305) 663-2625</p> <p>Robert Buey Tel: (305) 443-7973</p>	<p>Edie Aizenstat Chairman Planning & Zoning Board c/o Eric Bick, eric@coralgables.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Re: Truck Ordinance Hearing</p> <p>Dear Mr. Aizenstat:</p> <p>I was just informed that the Planning and Zoning Board will be discussing the ban on truck parking in the City of Coral Gables. I have attached hereto a letter addressed to the Planning and Zoning Board, c/o you. I would appreciate it if you would give each member of the Board this letter or read it into the record. It is unfortunate that this meeting was not publicized, as I am sure there would be many, many residents who would have attended voicing similar expressions. I urge you to recommend that there be no change in the truck ban ordinance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yours very truly,  Vincent E. Damian, Jr. President of Coral Gables Citizens Political Action Committee</p>
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5.	10 12 11	Enrique Lopez	X		<p>From: Enrique Lopez [mailto:aklgroupp@bellsouth.net] Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 11:09 AM To: Planning Cc: jcason@coralgables.com; Kerdyk, William; Cabrera, Ralph; Quesada, Frank; Anderson, Maria; Salerno, Patrick; Foeman, Walter; Leen, Craig; aklgroupp@bellsouth.net; Riel, Eric Subject: Pickup Truck Ban - A City Beautiful "Quality of Life" Factor</p> <p>My fellow residents and members of the Planning and Zoning Board:</p> <p>I write to you in the hope that you will unquestionably reject the recent effort by a handful of our elected officials to change what has been, is and will continue to be part of our Quality of Life in our City Beautiful. It is incomprehensible that our city leaders can support an effort to dilute, diminish and/or destroy what has made our city the most emulated city in our state, not to mention its world-wide recognition for being what it is. Similar great cities, nationally and internationally, are not known or recognized for having quality of life diminishing components such as pick up trucks. There are many cities in our county and state that allow it, however, we are not one of them.</p> <p>When I moved to our city 25 years ago, I knew where I was moving to, knew and understood the</p>

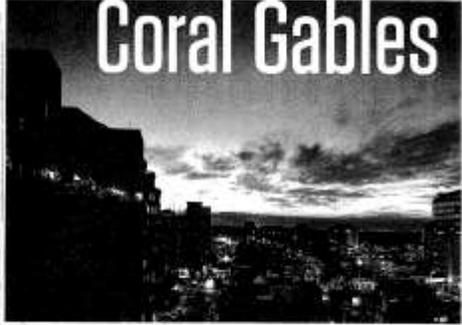
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7.	10 12 11	Walter J. Stanton III President, Carney Stanton P.L. Attorneys at Law 4000 Ponce De Leon Boulevard, Suite 470 Coral Gables, Florida 33146	X		<p>From: Walter Stanton [mailto:Walter@WALTERSTANTON.COM] Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 10:16 AM To: courtt1@bellsouth.net; Cason, Jim; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; Quesada, Frank; Salerno, Patrick; Planning Cc: stanton@carneystanton.com Subject: Reversal of Ban on Trucks in Coral Gables - reply from Walt Stanton</p> <p>Gentlemen:</p> <p>I strongly agree with the views expressed below by my friend Courtney Thompson.</p> <p>All the best, Walter J. Stanton III President, Carney Stanton P.L. Attorneys at Law 4000 Ponce De Leon Boulevard, Suite 470 305-777-0261 786-513-3954 fax 305-458-5131 cell phone Coral Gables, Florida 33146 135 S.E. 5th Avenue, Suite 202 Delray Beach, Florida 33484 561-330-8140</p>
8.	10 12 11	Mr. Courtney R. Thompson 5307 Orduna Drive Coral Gables, FL 33146- 2640	X		<p>From: Courtney Thompson [mailto:court1@bellsouth.net] Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 10:04 AM To: Cason, Jim; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; Quesada, Frank; Salerno, Patrick; Planning; 'Courtney Thompson' Subject: Reversal of Ban on Trucks in Coral Gables</p> <p>Dear Mayor Cason, Vice Mayor Kerdyk, Commissioners Anderson, Cabrera and Quesada:</p> <p>Several of you know me and of those of who you do, know that I am a centrist... one who usually sees the "Win-Win" for all sides in a conflict. My correspondence to you today is in that spirit of</p>

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					<p>fairness and centrism. And in keeping our City the beautiful place it has been for so many decades.</p> <p>Coral Gables dubs itself the "City Beautiful" and in most cases Coral Gables lives-up to, or exceeds that claim. However a reversal on the ban on trucks being scattered throughout our beautiful city, parked hither, yon and fro in our residential neighborhoods deeply threatens the moniker of "The City Beautiful".</p> <p>While I would agree with some of the dissenters that not all trucks are ugly and disheveled in nature , I would intensely argue that there is very little that can make even the newest and shiniest of trucks "beautiful", unless perhaps you frequently ride in Rodeos!!</p> <p>To the contrary trucks are just that: TRUCKS! In fact the first of several of the dictionary definitions are: (noun) 1. Large Commercial Vehicle for transporting goods, 2. Pick-up Truck a light(er) truck with a low sided open back and a tailgate that drops down for easy handling of loading and unloading of goods. Not a mention of people or residential nature there.</p> <p>As a loyal citizen, local business Owner and fan of our City Beautiful since 1984 I urge each of you to uphold the promise of The City Beautiful and thus DO NOT PERMIT TRUCKS to be parked overnight in plain sight of all. I have nothing against truck owners, but just as I cannot place my boat or a mobile-home overnight in my driveway or on the street in front of my home, neither should truck be in plain sight. They are just not something B E A U T I F U L to look at. They need to be garaged if their owner lives in Coral Gables. A failure to uphold this is going to result in a more unsightly 'Vehicular Mess" than you can ever imagine and unwinding such a mess could prove quite thorny and complex.</p> <p>Please vote appropriately and in concert with keeping our City Beautiful B E A U T I F U L. Vote NO for trucks, please.</p> <p>Thank you and God Bless. Mr. Courtney R. Thompson 5307 Orduna Drive Coral Gables, FL 33146-2640 305.662.9574 Voice 305.667.5930 FAX 305.401.0100 Cell courtt1@bellsouth.net e-mail</p>
9.	10 12 11	Joan Lange, Challenge Foundation National Schools Director 1416 Algeria Avenue Coral Gables, FI 33134	X		<p>From: Joan Lange [mailto:jlange4cf@gmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 8:16 AM To: Planning Subject: No trucks</p> <p>Honorable Mayor Cason, City Manager and City Commissioners,</p> <p>Please uphold the NO Trucks policy in Coral Gables. Not only do my husband I I support that</p>

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10.	10 12 11	Alicia Vidal	X		<p>From: GreenPaperMoon@aol.com [mailto:GreenPaperMoon@aol.com] Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 2:33 AM To: Planning; Cason, Jim; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Quesada, Frank; Salerno, Patrick; Menendez, Maria A.; Leen, Craig Cc: GreenPaperMoon@aol.com Subject: About the Trucks that do not belong in the City.</p> 

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				 <p>I oppose to allow pick up trucks to park anywhere in the City Beautiful unless they are in a business parking lot or inside a Coral Gables parking Garage.</p> <p>I recently had a truck similar to the one shown on the second image in front of my car while I was parked on Ponce de Leon (lined parking I think it's called) and I had a hard time getting out from behind it.</p> <p>Needless to say what happens when a looong truck parks on a lined parking or a diagonal parking or occupies more than one space because their drivers always leave extra room so that they can get out easier; this means less parking spaces available in the city. The truck in the first image shown above did not have a model name on it so I went online and these are the dimensions I found on some trucks I've seen around:</p> <p>Sierra 1500: Length, Overall w/o rear bumper: 249.2 in</p> <p>2011 Silverado 1500: Overall Length: 249.2 in</p> <p>I've also been told that they are extremely heavy and, therefore, they will damage our streets faster than regular vehicles.</p>

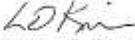
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					<p>There are too many different types and our police officers cannot carry a tape measure every time they see a truck. Allowing them would make it impossible for those of us with normal cars to park anywhere in the city.</p> <p>The other factor to consider is that a great amount of the drivers of trucks think they own the road and the parking spaces and have no manners either while driving or once they get out of their trucks. It is just as if the trucks are a "MACHO ICON" to them.</p> <p>And although not all, I have seen a few stepping out of their trucks wearing the sleeveless tank top known as a "wife beater" (a CG policeman taught me this when I tried to describe a man dressed like the character portrayed by Alec Baldwin and Marlon Brando in "The streetcar named Desire") and to me, that attire goes well with trucks but NOT in the City Beautiful.</p> <p>I hope you DO NOT CHANGE THE PRESENT BAN which cost us so much money and years to win the right to RE-IMPOSE IT as the City's ordinance.</p> <p>I am proud of our City without the trucks (large or small) and I do not wish the City Beautiful to be like others around us.</p> <p>I voted for each of the five of you in the Commission at its proper time; I hope I will not have to regret it.</p> <p>Alicia Vidal</p>
11.	10 12 11	Dorothy McDaniel Stein 1149 North Greenway Drive Coral Gables, Florida 33134	X		<p>From: Stein, Dorothy M. [mailto:DStein@futuresconsultants.com] Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 1:41 AM To: Cason, Jim; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; Quesada, Frank Cc: Salerno, Patrick; Planning Subject: KEEP THE BAN ON TRUCKS Importance: High</p> <p>Honorable Mayor, Commissioners and City Manager,</p> <p>Please keep the ban on trucks! Please help to preserve the unparalleled beauty and serenity of Coral Gables, its traditions, our way of life, the value of our homes! Please remember WHY you decided to move to Coral Gables!</p> <p>Trucks in Coral Gables will lower home values and will diminish the unique quality of the City Beautiful.</p> <p>Do not lower our collective standards. You are only hearing from the squeaky wheels. But make no mistake: Most homeowners do not want trucks, no matter what color, what size, we simply want NO TRUCKS.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for upholding our traditions and way of life.</p>

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12.	10 11 11	Lawrence D. Kries 748 Catalonia Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134	X		From: ldkries@aol.com [mailto:ldkries@aol.com] Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:11 PM To: Planning Subject: Planning and Zoning Board -- Oct 12, 2011 public hearing Please forward the attached letter to the members and staff of the Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Board. Thank you, Lawrence D. Kries 748 Catalonia Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134 Tel: 305-444-4040

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					<p>October 11, 2011</p> <p>City of Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Board</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am unable to attend tomorrow evening's Planning and Zoning Board public hearing regarding the City of Coral Gables Truck Ordinance, but hope you will consider my written comments.</p> <p>My wife and I have lived in Coral Gables for over 20 years. Prior to buying our home we were advised that the city had the strictest planning and zoning controls of any community in South Florida. We invested with the knowledge and understanding that the rules are many but are designed to preserve the city's character and property values.</p> <p>I am not opposed to change (or pick-up trucks) and believe that cities need to evolve. Certainly there have been many "improvements" since we moved here including the addition of al fresco dining, the installation of street medians and traffic calming devices, and other changes.</p> <p>However, I don't believe that allowing pick-up trucks to park outside overnight is going to improve Coral Gables. There are already too many automobiles being parked in front (on the sidewalks and swales) of some homes – to the extent that some residences appear to be used car lots. We don't also need to include pick-up trucks and add to the visual clutter.</p> <p>Please maintain the current ban on pick-up truck parking and continue to keep Coral Gables as The City Beautiful. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,  Lawrence D. Kries 748 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134</p>
13.	10 11 11	Aurelio Rey arey@burnsmcd.com	X		<p>From: Rey, Aurelio [mailto:arey@burnsmcd.com] Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 3:17 PM To: Planning; Cason, Jim; Kerdyk, William; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Quesada, Frank Subject: Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Board</p> <p>Mr. Mayor, Commissioners and Members of the Coral Gable Planning and Zoning Board</p> <p>The City of Coral Gables, The City Beautiful, has been my home since 1975, owning a number of businesses there and residing in my present home since 1986. It is the place where my wife Amelia and I have seen the birth and growth of our four children. It is also the place where we both received our education and are proud Alumnae of the University of Miami. Because of my architectural education and our sensibilities of place and community, we have always found Coral Gables to be "America's Best City to Live and Raise a Family In". I have always been an involved resident with years of volunteering in many endeavors for the City. While presently</p>

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					<p>working for my company's Hampton Road office as the Architectural Manager, we do have an office on Ponce de Leon, we still have chosen to continue living and raising our children in Coral Gables; I commute whenever possible.</p> <p>The reason for this missive is to support the present Truck Ordinance. While the City has faced numerous legal challenges in court, the Ordinance has always prevailed; unfortunately it costs us CG tax payer's money, yet money that is well spent. There could be benefits to the discussion of the Ordinance, such as other possible solutions to grant our residents the ability, not just to park their truck inside the garage, but setting up strict restrictions for allowing parking on the sides and rears of the yards, much as our boat parking restrictions. Clear minimum front, side and rear setbacks, proper concrete or paver flooring, enclosed visibility from the street & neighbors and other restrictions that would allow for those having a truck and yet wanting the Coral Gables quality of life to be able to enjoy both without detriment to the aesthetic beauty of our streets and neighborhoods. Ultimately the city would benefit from the goodwill generated by updated rules and regulations and prevent the attacks of the press. We just must never do away with one of our most cherished ordinances. Like my grandfather used to say, "Do not fix it if it is not broken", let's just tweak it.</p> <p>Best regards to all of you,</p> <p>Aurelio A. Rey, AIA Architectural Manager Burns & McDonnell 1305 Executive Blvd., Suite 160 Chesapeake, VA 23320 Office: 757-548-2056 ext. 228 Cellular: 757-287-9691 arey@burnsmcd.com www.burnsmcd.com</p>
14.	10 10 11	Eva Gordon 1020 Andora Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146	X		<p>From: Gordon, Eva [mailto:egordon@gibraltarprivate.com] Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 2:08 PM To: Riel, Eric Subject: FW: KEEP THE BAN ON TRUCKS Importance: High</p> <p>Dear Mr. Riel, please be kind enough to distribute my email below to Eibi Aisenstat, Chairman of Planning and Zoning Board, and to all other members of the Board. I would appreciate it if you could make this happen prior to tonight's meeting. My original email was sent to our Hon. Mayor and Commissioners. Thank you very much.</p> <p>Best regards, Eva Gordon _____</p> <p>From: Eva Gordon [mailto:evagibraltar@aol.com]</p>

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					<p>Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 10:27 PM To: Cason, Jim; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; Quesada, Frank Cc: Salerno, Patrick; Planning Subject: KEEP THE BAN ON TRUCKS</p> <p>Honorable Mayor, Commissioners and City Manager, Please keep the ban on trucks! Please help to preserve the unparalleled beauty and serenity of Coral Gables, its traditions, our way of life, the value of our homes! Please remember WHY you decided to move to Coral Gables!</p> <p>The truck restriction was the main reason we moved to Coral Gables in 1972. A few years later, the truck restriction was the main reason we bought a home in Coral Gables instead of South of Sunset where we could have had a much larger home on a much larger lot for a much lower price in 1977. We gave up a lot of appreciation and a lot of space inside and out for the privilege of NOT having to look at trucks -all day, all evening, all weekend.</p> <p>Trucks in Coral Gables will lower home values and will diminish the unique quality of the City Beautiful. Most homeowners, realtors, mortgage bankers will agree with the above.</p> <p>Do not lower our collective standards. You are only hearing from the squeaky wheels. We have a lot of older home owners who will not come to a public hearing at night, they will not be in the position to send letters or emails. But make no mistake: Most homeowners do not want trucks, no matter what color, what size, we simply want NO TRUCKS.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for upholding our traditions and way of life.</p> <p>Sincerely, Eva Gordon 1020 Andora Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 (305)665-1927</p>
15.	10 10 11	Jeaneen Bell nnbell@comcast.net		X	<p>From: Jeaneen Bell [mailto:nnbell@comcast.net] Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 10:52 AM To: Planning Subject: Truck parking</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>As a homeowner in Coral Gables since 1985 I am opposed to a truck ban in the City. I find it absurd that this matter has gone back and forth for so many years. It's time for the City to allow people to drive which ever vehicle they choose for their personal life style. We pay darn good money in taxes to live here and I'm appalled at the condition of our streets and the swales. The streets are like old wash boards in various shades of black and gray tar with rut holes and bad patch jobs. The swale has such large holes that when it rains it looks like miniature swimming pools full of debris. How can you be so blind to these problems, but yet focus on what type of</p>

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					<p>vehicle a homeowner and taxpayer parks in their driveway?</p> <p>If you need revenue in fines start by enforcing the garbage piling up on City streets to make it look like the, "City Beautiful" instead of the "Trashy City!"</p> <p>I will not be able to attend the meeting on Wednesday, but hope you take my e mail and opinion into consideration.</p> <p>Warm Regards, Jeaneen</p>
16.	10 07 11	Thomas R. Mooney 601 Navarre Avenue	X		<p>From: Thomas R. Mooney [mailto:cityplan@bellsouth.net] Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 2:49 PM To: Leen, Craig; Riel, Eric; Foeman, Walter Subject: Coral Gables PZB Discussion on Trucks & Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance</p> <p>Dear Chair and Members of the Planning and Zoning Board and Members of the City Commission (bcc'd),</p> <p>I am writing to you in advance of the October 12, 2011 PZB discussion on Trucks and Abandoned Vehicles. I am a resident of North Gables and I do NOT own a pick-up truck, nor will I be purchasing a pick-up truck at anytime in the future.</p> <p>The strict regulation of commercial vehicles and trucks, as well as abandoned vehicles, within the residential areas of the City is critical in terms of maintaining the high standard of aesthetics associated with Coral Gables, as well as preserving neighborhood character and property values. I am quite sure there is strong consensus among all interested parties on this.</p> <p>While supportive of the strict regulation of commercial vehicles, trucks and abandoned vehicles in residential areas, I also believe that such regulations need to be reviewed and fine tuned over time. The most sensitive issue in this regard is the parking of 'pick-up' trucks after 7:00 pm.</p> <p>Over time, the design and aesthetic of pick-up trucks has evolved to a point that a number of these vehicles now fall into the 'luxury' and 'hi-end' classification. Additionally, even those pick-up trucks that do not fall into these more expensive categories have evolved over time from an exterior design and aesthetic standpoint that they have the same visual profile as an SUV.</p> <p>When looking at revisions to the current ordinance regulating trucks and abandoned vehicles, I would recommend the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and strengthen the regulations pertaining to abandoned vehicles and commercial trucks; • Create a new classification for pick-up trucks AND suv's, based upon a specific wheelbase, width, weight and overall capacity, which would allow for appropriately sized vehicles to be parked in residential areas at any time; • Supersized and large pick-up trucks, such as 'King Cabs', 'Super Cabs', or 'Chasis

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					<p>Cabs' should continue to be strictly regulated with parking timeframes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider establishing a correlation between the size of a driveway and lot and the type of vehicle that could be permitted. A large SUV or Pick-Up might be overwhelming in a very small driveway on a narrow lot in north gables, but might be a better fit on a larger driveway and bigger lot in central or south gables. <p>In closing, as the exterior design and aesthetic of pick-up trucks has evolved over time, so should the regulations and ordinances of the City of Coral Gables. Thank you for your attention to this issue.</p> <p>Sincerely, Thomas R. Mooney 601 Navarre Avenue</p>
17.	09 15 11				(See Attached – Comments received from the City Clerk's Office)

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Menendez, Jill

From: Erbi Blanco-True [eblancotrue@GREATFLORIDABANK.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 3:42 PM
To: Cason, Jim; Anderson, Maria; Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; Quesada, Frank; Salerno, Patrick; Planning
Cc: slesnickj@hotmail.com
Subject: Keep the Ban on Trucks

The reason we all live in Coral Gables is because it's a beautiful place to live...let's not change it! The more restrictions we have to maintain our property values and our quality of life here, the better!

Thank you,

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From: Riel, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 4:05 PM
To: Menendez, Jill
Subject: FW: truck parking

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From: Mildred Kirsner [<mailto:mildred@kirsner.biz>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 4:03 PM
To: Riel, Eric
Subject: truck parking

Please keep trucks out of sight overnight. Coral gables has kept its distinct beautiful look by having some unusual living conditions, such as no trucks overnight, garbage out of sight, paint color on houses approved of, and some other things that some people either don't like or think it is unimportant; but they do admit that Coral Gables is beautiful and a desirable place to live.

PLEASE keep Coral Gables beautiful and distinct.

Mildred Kirsner
500 Alminar
305 274 6314

Menendez, Jill

From: MRayBerlin@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 4:13 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Keep Truck Ban

Coral Gables Zoning Board,

As over 35 year residences of the Gables, we very much support continuing the ban on overnight pickup truck parking in the city. Regulations like these are an essential part of the Gables strength and uniqueness. We desire a clean green community for a quality life style and to maintain property value.

Please keep this city ordinance.

Sincerely,

Julie & Jim Berlin
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