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1.	04 16 12	Johnny Smithies			From: johnnysmithies@aol.com [mailto:johnnysmithies@aol.com] Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2012 11:14 AM To: ENEWS Subject: Re: City Extends Grace Period Until July 15th For Compliance With Truck Restrictions  Excuse me but this extension is a joke.How many more times will we have extensions?It is disgusting!
2.	04 16 12	Carmen Feijoo		X	From: Carmen Feijoo [mailto:nemrac8@gmail.com] Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 1:52 PM To: ENEWS Subject: Re: City Extends Grace Period Until July 15th For Compliance With Truck Restrictions I have a question. My son have a puck up truck and sometime he comes with my grandkids from the park for dinner with us, around 7:00 pm, do this mean my son and grandkids can visit at dinner time anymore? Carmen -nemrac8@aol.com
3.	04 13 12	Maria Iparraguirre 5704 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, FL		X	From: Maria Iparraguirre [mailto:mci60@hotmail.com] Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 10:52 AM To: ENEWS Subject: RE: City Extends Grace Period Until July 15th For Compliance With Truck Restrictions  Although I am not affected by this ordinance, I am truly saddened by the spirit of it. As a community, I believe that this ordinance oversteps the personal rights of our residents. I cannot believe that the majority of our residents feel that this is reasonable or appropriate and it would be beneficial to put this to a vote in our next election. Even if the ordinance is "legal," it does not mean that it is supported by the majority and that it is not on a very basic level discriminatory.  Maria Iparraguirre 5704 Riviera Dr
4.	04 12 12	Keith D. Waddington		X	From: Bombus2001@aol.com [mailto:Bombus2001@aol.com] Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 1:59 PM To: ENEWS Subject: Re: City Extends Grace Period Until July 15th For Compliance With Truck Restr... I understand that your vision is upheld in court, but WHY do we waste our time, energy, money and integrity on maintaining this archaic rule. This rule is embarrassing.  Sincerely,  Keith D. Waddington Professor of Biology (and Secondary Appointment, Department of Art and Art History) Department of Biology 1301 Memorial Drive University of Miami Coral Gables, FL 33124 USA

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					305-284-6301 Biology Web Site: <a href="http://www.bio.miami.edu/Fac/Waddington.html">http://www.bio.miami.edu/Fac/Waddington.html</a> Art Web Site: <a href="http://keithwaddington.com">http://keithwaddington.com</a>
5.	04 12 12	Marielena Villamil 1256 Sorolla Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134	X		From: Marielena Villamil [mailto:mevillamil@weg.com] Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 2:54 PM To: Higgins-Fallon, Maria Subject: FW: City Extends Grace Period Until July 15th For Compliance With Truck Restrictions How many more extensions does it take for residents to follow the law?  Marielena Villamil 1256 Sorolla Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134
6.	04 12 12	Tim Dunfey		X	From: Tim Dunfey [mailto:tdunfey@yahoo.com] Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 1:53 PM To: Higgins-Fallon, Maria Subject: Pick up Truck  Excellent! This is a horrible law and I truly appreciate the commissions evolution on this issue.

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7.	04 06 12	Louis R. Perrero 6510 Mitchell Drive Coral Gables, FL 33158		X	<p style="text-align: right;">CITY OF CORAL GABLES PLANNING DEPARTMENT 2012 APR -6 PM 3:43</p> <p>6510 Mitchell Dr. Coral Gables , FL 33158 April 4, 2012</p> <p>Mr. Eibi Aizenstat City of Coral Gables Planning and Zoning Division 427 Biltmore Way #201 Cora l Gables, FL 33134</p> <p>Dear Mr. Aizenstat,</p> <p>I moved to Kings Bay on June 26, 1986. Kings Bay was platted and developed in 1954. This was before Coral Gables enacted their restrictive pickup truck zoning in 1959. Remember, Kings Bay was in unincorporated Dade County until 2004, fifty years prior to annexation by Coral Gables. Up until then, Kings Bay remained a pickup truck friendly environment . Before the annexation took place, Coral Gables city officials attended a Kings Bay Homeowners Association meeting, which I attended. The officials assured the homeowners attending this meeting that if pickup trucks were legal in Dade County they would be legal once Kings Bay became incorporated into Coral Gables.</p> <p>At the March 26, 2012 Coral Gables Planning and Zoning meeting at City Hall, I noticed the only Coral Gables citizens who objected to pickup trucks being parked in residential areas were citizens who lived in the pre-annexed old area of Coral Gables, not the recently annexed Kings Bay area of Coral Gables. Please don't destroy Kings Bay's long heritage of being a pickup truck friendly neighborhood.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Louis R Perrero</i></p> <p>Louis R. Perrero</p>
8.	04 02 12	Homar Harrison		X	<p>-----Original Message-----  From: Harrison Homar [mailto:hharrison77@gmail.com]  Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 2:53 PM  To: Planning  Subject: Truck Ordinance</p> <p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>Please consider doing away with the outdated pickup truck ordinance. It has been brought up many times already, but times have changed. Pickup trucks are not used for only work as they were back in the 60's and 70's. They are everyday luxury vehicles. My truck is always clean, never has anything in the bed, and has no signage. It is just a convenient vehicle for my active lifestyle.</p>

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					<p>Also, there is no difference in the size of my truck and a Chevrolet Suburban, Ford Excursion, Cadillac Escalade ESV, etc. Height, width and weight. This is public information. Please look it up if you don't agree. Yet those vehicles are not in question, are they? I don't think it is fair that my neighbor can park their vehicle of similar size in the driveway and not have any problems.</p> <p>Just look around. Everywhere you go, you see pickup trucks. And if you really observe, probably more than half of them are used for personal use (no signage, no scratches or dents, not towing anything, clean appearance).</p> <p>Let's make a practical decision people. Not everyone wants to buy a Mercedes, Lexus or BMW (even though I can afford one of each). Dictating what vehicle people should buy and park in their driveway is exactly what this country DOES NOT stand for.</p> <p>Please show me valid proof that a pickup truck lowers the value of property? So if I have a Ford Expedition in my driveway instead (same size, weight, etc) my house is worth more? Please explain to me how a house with a beat up, late model sedan or SUV with two-tone paint is allowed to park in THEIR driveway and not have any issues? My truck looks so much better than some vehicles I have seen parked at various houses.</p> <p>It is 2012. Times change as do the vehicles. Let's make a common sense decision. Let's not think we (as a city) are better than everyone else just because our bank accounts says so.</p> <p>Regards,            HHarrison - Long-time Coral Gables resident.</p>
9.	03 30 12	Ani Victoriano 510 Catalonia Ave		X	<p>-----Original Message-----            From: Ani [mailto:vicani2@aol.com]            Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2012 12:50 PM            To: Planning; Leen, Craig; Cason, Jim; Cabrera, Ralph; Kerdyk, William; Salerno, Patrick            Subject: Pickup truck bigotry? It's alive and well</p> <p>This is a great article about what is wrong with our City's current view on pickup trucks.</p> <p><a href="http://content.usatoday.com/communities/driveon/post/2012/03/pickup-truck-bigotry-its-alive-and-well/1">http://content.usatoday.com/communities/driveon/post/2012/03/pickup-truck-bigotry-its-alive-and-well/1</a></p>

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					<p align="center">Home Archives Related topics Forum About</p> <p>Subaru BRZ, Scion FR-S could sell tons -- if they have 'em <span style="float:right">BMW unveils i8 Spyder plug-in sports car for New York</span></p> <p>Mar 31, 2012</p> <h3 align="center">Pickup bigotry? It's alive and well</h3> <p align="right">0</p> <p>By Chris Woodyard, USA TODAY</p> <p>Updated 1d 18h ago</p> <p>tony Florida city passed a rule in the 1960s to keep out undesirables. Now it is reconsidering, wondering whether the law is now archaic, according to the <i>Miami New Times</i>. Mark Williams of PickupTrucks.com elaborates:</p>  <p>CAPTION <span style="float:right">Chrysler</span></p> <p>Can you believe that in this day and age, there are communities with laws on the books that try to keep out certain undesirable elements off their streets and out of their neighborhoods? Sure sounds like prejudice and bigotry.</p> <p>The city of Coral Gables, Fla., just south of Miami, can fine repeat offenders up to \$500 under certain circumstances for parking a pickup out in the city, or even in a private driveway. According to a recent report from the <i>Miami New Times</i>, "supporters say the rule keeps the city looking classy and keeps property values up."</p> <p>Recently, the city's zoning board had the opportunity to repeal an outdated law originally enacted in the '60s that prevents any pickups from being parked on city streets that aren't directly connected to some kind of construction project, but even those trucks are allowed outside only from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.</p> <p>What may be even worse than the judgment of the city officials is the fact that the photo in the <i>New Times</i> story that was used to exemplify a classy pickup was the old-and-dead 2002 Lincoln Blackwood. This story stinks on all fronts.</p> <p>The Blackwood was introduced more than a decade ago. Currently, automakers are involved in a race to see which can introduce the most luxurious pickup. Sounds like Coral Gables never envisioned how the pickup world would change.</p> <p>See photos of: Ford Motor Company</p> <p>TAGS: FORD MOTOR COMPANY</p> <p>More from USATODAY   More from the web</p>
10.	03 30 12	Ani Victoriano 510 Catalonia Ave		X	<p>-----Original Message-----</p> <p>From: Ani Victoriano [mailto:vicani2@aol.com]        Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 6:10 PM        To: Tompkins, Jane; Leen, Craig; Salerno, Patrick; Cason, Jim; Quesada, Frank; Kerdyk, William; Planning; Anderson, Maria        Subject: Pickup Truck Public Hearing</p> <p>Please adhere to the topics discussed and requested during the Monday, March 26, 2012 Pickup Truck public hearing.        Simple, specific, enforceable solutions.</p> <p>On Monday, a majority of the PZ Board agreed upon allowing personal use pickup trucks to park on driveways overnight. They stipulated the trucks must be backed in, have a total of 4 tires and</p>

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11.	03 27 12	Vince Damian		X	<p>From: VDamian@SKDRLAW.COM [mailto:VDamian@SKDRLAW.COM] Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 6:09 PM To: Riel, Eric Subject: Fw: Truck Ordinance</p> <p>To clarify. We need to keep the ban. The definitions are vague and will not be enforced. The temporary permit is satisfactory, but no parking on the right of way/swale.</p> <p>Regards, Vincent E. Damian, Jr. Salomon, Kanner, Damian &amp; Rodriguez, P.A. 80 S.W. Eighth Street Miami, Fl, 33130 Suite 2550 Phone: 305-379-1681 Fax: 305-374-1719 PLEASE NOTE: This is my new Email: vdamian@skdrlaw.com www.skdrlaw.com</p>	
12.	03 26 12	Joyce T. Johnston Algeria Avenue			X	<p>From: Joyce T Johnston [mailto:joycetjohnston@yahoo.com] Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 6:34 PM To: Planning Subject: Truck Ordinance</p>

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					<p>City of Coral Gables            Planning and Zoning Board            I object to being singled out for using my pickup (covered bed) for personal and sports purposes (transportation of kayak, sailboard, bicycle, camping equipment).</p> <p>Residential parking is allowed for boats and trailers, jeeps (4-wheel off-road), vans used for business purposes, Hummers, SUVs.</p> <p>Code enforcement for the no parking signs littering the neighborhood is negligible. Most people avoid parking in their driveways to the extent that a used-car lot landscape is prevalent, not to mention blocked sidewalks.</p> <p>However, the recent attempt to update and specify the restrictions on residential parking should certainly make the sporadic enforcement more objective. And the public hearings are appreciated.</p> <p>Sincerely,            Joyce T. Johnston            Algeria Avenue</p>
13.	03 26 12	Henry Martinez 14501 Sailfish Drive Coral Gables, Fl. 33158		X	<p>-----Original Message-----            From: Henry Martinez [mailto:henry@mtzfamily.com]            Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 5:41 PM            To: Planning            Cc: Jeanne            Subject: Pick Up truck Ordinance</p> <p>Dear all,</p> <p>Please revoke this outdated and illogical ordinance. In December I traded my old and faithful suburban for a brand new Chevy Silverado. The pick up is exactly the same size and weight as the suburban was and is much nicer to look at given it is brand new.</p> <p>I agree you should restrict commercial vehicles and any vehicle with signage. Reasonable and simple limitations are appropriate but restricting residents from having common pick-up trucks is not practical.</p> <p>Thanks very much for your consideration.</p> <p>Henry Martinez            14501 Sailfish Drive            Coral Gables, Fl. 33158</p>