



**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
LAW, BUILDINGS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT
Ginnie Farrell, Chair**

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

TIME: 5:30PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers-2nd Floor, City Hall

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- **ORDINANCE 21.71.24 (FREDERICK)**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO TRUCK PARKING RESTRICTIONS
- **ORDINANCE 5.52.25 (CONTI)**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OR PARKING OF CERTAIN HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON A PORTION OF MADISON AVENUE
- **ORDINANCE 20.91.25 (CONTI)**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XIII (PARKING METERS) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO RENAMING COLUMBUS DAY TO FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI DAY

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: YES

Council Member Frederick and Flynn introduced the following:

ORDINANCE 21.71.24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO TRUCK PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Subsection (G) of Section § 359-22(B) (Parking, standing and stopping restrictions.) of Article II (Traffic Regulations) of Chapter 359 (Vehicles and Traffic) of Part II (General Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

G. Park a tow truck, as defined in § 353-50 of Chapter 353 on any street; ~~with a vehicle in tow, on any street or park a tow truck without a vehicle in tow between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.~~

(1) with a vehicle in tow,

(2) without a vehicle in tow between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., or

(3) without a vehicle in tow for more than one hour between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after enactment.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024**

Corporation Counsel

To: Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk

From: Bryan Jimenez, Senior Legislative Aide

Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum

Date: May 28, 2024

Sponsor: Council Member Frederick and Flynn

ORDINANCE 21.71.24

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO TRUCK PARKING RESTRICTIONS

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This legislation would amend City of Albany traffic regulations concerning the parking of tow trucks on City streets between certain hours and updates the restrictions on tractors and commercial vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds to match the new tow truck restrictions.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Tow trucks idling and parking in residential areas and areas with high foot traffic lead to increased emissions and decreased business. By regulating where tow trucks are allowed to idle and park, local air quality is improved and additional on-street parking spaces are opened up for both residents and local businesses near their homes and places of business.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Conti introduced the following:

ORDINANCE 5.52.25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OR PARKING OF CERTAIN HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON A PORTION OF MADISON AVENUE

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Subsection B of section 359-89 (Authorization to establish parking regulations) of Article IX (Penalties for Parking Violations) of Chapter 359 (Vehicles and Traffic) of Part II (General Legislation) the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

- B. The Chief of the Department of Police is hereby authorized and empowered to exclude the operation and/or parking of commercial vehicles weighing in excess of 10,000 pounds from the following streets as designated by the Common Council, and appropriate signage shall be posted at one or more locations. The entire street shall be included in such prohibition unless otherwise provided.

Name of Street

Adirondack Street
Albany Street
Aspen Circle
Barrows Street
Beacon Avenue
Berkshire Boulevard
Briar Street
Brookline Avenue
Buckingham Drive
Colonial Avenue
Cortland Street, from South Allen Street to Russell Road
Davis Avenue
Daytona Avenue
Euclid Avenue
Frisbie Avenue
Grandview Terrace, from Second Avenue to Liebel Street
Greenway (North and South)
Hackett Boulevard, from Weis Road to South Manning Boulevard
Hampton Street
Helderberg Avenue
Hillcrest Avenue
Holmes Dale
Kakley Street
Kehoe Street

Krank Street
Lawn Avenue
Leedale Street
Leighton Street
Lenox Avenue
Liebel Street
Linden Road
Madison Avenue, from South Swan Street to Delaware Avenue
Marion Avenue
McCarty Avenue, from Frisbie Avenue to South Pearl Street
Milner Avenue
New Scotland Avenue, from South Allen Street to Buckingham Drive
North Main Avenue, from Central Avenue to Washington Avenue
Oliver Street
Orlando Avenue
Ormond Street
Osborne Street
Philip Street
Pinehurst Avenue
Plum Street
Russell Road, from Western Avenue to Hazelhurst Avenue
South Allen Street
South Lake Avenue, from New Scotland Avenue to Madison Avenue
South Main Avenue, from Woodlawn Avenue to New Scotland Avenue
South Manning Boulevard from Western Avenue to New Scotland Avenue
South Pine Avenue
Sunset Avenue
Tampa Avenue
Thornton Street
Winnie Street

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after enactment.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
9TH DAY OF MAY, 2025**

Corporation Counsel

To: Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk

From: Richard Conti, Common Council Member, 6th Ward

Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum

Date: May 7, 2025

Sponsor: Council Member Conti

ORDINANCE 5.52.25

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OR PARKING OF CERTAIN HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON A PORTION OF MADISON AVENUE

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To add Madison Avenue between South Swan Street and Delaware Avenue to the listing of streets where commercial vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds are prohibited from operating or parking.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Madison Avenue between South Swan Street and Delaware Avenue is a narrower section of Madison Avenue in comparison to the sections at the eastern and western intersections. This narrower portion of Madison Avenue is also predominantly lined with historic townhouses. In recent years there has been a noticeable increase in heavy commercial vehicle traffic along this stretch of Madison, creating potential structural integrity issues for the surrounding residential buildings. This ordinance seeks to alleviate those concerns.

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal cost for increased signage.

Council Member Conti introduced the following:

ORDINANCE 20.91.25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XIII (PARKING METERS) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO RENAMING COLUMBUS DAY TO FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI DAY

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Section 359-135 (Lawful parking) of Article XIII (Parking Meters) of Chapter 359 (Vehicles and Traffic) of Part II (General Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is amended to read as follows:

§ 359-135 Lawful parking.

Parking shall be legal and permissible, upon the insertion of the designated coin or coins, or other applicable form of payment, at the locations designated on the streets, thoroughfares and public places in the City, for the period of time respectively indicated on such meters in metered parking spaces. The provisions of this article shall not be enforced on Saturdays or Sundays; or on New Year's Day, January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in January; President's Day, the third Monday in February; Memorial Day, the fourth Monday in May; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, the first Monday in September; ~~Columbus~~ Frances Xavier Cabrini Day (observed), the second Monday in October; Election Day, the first Tuesday in November; Veteran's Day (observed), the second Monday in November; Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November; and Christmas Day, December 25. Metered spaces may be used without charge or without depositing a coin or coins, or other form of applicable payment, in the meters at times when parking is not regulated and when the prohibition against parking is not in force.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2025**

Corporation Counsel

To: Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk

From: Richard Conti, Council Member, 6th Ward

Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum

Date: August 21, 2025

Sponsor: Council Member Conti

ORDINANCE 20.91.25

TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XIII (PARKING METERS) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO RENAMING COLUMBUS DAY TO FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI DAY

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To re-designate the annual observance of Columbus Day to Frances Xavier Cabrini Day.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISITING LAW

As our community reconsiders how best to honor Italian-American heritage, it's time to move beyond Columbus Day and embrace a figure whose legacy truly reflects the values of service, resilience, and inclusion: Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini.

In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed the first national Columbus Day in part to acknowledge the brutal discrimination Italian immigrants faced – most notably the mass lynching of 11 Sicilian men in New Orleans in 1891, one of the largest lynchings in U.S. history. At the time, Italians were vilified as criminals, anarchists, and racial inferiors. They were denied jobs, harassed by mobs, and targeted by nativist groups. Columbus was elevated as a symbol of Italian pride and legitimacy in a country that refused to accept them.

But today, we know that Columbus's legacy is deeply contested. His association with conquest and colonial violence makes him an ill-fitting representative of a community whose American story is rooted in struggle, labor, and perseverance.

Mother Cabrini, by contrast, embodies the best of Italian-American values. An immigrant herself, she founded hospitals, schools, and orphanages across the U.S. to serve the poor and marginalized. She was canonized as the first American saint and remains a powerful symbol of compassion and community-building. In 2020, Colorado replaced Columbus Day with Cabrini Day, recognizing her as a more inclusive and humanitarian figure.

Her legacy is especially relevant today, as modern immigrants face many of the same challenges Italian-Americans once did: discrimination, economic hardship, and barriers to healthcare,

housing, and education. Cabrini's life reminds us that dignity and opportunity should not be reserved for the few, but extended to all who seek a better life.

This ordinance proposes follow Colorado's lead and adopt Cabrini Day—a celebration of service over conquest, inclusion over division, and real heritage over myth. It's time to honor the full story of Italian-American resilience and extend that compassion to today's immigrant communities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Negligible.