

# Town cracks down on illegal truck-parking depots

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Owners of land being used improperly for commercial vehicle parking depots in Halton Hills might be facing hefty fines after a recent crackdown on the illegal practice.

In a release issued Monday (Sept. 11), the town said bylaw officers had laid charges following a number of resident complaints about the improper use of land - mostly along Steeles Avenue.

"We're finding that the offences (which contravene zoning bylaw 2010-0050), have been primarily along Steeles Avenue," said supervisor of enforcement services Marina Booton. "Basically, the bylaw states that people cannot store or park commercial motor vehicles on residential properties."

"The zoning bylaw is in effect to protect the integri-



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The fines can be hefty, with charges of up to \$25,000 for a first offence and possible subsequent convictions with fines of up to \$10,000 per day.

ty and proper use of land", added Booton. "Purchasing property that is not zoned for storing or parking commercial vehicles is an offence, and we want people to understand this."

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Anyone with questions regarding the bylaw should be referred to town's zoning officer at 905-873-2601, ext. 2320.

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