

SECTION 6: PARKING, STANDING, OR STORING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAILERS OR TRUCKS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A. DEFINITIONS

- (1) Camper - A separate vehicle designed for human habitation which can be attached and detached to or towed by a motor vehicle.
- (2) Driveway - Any paved concrete, asphalt, gravel and/or other impervious surface area on a lot designed and required to provide direct access for vehicles between a street and private garage, carport, or other permitted parking space, or parking area or loading area, garage and attached or detached accessory building located on a lot developed with a residential dwelling used by the occupant of the premises principally for, but not limited to, the storage of passenger vehicles or other vehicles and equipment. Driveways or paved parking areas must be substantially free from grass, weeds, or other vegetation and must be adequately maintained.
- (3) Motor Home - A self-contained vehicle designed for human habitation with its own motive power and with a passageway from the body of the home to the driver and front passenger seats.
- (4) Motor Vehicle - A self-propelled device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported.
- (5) Recreational Vehicle - Any motor vehicle or trailer designed or used as a travel trailer, camper, motor home, tent trailer, boat, boat trailer, camping trailer, or other similar purposes.
- (6) Residential area or residential lot - shall mean any area or lot occupied by residential dwellings though the area may be zoned for use other than residential.
- (7) Trailer - A vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons, animals, or property on its own structure and to be drawn by a vehicle with motive power. The term shall include, but not be limited to, semi-trailer, and utility trailer. Trailer shall not include any trailer defined as a recreational vehicle.
- (8) Truck - means any motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity exceeding two thousand (2,000) pounds.
- (9) Truck-tractor - means any motor vehicle designed or used primarily for drawing other vehicles. It is intended that the term includes a motor vehicle that is otherwise a truck-tractor that may be engaged with a semi-trailer.

B. REGULATIONS

- (1) It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or person in charge of property used for residential purposes to permit the parking, standing or storing of trucks, trailers, or truck-tractors as defined herein in residential areas for other than actual supervised loading or unloading of goods and passengers. It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or person in charge of property used for residential purposes to permit the parking, standing or storing of trailers, trucks, or truck-tractors in residential yards or lawns, including driveways, for other than actual supervised loading or unloading of goods or passengers.
- (2) It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or person in charge of property used for residential purposes to permit the parking, standing or storing of recreational vehicles on residential streets for a period of time in excess of seventy-two (72) hours within any thirty (30) day period.

- (3) It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or person in charge of property used for residential purposes to permit the parking, standing or storing of motor vehicles, excluding recreational vehicles on yards or lawns excluding driveways, paved parking areas, or areas screened from public view by fencing."
- (4) It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of a vehicle, other than recreational vehicles , to park or permit the parking, standing or storing of such vehicle on the yards or lawns of property used for residential purposes. Parking on driveways or paved parking areas or areas screened from public view by fencing is permitted.

C. SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

- (1) A special exception may be granted to any person identified in Subsection B above, upon application to and approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall have the authority to accept applications for special exceptions for the parking of vehicles on front yard lawns in residential areas.
- (2) The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall hear and consider applications for special exceptions for the parking of vehicles on residential yards. The Board may issue special exceptions where it determines that the issuance will not be contrary to the public interest, where owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done. In the event that the Board determines that a special exception shall be issued, then it may impose such restrictions as it deems necessary to protect the character of the neighborhood. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, screening and landscaping.
- (3) The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall have the authority, upon ten days written notice, to set a hearing date to consider whether or not the terms of the special exception have been complied with upon presentation of evidence by the City staff and permittee. Upon a finding that the terms of the special exception have been violated, the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall have the authority to revoke, suspend, maintain or alter the terms of the special exception issued.

D. EXEMPTIONS

Residential properties zoned A-O, A-OX, or A-OR shall be exempt from the regulations contained in Subsection B of this Section.

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