



Motor and Recreational Vehicles and Equipment



Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding rules and regulations for your motor and recreational vehicles.



What is considered a motor vehicle?

Motor Vehicles include, but are not limited to: passenger cars, trucks and vans and motorcycles.



What is included as a recreational vehicle?

Recreational vehicles and equipment include, but are not limited to camper trailers, chassis-mounted campers, utility trailers, motor homes, tent trailers, slip-in campers, converted buses or vans considered motor homes, boats, boat trailers, snowmobiles, snowmobile trailers, all-terrain vehicles and all-terrain vehicle trailers and go-carts.

Where can I park and store my vehicles?

Operable motor vehicles shall only be parked on a hard-surfaced driveway or lawful auxiliary space. Inoperable motor vehicles shall not be located outside on any portion of a lot.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Recreational vehicles and equipment shall only be parked or stored on a hard-surfaced driveway, if in the front yard. If in the side or rear yard, recreational vehicles and equipment shall not be located closer than 5 feet to the lot line in the side yard or 3 feet to the lot line if in the rear yard.

Recreational vehicles and equipment may not be located closer to a principal structure on an abutting lot than the owner's principal building. In no case shall recreational vehicles and equipment be placed within 10 feet of the living quarters of the principal structure on an adjacent lot.

Recreational vehicles may not be used for living or housekeeping purposes while parked or stored on a residential-use lot.

Not more than one commercial vehicle – not exceeding 8 feet in height, 22 feet in length and 12,000 pounds – shall be parked on a residential lot.

Recreational vehicles and equipment exceeding 32 feet in length may be parked in a front or side street yard on a hard surfaced driveway if it complies with the front and side street building setbacks.

The following shall not be parked or stored in residential use districts:

- Farm tractors and equipment.
- Oversized military vehicles, including but not limited to, half-tracks, troop transports and tankers.
- Semi tractors or trailers.
- Any vehicle, not defined as a recreational vehicle, with a gross weight of greater than 12,000 pounds.

All motor and recreational vehicles and equipment parked or stored on a property shall be owned by and licensed to the owner of the dwelling where they are kept.

OTHER INFORMATION

What if I want to sell one of my vehicles?

Motor vehicles for sale may not be parked or stored on a commercial or industrial property other than that of a licensed auto dealer. One motor vehicle may be posted for sale on single- or two-family properties, if the following conditions are met:

- No more than one vehicle may be displayed for sale on any given time on a lot.
- The vehicle is parked on a hard surface.
- The vehicle is in such condition that it is fully operable and can immediately be driven on a public street in a lawful manner.
- The vehicle has current valid registration, including clearly visible current license plate tabs.
- The address listed on the registration is the same as the property where the vehicle is parked and displayed for sale.



Can I park on the street?

Parking on public streets, alleys or city owned lots is prohibited between 2 and 5 a.m.; however, permits are available from the police department for temporary parking on public streets during these hours from April 1 through Nov. 30, and on days surrounding legal holidays.

