

# REGULATION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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## Community Update Meeting

City of Hampton  
Community Development Department



# Current Regulations

- Recreational vehicle is defined as:  
“ A travel trailer, camper, coach, motorized dwelling, pickup camper, coach, converted bus, tent trailer or similar device used as a portable residential dwelling, boat, and amphibious houseboat, and any utility trailer used for transporting any of the above named vehicles, whether occupied by such vehicle or not.”







# Current Regulations

- Permitted on **residential** lots:
  - No greater than **28' long X 8' wide X 10' tall**
  - Meets **accessory structure setbacks**
  - **Not parked in a front yard**, except when loading or unloading (max 48 hours)
- If a recreational vehicle does not meet the requirements, it must be stored off-site

# Challenges with Current Regulations

- Difficult to enforce
  - Loading/unloading exception
  - Height and length not easy to determine
  - Ability to move recreational vehicles
- Industry standards have evolved over time
- Not aligned with other localities



# Other Localities

	# Permitted	Size	Front Yard
Chesapeake	No Limit	No Limit	Not Permitted
Newport News	2 Max	No Limit	Permitted
Norfolk	No Limit	No Limit	Not Permitted
Portsmouth	No Limit	No Limit	Not Permitted*
Virginia Beach	No Limit	No Limit	Not Permitted

\*Only permitted in front yard if side yard is less than 11'

# Questions for feedback

*What types of recreational vehicles should be included in the updated parking regulations?*

- Motor Homes
- Campers
- Boats/Watercraft (and trailer)
- Utility Trailer



# Questions for feedback

*How many RV's should be allowed to be stored and/or parked on a residential property?*

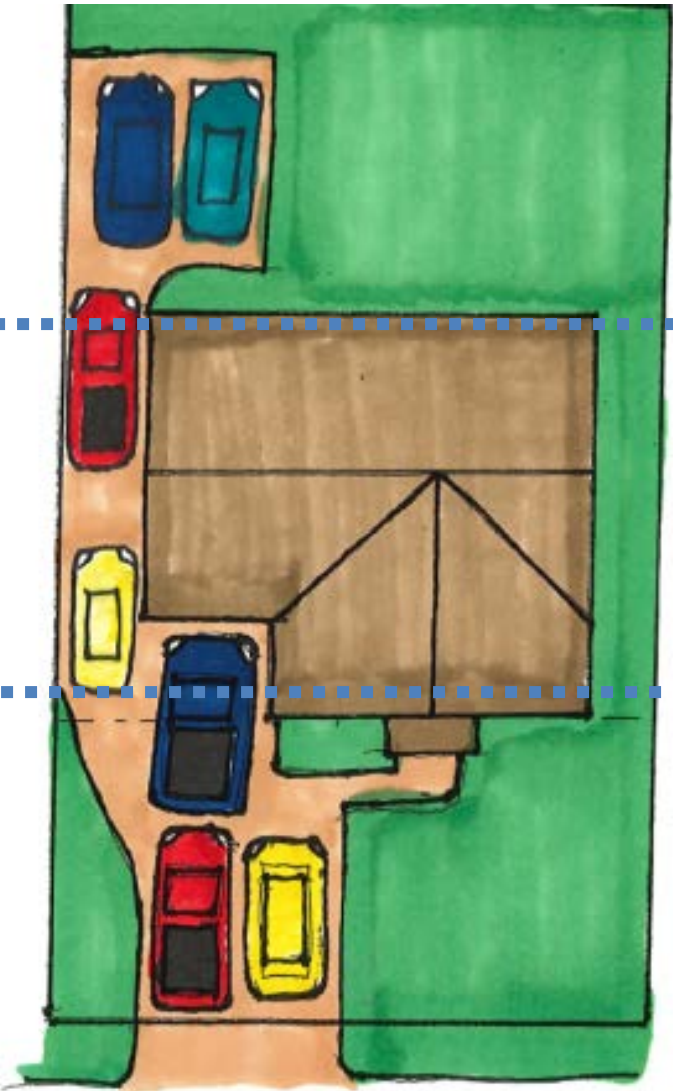
- 0 (None)
- 1 (One)
- 2 (Two)
- 3 (Three)
- 4 (Four) or More

# Questions for feedback

*On what part of residential property should RV's be allowed to be stored and/or parked [on an improved surface or driveway]?*

- Nowhere on the property
- Anywhere on the property (Front, side, or back yard)
- Front Yard Only
- Front & Back Yard Only
- Side & Back Yard Only
- Back Yard Only

# Questions for feedback



Rear Yard

Side Yard

Front Yard

# Questions for feedback

*How important is it to you that we align our ordinance to that of other cities in our region?*

- Very important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not Important



# Questions for feedback

*Are there other regulations or restrictions that should be considered (e.g. screening backyard storage, corner lot storage....)?*

# Next Steps

- **November - December**

- Resident Survey (Available online until Dec 6)
- Review Results
- *Focus Group (If needed)*

- **December - March**

- Develop Recommendation
- Planning Commission Review
- City Council Review & Adoption

- **June - July**

- Enactment of Changes

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**Questions?**

# Staff Generated Options

	# Permitted	Size	Front Yard
Option 1 (Current)	No Limit	28' long X 8' wide X 10' tall	Not Permitted
Option 2	Max of 2	No Limit	1 RV Permitted*
Option 3	No Limit	No Limit	1 RV Permitted*
Option 3	No Limit	No Limit	1 Tow Permitted**
Option 4	No Limit	No Limit	Not Permitted

\*1 RV permitted in front yard

\*\* Only 1 single-axle tow-behind RVs permitted in front yard