

REGULATION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

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Reason for Evaluation/Changes

- Currently: Recreational vehicles permitted under certain size and placement requirements
- Questions Considered:
 - Should we allow for bigger recreational vehicles to be stored on residential property to accommodate new industry size standards?
 - Should we allow parking of such vehicles in the front yard?

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.
- Recreational vehicles are permitted on residential lots only when:
 - No greater than 28' long, 8' wide, and 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

Enforcement Challenges

- Industry standard for size of recreational vehicles has evolved over time
- Regulations not aligned with other localities
- Loading/unloading exception makes the general prohibition on front yard parking difficult to enforce
- Height and length not easy to determine
- Ability to move recreational vehicles to circumvent requirements

Enforcement

Examples



Meets current code

Enforcement

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Meets current code



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Examples



Does not meet current code (exceeds permitted length and does not meet side setbacks); would NOT meet proposed amendments (would not meet 3' side setback)

Enforcement

Examples



- Does not meet current code (exceeds permitted length)
- Would meet proposed amendments (no maximum length if it can fit on property within setbacks)

Proposed Amendments

- Permit **2 recreational vehicles per lot** in residential districts, provided:
 - Only 1 can be forward of the house and it must be parked on a paved surface and cannot extend into public right-of-way, including sidewalk
 - No recreational vehicle can be less than 3' from property line
 - No recreational vehicle can exceed 16' in height
- Similar regulations to other localities
- Would move regulations into City Code
 - Allow for code enforcement to issue parking tickets

Public Outreach

- Neighborhood Commission August 2016-January 2017
 - Reviewed recommended changes to the ordinance
 - Solicited input from neighbors
 - Provided feedback to city staff

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Questions?