

Chapter 205, ZONING

§ 205-72. Parking for personal and recreational vehicles.

A. Applicability. This section permits the parking of personal and recreational vehicles on a single lot in a residential district subject to specific conditions. Personal vehicles include: passenger cars, vans, pickup trucks, camper shells, toppers and other similar appurtenances intended for attachment to a personal vehicle. Recreational vehicles include: Campers, travel trailers, trailers under 20 feet in length, boats and personal watercraft. Heavy commercial vehicles include: trucks, tractor cab units, trailers over 20 feet in length, recreational vehicles and vehicles over 10 tons' gross empty weight. All vehicles will operate and be currently registered. Trucks, tractor cab units, trailers, recreational vehicles and vehicles over 10 tons' gross empty weight shall be defined as heavy commercial vehicles. [Amended 10-6-1998 by Ord. No. 1275]

B. Location of parking.

(1) Parking is permitted within any enclosed structure when such structure conforms to the regulations of its zoning district. [Amended 5-7-1996 by Ord. No. 1215]

(2) Parking of recreational vehicles and personal vehicles outside an enclosed structure is permitted in the rear yard or in an interior side yard behind the required front yard setback line. **Parking of recreational vehicles, boats or trailers is permitted in the front yard on a hard-surfaced driveway or parking area only, but shall be limited to only one recreational vehicle at any one time.** There shall be no limit on the number of personal or recreational vehicles allowed to be parked in the rear or side yard hard-surfaced parking areas, but the same shall comply with all other City ordinances concerning nuisances and abandoned vehicle ordinances. (NOTE: Any exceptions previously granted for the parking of personal or recreational vehicles prior to the effective date of this section shall remain in full force and effect.) [Amended 5-7-1996 by Ord. No. 1215; 10-6-1998 by Ord. No. 1275]

(3) Parking of personal vehicles within an interior side yard is prohibited.

(4) Parking of personal vehicles may occur in the rear yard setback (outside of an enclosed structure and not on the front yard paved driveway) if the Planning Director determines that such parking conforms to the provisions of this chapter and meets the following conditions: [Amended 10-6-1998 by Ord. No. 1275]

(a) The parking space is provided on a paved surface connected by a paved surface to a dedicated public right-of-way and/or alley.

(b) The paved parking does not exceed the maximum impervious coverage limit for the lot.

(5) Heavy commercial vehicles weighing more than 10 tons' gross empty weight shall not be parked on any lot within the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 and MH Residential Zoning Districts, except for unloading and loading. [Amended 10-6-1998 by Ord. No. 1275]

C. Special provisions for recreational vehicles. Where permitted, parking and storage of recreational vehicles are subject to the following conditions: [Amended 10-6-1998 by Ord. No. 1275]

(1) Recreational vehicles must be maintained in a clean, well-kept state.

(2) Recreational vehicles equipped with liquefied petroleum gas containers must ensure that such containers must meet the current standards of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the United States Department of Transportation or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Any valves must be closed at all times that the vehicle is not in preparation for immediate use. Leaks in containers must be repaired immediately.

(3) Recreational vehicles shall not be used as a residence within any R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 and MH Zoning District except by temporary nonpaying guests of the owner of the property for a maximum of three consecutive days or 20 days total during any calendar year.