

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2005-04

SHORT TITLE: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PARKING, STORAGE AND USE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND SIMILAR EQUIPMENT; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS the City's Planning and Zoning Commission deems it in the public interest that the parking, storage and use of Recreational Vehicles and certain similar equipment be regulated within the corporate limits,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the city of Perryville, Arkansas, as follows:

SECTION 1 – Definitions:

- A. Recreational vehicle means a vehicular type unit designed for temporary living quarters for recreational camping or travel uses, which either has its own motor power or is mounted on or towed by another vehicle. This definition includes, but is not limited to, travel trailers, camping trailers, tent trailers, truck campers, motor homes and camper vans.
- B. Similar equipment includes, but is not limited to, utility trailers, boats and boat trailers, trailers for transporting motorized vehicles, campers or coaches designed for, but not mounted, on automotive vehicles, tents and the like, including the coverings.

SECTION 2 – General Restrictions:

The following restrictions apply to all recreational vehicles regardless of the Zoning District in which it is located:

- A. No recreational vehicle shall be used as a permanent dwelling or otherwise used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes.
- B. No recreational vehicle shall be used as an office or for any other commercial purpose without a permit from the City.
- C. All travel trailers shall conform to and not exceed regulations for height and weight restrictions when in use within City boundaries. No vehicle shall be parked or stored in a manner which inhibits or impedes travel on City thoroughways.
- D. Storage or parking of utility trailers and recreational vehicles must comply with all applicable laws, statutes, rules and regulations pertaining to threats of fire and all other hazards to public health and safety. They shall be maintained free from unsightly growths of vegetation and vermin infestation.
- E. All recreational vehicle parks developed for the parking of R V's which are in use shall be developed according to the applicable requirements for Mobile Home Parks.

SECTION 3 - Residential Districts Restrictions:

All defined vehicles and/or equipment parked or stored in a residential district shall comply with the following:

- A. Parking and/or storage is allowed in rear or side yards only. However, Recreational vehicles may be parked in the driveway providing there is no direct access to either side or rear yards, and providing the vehicle is removed by a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from the adjoining street or roadway and does not protrude into any public sidewalk.
- B. Parking and/or storage shall comply with the yard requirements for accessory buildings of the district in which it is located.
- C. Parking and/or storage shall not impede the light or air of a neighboring structure.
- D. The number of vehicles allowed is limited to those owned and properly licensed by the occupant(s) of the dwelling.
- E. A residential property owner, or legal occupant, may allow guests or visitors to camp in a recreational vehicle on their property for up to fourteen (14) days within a six (6) months period. Permits for longer stays may be issued by City officials if justified by special situations or extenuating circumstances.

SECTION 4 - Penalties

- (A) Any person who shall violate any provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$250.00 per each offense.
- (B) When applicable, each day that a violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense and each such separate offense may be punished separately.

SECTION 5 - Conflicts and Severability

- (A) All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- (B) If for any reason any portion of this Ordinance be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions hereof which are valid, but such valid portions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6 - Emergency Declared

- (A.) Cognizant that situations may now exist potentially threatening to public health and safety which are best addressed as soon as possible, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication.

PASSED ON THIS 11 DAY OF Aug IN THE YEAR OF 2005 BY
 A VOTE OF: 9 YES 0 NO



 MAYOR



 RECORDER/TREASURER