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**Sec. 30-133. Parking of watercraft, recreational vehicles, utility trailers in residential areas, front yard parking, and parking surfaces.**

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to provide for public safety and general welfare of the city in preserving its residential character, by limiting and restricting the parking and storage of watercraft, recreational vehicles and utility trailers within the residential districts of the city.

(b) *Parking and storing in residential districts generally.* Unless completely housed in a garage or other suitable structure, all watercraft, ~~watercraft trailers, recreational vehicles~~ and utility trailers parked, stored or kept in any residential district shall be parked, stored or kept in the side yard or rear yard where accessible by alley, public or private road, or other legally permissible means.

(c) *Recreational Vehicles.* Only recreational vehicles meeting the following standards and conditions shall be permitted to be parked within residential or office districts provided:

**Comment [BF1]:** For Council discussion

(1) Recreational vehicles shall be parked within a completely enclosed private garage or other suitable structure or stored or kept in any residential district shall be parked, stored or kept in the side yard or rear yard where accessible by alley, public or private road, or other legally permissible means provided:

- a. The recreational vehicle is ten and one-half (10½) feet or less in height and twenty-five (25) feet or less in length, measured at the longest and highest points of the vehicle;
- b. The recreational vehicle is parked on a paved parking surface accessible from the street by an approved driveway;
- c. The recreational vehicle is screened from adjacent properties by a solid wall or solid fence at least six (6) feet in height;
- d. The recreational vehicle is set back at least five (5) feet from the side and rear property line;
- e. If the sidewalk or driveway apron is damaged due to the vehicle weight or other reason, the property owner is responsible for the repair or replacement of the sidewalk or driveway apron. See Section 26-3 of the BIMC.
- ~~a-f.~~ Recreational vehicles parked solely for the purpose of loading and unloading; however, parking for loading and unloading purposes shall be limited to twenty-four (24) hours.

(2) Recreational vehicles not meeting the requirements of (a) and (b) above but approved in accordance with variance procedures and requirements of City Code.

(d) *Front yard regulations.* Only one watercraft unit or watercraft trailer shall be parked, stored, or kept in the front yard of the property and shall be subject to the following restrictions:

**Comment [BF2]:** For Council discussion to see if additional can be stored in driveway.

- (1) No watercraft exceeding 25 feet in length or ten and one-half feet in height shall be permitted in the front yard.
- (2) No watercraft shall be permitted in the front yard unless placed upon a watercraft trailer.
- (3) The watercraft unit or trailer shall be parked on a prepared surface meeting the following criteria:
  - a. Surface constructed of concrete pavers, asphalt, gravel or mulch;
  - b. Located so that its longest edge is contiguous to the existing driveway unless the prepared surface is a covered carport;
  - c. Front edge of the prepared surface is not less than five feet from the paved sidewalk and not less than ten feet from the roadway pavement; and

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- (4) When parked on the prepared surface, no part of the recreational unit, including, if applicable, a trailer hitch or outboard motor may extend closer than five feet to a paved sidewalk and not closer than ten feet to a roadway pavement.
  - (5) No recreational vehicle or utility trailer shall be parked, stored or kept in the front yard of the property, or on any vacant or undeveloped property.

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- ~~(6) Recreational Vehicles. Only recreational vehicles meeting the following standards and conditions shall be permitted to be parked within residential or office districts:~~

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~~(e) Recreational vehicles parked within a completely enclosed private garage where the recreational vehicle is not parked in the required on-site parking space.~~

- ~~— Recreational vehicles parked inside or rear yards provided:~~
- ~~— the recreational vehicle is ten and one half (10½) feet or less in height and twenty five (25) feet or less in length, measured at the longest and highest points of the vehicle;~~
- ~~— the recreational vehicle is parked on a paved parking surface accessible from the street by an approved driveway;~~
- ~~— the recreational vehicle is screened from adjacent properties by a solid wall or solid fence at least six (6) feet in height;~~
- ~~— the recreational vehicle is set back at least five (5) feet from the side and rear property line;~~
- ~~— the recreational vehicle is not parked in the required on-site parking space;~~
- ~~— the recreational vehicle is set back at least five (5) feet from any adjacent building or structure.~~

~~(f) Recreational vehicles parked solely for the purpose of loading and unloading; however, parking for loading and unloading purposes shall be limited to thirty six (48) hours.~~

~~(g) Recreational vehicles not meeting the requirements of (a) and (b) above but approved in accordance with variance procedures and requirements of City Code.~~

~~(h)(e) Recreational vehicles less than eighty (80) inches in width parked on any public street, if permitted by other applicable provisions of the City Code.~~

- (d) *Criteria for prepared surface.* The following criteria must be met for approval of the prepared surface:
  - (1) The location of the surface must be adjacent to the existing driveway or placed in line with either outside edge of the existing structure.
  - (2) The surface must be placed such that the vehicle, when parked, is perpendicular to the existing structure.
  - (3) The front edge of the surface must be not less than five feet from the front property line.
- (e) Any vehicle parked in a front yard must be parked:
  - (1) Completely on an approved prepared surface as described in this section.
  - (2) At least three feet from any existing sidewalk.
  - (3) At least three feet from any side lot line.
  - (4) At least three feet from a non-sidewalk curb or roadway if no curb.
- (f) General standards for designated parking areas:
  - (1) All areas designated as parking or driveway shall be constructed of the following materials: asphalt, concrete, pavers, four-inch gravel or crushed rock, mulch, or other material approved by the city manager or city manager designee.

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- (2) All areas designated as parking or driveway shall be completely contained within a permanent border.
  - (3) The borders of any prepared parking surface constructed of gravel, crushed rock, mulch, or any other loose material approved by the city manager or city manager designee, shall be delineated with anchored man-made or natural landscape edging materials such that the parking area is clearly defined and the loose material contained so to prevent spreading and deterioration of the parking area.
  - (4) The parking area must be accessible from the driveway and curb cut, if there is a curb. The parking space shall not be accessed by driving over the curb and/or sidewalk.
  - (5) If in an area with an HOA (whether voluntary or mandatory), the HOA needs to approve the application.
  - (6) All improved parking surfaces shall be maintained in good and safe condition and be free of holes, cracks or other failures that may affect the use, safety, appearance or drainage of the surface or of an adjoining property. Final determination of a parking surface's condition shall be at the discretion of the city manager or the city manager's designee.
- (g) Permit needed:
- (1) A permit is required for all front lawn parking.
  - (2) Permit must be signed by the property owner. Tenants are not allowed to sign a permit on behalf of the property owner.
  - (3) The city manager or city manager designee will administer the permit process.
  - (4) If part of an HOA, if the HOA does not allow front yard parking, then the application will be denied.
  - (5) In granting or denying a permit for front lawn parking, the city manager or city manager's designee shall consider the following criteria:
    - a. The number and type of the vehicles proposed to be parked;
    - b. The duration of the proposed parking;
    - c. The particular characteristics of the property, the surrounding properties, and the neighborhood;
    - d. Aesthetic and safety concerns; and
    - e. Other matters bearing upon the welfare, health, and safety of the surrounding residents and general public.
- (h) *Parking on public road right-of-way.* No watercraft, recreational vehicle or utility trailer shall be permitted to be parked in the public road right-of-way unless it is attached to a motor vehicle, or in the case of recreational vehicles it is capable of self-propulsion; and in no event shall any watercraft, recreational vehicle or utility trailer be permitted to be parked in the public road right-of-way for a period exceeding 24 hours. No watercraft, recreational vehicle or utility trailer shall be permitted to be parked on the right-of-way between the edge of pavement and private property lines within residential and commercial areas. No vehicle shall be occupied for permanent living purposes, nor connected to public utilities (sewer or water) while parked on a public road right-of-way, except in accordance with section 30-132(d).
- (Ord. No. 03-22, § 3, 12-16-2003; Ord. No. 05-27, § 2, 12-5-2005; Ord. No. 13-03, § 2, 2-5-2013; Ord. No. 19-04, § 2, 7-2-2019)