

CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 7, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Consideration of RV Parking Changes

Background: At the request of Commissioner Carugno at the last Council meeting, the City Council approved adding this topic to the agenda.

In July 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance 19-04 which changed much of the parking code. During the public hearings on these ordinance changes, the issue of RV parking in the front of the house (driveway or lawn) was discussed. The Council decided not to allow any RV parking in the front of the property for aesthetic reasons.

Section 30-133.c.4 of the BIMC states <u>"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."</u>

Since the ordinance was adopted, several instances where RV parking should be allowed in the front yard or driveway have been seen in the City. Some of these include properties hidden from view due to walls, properties with long driveways, or the property is located behind another property.

There are parts of the code that gives the City Manager the authority to permit parking or issue permits under certain circumstances; however there are no provisions that give the City Manager the authority for RV parking exceptions.

Staff Recommendation: Council to discuss providing the authority to the City Manager to allow RV parking in the front of the property under certain circumstances.

Suggested Motion: <u>I move that we direct the staff to develop changes to the parking code that would allow exceptions to RV parking on residential property.</u>

Alternatives: Keep the code as it is.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments: None