

ORDINANCE NO. 2026

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING CHAPTER 62,
RELATING TO PERSONAL, COMMERCIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND
HEAVY VEHICLES DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 62-10. – Definitions. of Chapter 62 of the Municipal Code of the City of Dickinson is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 62-10. – Definitions.

“*Commercial vehicles* means ~~trucks, tractor cab units, trailers,~~ vehicles and equipment over 10,000 pounds gross empty weight used in any way as part of any commercial application, endeavor or business.

~~*Heavy recreational vehicles* means motor coach homes, converted buses and converted trucks.~~

~~*Heavy vehicles* means vehicles over ten tons pounds gross empty weight.~~

Personal vehicles means ~~shall mean~~ passenger cars, vans, pick-up trucks, camper shells, toppers, and other similar appurtenances intended for attachment to a personal vehicle, trailers ~~under 20 feet in length~~, and boats.

Recreational vehicle means a vehicle towed or self-propelled on its own chassis or attached to the chassis of another vehicle and designed or used for temporary dwelling, recreational, or sporting purposes. Recreational vehicles include, but are not limited to, travel trailers, campers, boats, and boat trailers.”

SECTION 2: Item 1 in Section 62-471. – Accessory uses. of Chapter 62 of the Municipal Code of the City of Dickinson is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 62-471. – Accessory uses.

- 1) Home-based business/home occupations. Home-based businesses and home occupations are permitted as an accessory use in residential units subject to the following conditions:
 - a. External effects.
 1. There shall be no change in the exterior appearance of the building or premises housing the home occupation other than signage permitted within this section.
 2. No noise, odors, bright lights, electronic interference, storage or other external effects attributable to the home occupation shall be noticeable from any adjacent property or public right-of-way.
 3. The home occupation shall be carried on entirely within the principal residential structure and/or within a detached accessory building approved by the City in accordance with this chapter. All criteria in

Subsections (1)a.1, 2, and 4 through 6 of this section are applicable for the detached accessory building.

4. Mechanical or electrical equipment supporting the home occupation shall be limited to that which is self-contained within the structure and normally used for office, domestic or household purposes.
5. No outdoor storage of materials or equipment used in the home occupation shall be permitted, other than motor vehicles used by the owner to conduct the occupation. Parking or storage of **heavy** commercial vehicles to conduct the home occupation is prohibited.
6. All discharges of sewage and wastes into public sewers shall comply with all applicable City ordinances

SECTION 3: Item a in Section 62-594. – Parking of certain vehicles. of Chapter 62 of the Municipal Code of the City of Dickinson is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 62-594. – Parking of certain vehicles.

- a) Location of parking.
- b) Parking of any vehicle is permitted within any enclosed structure when such structure conforms to the regulations of its zoning district.
- c) Parking of personal vehicles is permitted on a paved driveway (outside of an enclosed structure/garage) within the front yard setback but shall in no case encroach upon the public right-of-way.
- d) Parking of personal vehicles within an interior side yard must be located on a paved surface on the garage side of the property but shall not encroach upon the public right-of-way. Surface drainage shall maintain the standards set forth in the City Code.
- e) Parking of personal vehicles may occur in the rear yard setback, provided that such parking conforms to the provisions of the zoning ordinance. The parking space shall be provided on either a paved, graveled, or rock surface.
- f) Commercial vehicles ~~and heavy vehicles~~ shall not be parked on any lot within the R-1, R-2, R-3, and MH Districts. This section shall apply even if the commercial vehicle ~~or heavy vehicle~~ is not being driven for the purpose of the commercial application, endeavor or business at the time said vehicle is parked within the aforementioned zoning districts.
- g) All paved surfaces exceeding four feet in width shall require a driveway/pad permit issued by the Building Official or designee.
- h) Street side yard driveways/pads shall not exceed half of the required setback.

SECTION 4: Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: Severability. In the event any section of this Ordinance is held invalid by court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall extend only to the section affected, and other sections of this Chapter shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after final passage.

Scott Decker, President
Board of City Commissioners

ATTEST

Dustin Dassinger, City Administrator

First Reading: _____, 2026

Second Reading: _____, 2026

Final Passage: _____, 2026