



# Town of Johnstown

## TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION COMMUNICATION

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**AGENDA DATE:** August 14, 2023

**SUBJECT:** RV Parking Regulations

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. E-mail Correspondence Received by the Town

**PRESENTED BY:** Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

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### WORKSESSION ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Included with this work session correspondence is an e-mail that was received by a resident who received a citation for a detached RV trailer at their residence from a towing vehicle. The citation was issued by the Town of Johnstown Code Enforcement Department in compliance with the Johnstown Municipal Code Section 8-47, which states the following:

#### **Sec. 8-47. - Restricted parking of trailers, campers and boats on streets.**

- (a) Detached trailers, pickup campers and boats. For purposes of this Section, *trailer* means any wheeled vehicle without motive power and designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle. A *pickup camper* means a camper body capable of being loaded or unloaded from or to the bed of a pickup truck.
- (1) No trailer shall be detached from a towing vehicle and left standing in any public right-of-way.
  - (2) No pickup camper shall be unloaded from a pickup truck and left standing in any public right-of-way.
  - (3) No boat, whether standing on a trailer or standing by itself, shall be left standing on any public right-of-way unless attached physically to a motor vehicle.
- (b) Parking of oversized vehicles. For the purpose of this Section, *oversized private vehicle* means any vehicle registered, licensed or used for private purposes including but not limited to buses, motorized mobile homes and motorized recreational coaches, and exceeding thirty-four (34) feet in length or eight (8) feet or more in width. Oversized vehicles are prohibited from parking in any area of the Town, either on the street, traveled road or public right-of-way, except:
- (1) Temporary parking of vehicles used for loading or unloading of personal goods or property for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours;
  - (2) Temporary parking of passenger vehicles, such as automobiles and pickup trucks, with attached trailers, campers or boats for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours;

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(3) Temporary parking of oversized private vehicles by nonresident visitors pursuant to a permit issued by the Chief of Police. Such permits shall be issued only to the owner or regular driver of such vehicle and shall not be transferred or assigned to another owner, driver or location. Such permits shall not exceed fourteen (14) days and may be renewed for not to exceed fourteen (14) days. Such permits shall be limited to one (1) street location.

(c) Measurements. Measurements made in the enforcement of this Section shall be made as follows:

(1) The height of vehicles shall be measured perpendicular to the parking surface to the uppermost portion of the vehicle, including loads or any projections attached thereto with the exception of radio antennae, exhaust pipes and vents.

(2) The length of vehicles shall be measured parallel to the long axis of the vehicle and shall include any projections permanently or temporarily attached thereto.

(d) Application. This Section shall apply to every street, alley, sidewalk area, driveway, park and to every other public way, public place or public parking area, either within or outside the corporate limits of the Town, the use of which the Town has jurisdiction and authority to regulate.

(e) Penalties. Failure to comply with the provisions hereof shall be unlawful, and any person who shall be convicted of a violation hereunder shall be penalized for each offense as provided in [Section 1-62](#) of this Code.

The resident is requesting consideration to modify the code to allow exceptions within cul-de-sacs given the difficult turning radii and how it impacts adjacent neighbors. Staff is requesting direction on if Council would like a special provision to be included in the municipal code to be brought forward for future consideration.

While Staff defers the direction on this matter to Council, Staff is opposed to a change in the regulation because of the difficulty that it will create to administer and even more concerning would be the potential public safety issues for police and fire personnel in the event of an emergency in the cul-de-sac.

***Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,***



Town Manager

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