



CITY OF
LONG LAKE

Planning Commission Agenda Report

City of Long Lake

450 Virginia Avenue, PO Box 606
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MEETING DATE / May 15, 2024

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Review Draft Ordinance Regarding Parking Regulations and the Storage of Boats, Trailers and Recreational Vehicles

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Recommended Planning Commission Action

Staff recommends the Planning Commission review and discuss the information presented with this report. Following the Public Hearing, the Commission should make a recommendation to the City Council regarding adoption of the draft ordinance and proposed amendments.

Overview

The City Council reviewed the draft ordinance that the Planning Commission recommended approval of in February. They found areas of the Ordinance to be unclear and requested additional discussion related to the parking and storage of recreational vehicles and equipment, commercial vehicles and equipment and passenger vehicles. Staff presents an updated draft ordinance which addresses the City Council's areas of concern.

Ordinance Section 4 – Definitions

The City Council requested that some of the terms used in the Ordinance be better defined. Staff offers the following definitions for Planning Commission Consideration:

New Definitions:

Commercial Equipment. Any equipment, including trailers, used for commercial purposes, including but not limited to, alteration, demolition, construction, maintenance, or excavation of a building, structure or property.

Commercial Vehicle. A vehicle used for commercial purposes either greater than eight feet (8') in height or greater than twenty-two feet (22) in length, including, but not limited to: boom trucks, cargo trucks, dump trucks, farm implements, firetrucks, ambulances, limousines, hearses, semitractor trailers, trucks equipped with tanks and tow trucks.

Driveway. A paved area leading from a public or private road to a house or garage.

Passenger Vehicle. A four-wheeled passenger automobile, generally utilized for private transportation, such as a sedan, pickup truck, or van.

Amended Definition:

Recreational Vehicle and Equipment. Includes, but is not limited to, operable and licensed, as required by the state, travel trailers, chassis mounted campers, motor homes, tent trailers, slide in campers, and converted buses; snowmobiles and trailers, boats/watercraft and trailers, all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles and utility

trailers. A fish house, boat, snowmobile or other recreational vehicle when stored or kept on a trailer shall be considered as one recreational vehicle.

Ordinance Section 5 – Exterior Storage in Residential Districts

It was discovered that there is an existing provision in the Zoning Ordinance that requires recreational vehicles and equipment to be stored at least five feet from side and rear lot lines. The City Council would like the draft ordinance below to be consistent with that existing regulation. The remainder of this provision remains unchanged from the February version.

Section 19, Subd. 18 Exterior Storage in Residential Districts. All materials and equipment shall be stored within a building or fully screened so as not to be visible from adjoining properties, except for the following:

- A. Clothesline poles and wires.
- B. Not more than three (3) recreational vehicles and equipment, subject to the following regulations:
 1. Recreational vehicles and equipment must be owned by and/or registered to the owner or current occupant of the property it is located on.
 2. Storage in the front yard is permissible, only when located on a driveway.
 3. Storage in the rear or interior side yard is permissible, if stored at least five (5) feet from any interior side or rear property line.
 4. Storage in the corner side yard is permissible, only when the item is stored directly along the exterior wall of the principal structure or a detached garage.

Ordinance Section 6 – Parking and Use Restrictions

While discussing recreational vehicles and equipment with the City Council, the topic of number of allowable passenger vehicles came up. Currently, Long Lake does not have a limit on the number of passenger vehicles that may be stored outdoors on a residential property. Generally, cities in MN limit residential properties to no more than four vehicles stored outdoors. The City Council requested that Long Lake add that provision to the Ordinance.

Section 21, Subd. 6 Parking and Use Restrictions

5. Residential Parking Limit. No more than four (4) licensed and operable passenger vehicles per dwelling unit shall be stored outdoors on any single or two-family residential property.

NOTE: Sections 1-3 of the draft ordinance remain unchanged from the Public Hearing held in February. The current Public Hearing will pertain to Sections 4-6 of the draft ordinance only.

Supporting Information

- Draft Ordinance No. 2024-01