

**OELWEIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF OELWEIN, IOWA**



MEMORANDUM

FROM: Jeremy P. Logan, Chief of Police

DATE: November 5, 2019

TO: City Administrator Dylan Mulfinger

SUBJECT: Consideration of Amendment to Parking Ordinance -Referral to Public Safety Committee

We are seeing an increase in a number of parking issues that involve unattached trailers, campers, motor homes, and other long or wide vehicles, in our residential areas. The height and length of some of these items cause obstructions as people approach intersections, leave a personal drive-way, and travel the roadway. Residents have been found to leave trailers, boats on trailers, campers and motor homes on the roadway and moving them as the period of 72 hours nears. These types of vehicles are limiting the number of parking spaces available for passenger type vehicles and they are causing safety concerns. I have contacted a few other communities about this issue and have compiled a proposed addition to our parking ordinance. I would request the consideration of the following:

#. Long Vehicles: It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, including an automobile, motor truck, carrier, van, stock trailer, motor home (RV camper), bus or other vehicle of any kind more than twenty feet (20') in length to stop, park, or be left standing upon any street except for the purpose of loading or unloading, and then only so long as is necessary for loading or unloading and not to exceed thirty (30) minutes at any one time.

#. Trailers, boat on trailer, semi-trailers and other non-motorized vehicles of any type and size shall not be parked on any street in a residential district, except as herein provided and excepting bicycles. Such vehicles may park for the purpose of loading or unloading or making local deliveries, but in no instance shall such activity exceed a period of thirty (30) minutes.

#. Motor vehicles of any type that exceed seven feet (7') in height or eight feet (8') in width shall not be parked on any street in a residential district, except as herein provided. Such vehicles may park for the purpose of loading or unloading or making local deliveries, but in no event shall said activity exceed a period of thirty (30) minutes.

#. Commercial vehicles which transport detonable materials or flammable solids, liquids and gases shall not be parked on any street in a residential district, except for the purpose of making local deliveries.

Thank you for your consideration.