

**CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS**

**ORDINANCE XX-XX-25**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANGER, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OR FINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1.109 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sanger (the “City”) is a home rule municipality regulated by state law and Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it necessary for the public health, safety and welfare that development occur in a controlled and orderly manner; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 16, 2025 the City Council approved Ordinance 06-15-25 amending Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, all requests for a amendment to the Code of Ordinances were duly filed with the City of Sanger, Texas, concerning the hereinafter described; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Commission on June 9, 2025, duly covered and conducted public hearing for the purpose of assessing a request for an amendment to the code of ordinances recommending approval for the hereinafter described and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the passage of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the citizens of Sanger.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, is amended as provided below.

**Amend section below**

**12.601 Definitions**

**Recreational vehicle. A vehicle which is:**

**a. built on a single chassis;**

- b. designed to be self-propelled or towable by a light duty truck; and,
- c. designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

**Street.** The width between the boundary lines of a publicly or privately maintained way, any part of which is open to the public for vehicular travel.

**Travel trailer.** A structure designed for temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation, and which can be readily towed over the road by a motor vehicle.

**Truck-tractor.** A motor-driven vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing another vehicle and not constructed to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load to be drawn.

**Water Craft.** A boat or other vessel that travels on water.

## **12.602 Unlawful to Park Across or Upon Parking Lines or Markings**

## **12.603 Chief of Police to Maintain Parking Lines or Markings**

## **12.604 Parking Prohibited in Certain Places**

## **12.605 Parking Time Limits**

## **12.606 Parallel Parking**

## **12.607 Owner Responsible for Violation**

## **12.608 Impoundment of Vehicles Violating Parking Regulations**

## **12.609 Redemption of Impounded Vehicles by Owner**

## **12.610 Arrest without a Warrant for Violating Article**

## **12.611 Off-Street Parking**

(a) Parking on grass, gravel, or rock surfaces, except as allowed in subsection (f) below, is prohibited in all zoning districts except A (agriculture).

(b) Required off-street parking shall meet the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

(c) Nonrequired off-street parking shall only be allowed on paved concrete or asphalt surfaces except in [district] A (agriculture). All driveways and approaches to off-street parking spaces shall be similarly paved.

(d) Additional parking areas for recreational vehicles, trailers and boats in residential areas shall be allowed on paved surfaces. The size of the parking space must be at a minimum the length and width of the vehicle, trailer, or boat. All driveways and approaches accessing these parking areas must be similarly paved.

(e) Nonrequired off-street parking in front of a residence must be perpendicular to the street ~~and no more than ten (10) feet in width.~~

(f) Parking on gravel or rock surfaces in existence on the effective date of this section shall be allowed to continue. These surfaces may be repaired or improved from time-to-time but may not be expanded.

(g) Hereinafter it shall be unlawful for any person, driver, or owner to leave, park or stand any boat, recreational vehicle, truck-tractor, road tractor, semitrailer, flatbed trailer, livestock trailer, bus, or other type of trailer in a circle driveway in front of a residence. Only passenger vehicles may be parked in circle driveways in front of a residence.

### **Add below**

### **Parking**

(a) Parking regulations. It shall be deemed illegal for any person to park in violation of the following provisions:

(1) It shall be unlawful for a person to park or store or allow another to park or store a vehicle in the front, side, or rear yard of any property upon any surface other than an improved parking surface. The approach to any improved parking space shall also be improved and consisting of the same materiel of asphalt or concrete. Parallel parking ribbons made of stone are not allowed.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle or store any objects, items, or personal property in or upon any easement.

(3) It shall be unlawful to use a vehicle for living or sleeping quarters, or for the storage of trash, debris or personal property not normally associated with the vehicle.

(4) Residential properties with homesteads that exceed two (2) acres may have operable agricultural equipment, two (2) of which may be trailers, parked on an unimproved surface. The surface must be located one hundred fifty (150) feet from the street and adjacent properties and behind the front building line. Additionally, the agricultural equipment may not be parked on any easement or right-of-way. Agricultural equipment is equipment used for farming operations that is not required to be registered by the State of Texas.

(b) Maintenance of improved parking surfaces. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to maintain all improved parking surfaces in good and safe condition, and free of any defects affecting the use, safety, and drainage of the surface or of the adjoining property.

### **Street Parking**

### **Commercial and Large Vehicle Parking Restrictions.**

(a) **Parking of Vehicles in Right-of-Way.** - It is unlawful for any person to park and/ or permit any other person to park a recreational vehicle, utility vehicle, commercial vehicle, boat, or trailer that intrudes into the public right-of-way or obstructs visibility from adjacent driveways or street corners.

(b) **Truck Tractors, Trailers, and Large Commercial Vehicles.** - Parking of commercial vehicles over 10,000 pounds gross weight, exceeding 20 feet in length and/or seven and a half (7 ½) feet in width, is prohibited in residential areas.

### **Recreational Vehicle Parking**

(a) **Applicability.** Recreational vehicles may be used for temporary living quarters in an approved recreational vehicle park, subject to the requirements of this section.

(b) **Unlawful Occupancy.**

(1) **Compliance.** It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy a recreational vehicle, or to permit the occupancy of any recreational vehicle except as specifically permitted in this article.

(c) **Timeframe.**

(1) **Limitation.** No person shall place, keep, maintain, or occupy a recreational vehicle upon any lot or parcel of ground within the city for a period exceeding 12 hours, except in a manufactured home park or recreational vehicle park approved by the city.

(2) **Temporary Occupancy.** A recreational vehicle may be occupied on the driveway of a residential lot by out-of-town guests for living, sleeping, and housekeeping purposes for no more than 15 days in any three (3) month period.

(d) **Parking.** Parking of recreational vehicles and water craft on private property is subject to the following requirements:

(1) **Front Yard Restriction.** A recreational vehicle may not be parked in a primary or secondary front yard.

(2) **Surface.** The recreational vehicle is located on a parking surface made of concrete, asphalt or other hard all-weather surface approved by the Director of Development Services which is kept free of litter, debris, weeds, and other objectionable material or objects.

(e) **Utility Connections.**

(1) **Electrical.** Connections to any source of electricity without approval of the electrical inspector and the payment of the required fee is prohibited. All electrical connections must comply with the requirements of the adopted National Electric Code.

(2) Plumbing. Connections to any source of water supply or sewage disposal without the approval of the plumbing inspector and the payment of the required fee is prohibited. All plumbing connections must comply with the requirements of the adopted International Plumbing Code.

**Vehicles for sale**

(a) No vehicle for sale may be parked or stored within two hundred (200) feet of the right-of-way or easement on vacant lots or on commercial properties that do not have a certificate of occupancy to operate as a new or used car dealership.

**SECTION 2.** That all matters stated in the preamble are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as if copied in their entirety.

**SECTION 3.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases and words of this Ordinance are severable and, if any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

**SECTION 4.** That this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other City Ordinances and all other provisions of other Ordinances adopted by the City which are inconsistent with the terms or provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in accordance with the general penalty provision found in The Code of Ordinances, Section 1.109 General Penalty for Violations of Code.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance will take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law and Charter in such case provides.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Sanger, Texas, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**Thomas E. Muir, Mayor**

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**Kelly Edwards, City Secretary**

**APPROVED TO FORM:**

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**Hugh Coleman, City Attorney**

