

11.36.125 Parking of recreational vehicles.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the regulations of this Section govern parking of recreational vehicles.

- (a) **Purpose.** The City's recreational vehicle parking regulations help minimize the problems associated with parking recreational vehicles on public and private streets and property, while still affording owners of such vehicles temporary parking privileges for purposes of loading, unloading and undertaking interior maintenance and washing of such recreational vehicles. Problems associated with recreational vehicle parking include:

- (1) Driving sight obstructions;
- (2) Interference with mail delivery;
- (3) Health and safety concerns associated with camping or habitation in vehicles;
- (4) Viewshed obstructions and neighborhood aesthetic concerns.

- (b) **Application.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, this Section governs the parking of recreational vehicles in the City. If there is any conflict with any provision in any other part of this Code, the provisions in this Section govern.

- (c) **Definition of ~~a~~ Recreational Vehicle.**

(1) Generally.

~~(A)~~ (A) "Recreational vehicle" or "RV" means a vehicle designed as a structure capable of human habitation; a boat; or a trailer used for the transport of other vehicles that are used for the purpose of recreation. "Trailer" is defined as a vehicle designed for carrying persons or property on its own structure and for being drawn by another motor vehicle.

~~(A)~~ (B) **Exception.** A van or pickup truck that: (A1) has an attached utility camper shell that is not designed for camping or human habitation; and (B2) is used primarily for transportation is excluded from this definition.

~~(1)~~ (2) **Examples.** For the purposes of this Chapter, the following vehicles, among others, are considered recreational vehicles:

- (A) Camp trailer, per California Vehicle Code Section 242;
- (B) Fifth-wheel travel trailer, per California Vehicle Code Section 324;

- (C) House car, per California Vehicle Code Section 362;
- (D) Trailer coach, per California Vehicle Code Section 635;
- (E) Mobile home, per California Vehicle Code Section 396;
- (F) Boat or boat trailer;
- (G) Trailers used for the transport of equipment, vehicles, or animals that are used for the purpose of recreation.
- (H) Recreational vehicle, per California Health and Safety Code Section 18010;

(d) **Restrictions.** Parking, storage, and use of recreational vehicles is restricted.

(1) **Parking and Storage.**

(A) **Generally.** The parking or storage of any ~~recreational vehicle~~ **RV** on a public or private street or property is prohibited unless: ~~(A) a temporary RV parking permit has been issued for the vehicle in accordance with this Chapter; or (B)~~ the vehicle is located entirely within a fully enclosed structure that is approved by the City's Design Review Committee.

(B) **Exceptions.** The general rule in subsection ~~(d)(1)(i) above~~ **(d)(1)(A) above** does not apply in the following ~~two (2)~~ **three** situations:

(i) **HOA Allowance.** Subsection ~~(d)(1)(i) above~~ **(d)(1)(A) above** does not apply to a residential property or private street that is part of a common interest development ("CID") to the extent that each homeowners' association with jurisdiction over the CID has an express statement in its CC&Rs that allows ~~for~~ recreational vehicles to be parked within the CID.

(ii) **Short-Term Parking.** Short-term parking (~~two (2) hour~~ **two-hour** maximum) in a public parking lot or in legal street parking space is permitted when patronizing a business or visiting a park in the City. After two ~~(2)~~ hours have elapsed at any one ~~(1)~~ location or combination of locations within the City, the vehicle must relocate outside City limits for a minimum of ~~forty-eight (48)~~ consecutive hours.

(iii) **Loading and Unloading; Twice a Week Max.** An RV may be parked within the City for a maximum of 24 hours on public or private streets and a maximum of 48 hours on private lots for loading and unloading purposes. No more

than two periods under this paragraph are allowed in any seven-day period for the same residence or RV.

~~(-)~~(C) Overnight Use**Regulations.**

~~Generally. No person shall camp overnight within any recreational vehicle.~~

~~Exception. The prohibition in subparagraph (3)(i) above does not apply to a resident who has been granted a Temporary Use Permit in response to an emergency situation. The City may issue a Temporary Use Permit under this paragraph for overnight camping within a recreational vehicle if the resident's primary residential structure has been deemed unsafe for human habitation due to an emergency situation. Examples of emergency situations include, but are not limited to, mudslides, floods, fires, earthquakes, wind damage, long-term power outages, or as otherwise determined by the Director of Community Development.~~

Temporary Parking Permit.

~~Anyone wishing to park a recreational vehicle on a public or private street or lot shall obtain a temporary parking permit from the City of Indian Wells.~~

~~There shall be no fee for such permit.~~

~~Application submittal and permit issuance shall be made available through the City's website or the City's Community Development Department.~~

~~The following restrictions shall apply to any temporary parking permit issued for a recreational vehicle:~~

~~A temporary parking permit shall only be issued to a resident of the City, for a specific recreational vehicle with a valid State vehicle license and registration.~~

~~A temporary parking permit shall only be issued for a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours on public or private streets and a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours on private lots and shall not be reissued within twenty-four (24) consecutive hours from expiration of the most recent parking permit issued. No more than two (2) temporary parking permits shall be issued within a seven (7) day period for the same residence or recreational vehicle.~~

~~(-)~~(i) Except as expressly provided in this Chapter, temporaryRV parking on public and private streets shall under this section (d) is only be allowed abutting the permittee'sRV-owner's property. A temporary parking permit does not authorizeNothing in this chapter authorizes parking a vehicle in a location or

manner that is otherwise prohibited by this Code or by the California Vehicle Code.

~~(-)(ii)~~ Temporary RV parking on private lots ~~shall be~~ is restricted to legal driveways, or that portion of the lot area where a legal garage is or can be constructed.

~~Temporary parking permits shall be conspicuously displayed in the lower driver's side of the windshield or the nearest window. The permit may be in printed form or handwritten on paper. The permit number must be clearly visible from the exterior of the vehicle to avoid a citation. The possession of a valid, unexpired permit that was not properly displayed shall not be a defense to a citation for an illegally parked recreational vehicle.~~

~~(-)(iii)~~ There shall be no No other activity except loading or unloading of ~~a vehicle~~ an RV is allowed while the RV parked on a public or private street. Washing the ~~vehicle~~ RV or minor interior maintenance may only be performed in the area defined by subsection ~~(e)(4)(iv) above~~ (d)(1)(C)(ii) above.

~~(-)(iv)~~ No person shall may route electrical cords, extension cords, hoses, cables, or other items on or across City sidewalks or parkways from any property to ~~a recreational vehicle~~ an RV parked on a public or private street at any time.

~~(-)(v)~~ No person shall may make a sewer connection with ~~a recreational vehicle~~ an RV or dump ~~wastes~~ waste from ~~a recreational vehicle~~ an RV onto public or private streets or lots. Violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor and subject to the fine amount listed in Section 1.20.030(d)(2).

~~In order to obtain a temporary parking permit, the following information must be supplied to the City of Indian Wells:~~

~~(5)(2)~~ Address of the resident requesting the permit: **Overnight Use.**

~~(B)(A)~~ Name and phone number of the registered owner or person in control of the **Generally. No person shall camp overnight within any recreational vehicle.**

~~(B)~~ **Exception.** The prohibition in subparagraph (d)(2)(A) above does not apply to a resident who has been granted an Emergency Use Permit in response to an emergency situation. The City may issue an Emergency Use Permit under this paragraph for overnight camping within a recreational vehicle if the resident's primary residential structure has been deemed unsafe for human habitation due to an emergency situation. Examples of emergency situations include, but are not limited to, mudslides, floods, fires, earthquakes,

wind damage, long-term power outages, or as otherwise determined by the Director of Community Development.

~~License number, year, make, and model of the recreational vehicle, and general dimensions as to width, height, and length;~~

~~The dates for which the permit is desired; and~~

~~Additional information that the City Manager or his or her designee reasonably requires.~~

~~(f)~~(e) Violations.

~~(2)~~(1) One courtesy notice will be issued to the recreational vehicle owner for the first violation of this Code. All subsequent violations of the recreational vehicle parking requirements by the same owner or involving the same vehicle shall be citable infractions. The City may issue administrative citations in accordance with Section 1.20.030(d)(1).

~~(3)~~(2) An owner who receives three ~~(3)~~ administrative citations within a ~~twelve (12)~~ month period, forfeits the privilege of ~~being issued~~parking a recreational vehicle ~~parking permit~~on city streets for a ~~one (1) year~~one-year period, beginning on the date of the third citation.

~~(g)~~(f) **Procedures for contesting administrative citation.** If a recreational vehicle owner is cited for violating this Chapter, the owner or person in control of the recreational vehicle may appeal the administrative citation in accordance with Section 1.20.070. ~~(Ord. 737 § 3, 2022)~~