

Sec. 66-174. Parking in residential districts.

(a) Parking in residential districts shall comply with the following provisions:

(1) No recreational vehicle including, but not limited to, recreational vehicles, travel trailers, boats, boat trailers, utility trailers or other trailers, in excess of eight and one-half feet in width, or 14 feet in height, or 36 feet in length shall be stored or parked on any public thoroughfare or private property in any residential district. No vehicle shall encroach upon public sidewalks or alleys.

(2) No recreational vehicle, travel trailer, boat, boat trailer, or stock trailer shall be parked or stored on a public thoroughfare in any residential district. The provisions of this section shall not prevent the parking or standing of such vehicles upon the public thoroughfare in such zoned district for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers, freight or merchandise for a period not to exceed 24 hours.

(3) No automobile, truck, camper, camper top, recreation vehicle, travel trailer, boat trailer or boat, utility trailer or other trailer or vehicle shall be parked or stored on any surface not meeting the paving standards, as defined in article III of chapter 82 of this Code, unless completely screened from ordinary public view.

(4) No junked vehicle, as defined in article IV of chapter 34 of this Code, shall be parked or stored in violation of article IV of chapter 34 of this Code. Any such vehicle shall be subject to the procedures set forth in article VII of this chapter.

(5) For purposes of this section, the term "screened from ordinary public view" means completely out of view from private or public property, or public right-of-way from average grade of the surrounding property including, but not limited to, recreational vehicles that exceed the screening fence in height, fences constructed that persons can see through into the area surrounded by the fence or areas that can be viewed from neighboring properties from average grade.

(6) For purposes of this section, a vehicle shall be considered stored if it has remained parked at or nearly the same location for a continuous period of time in excess of five days. A stored vehicle is deemed to be a vehicle, which is illegally parked on public property, and such vehicle shall be subject to removal and disposal as an abandoned vehicle according to subdivision III, division 2, article IV of chapter 34 of this Code.

(7) No recreational vehicle, travel trailer, boat, boat trailer, camper, camper top, or any other type of vehicle shall be connected to utilities except for the purpose of maintenance. Utilities shall only include electricity and water. Habitation and/or temporary occupancy is prohibited.

(b) For purposes of this section, the court may take judicial notice of an owner's manual, dealer brochure and other such similar information literature, which may constitute a prima facie presumption of the size and weight of the vehicle. This presumption is rebuttable and shall have the effects and consequences set forth in V.T.C.A., Penal Code § 2.05.

(Code 1989, ch. 7, § 12.04; Ord. No. 61-99, § 3(12.04), 10-4-1999; Ord. No. 93-04, § 2, 11-15-2004)