



Recreational Vehicle Ordinance “News Release”

Recently, on June 15th, 2011 the Oakland Park City Commission adopted a new Community Appearance Ordinance that addresses “Recreational Vehicle” issues. As part of the adoption process, the City received input from local residents, property and business owners concerning the new provisions at community forums and public meetings. The Ordinance (#O-2011-013) that will go into effect on September 13, 2011 is now part of the City’s land development code and can be found on the City’s Web Site or in the City Clerk’s office (954-630-4300). The new provisions of the Ordinance are as follows:

- Restricts the overall maximum length requirement of 30 feet for all recreational vehicles.
- Provides for a one-time 90-day length vesting permit registration (with no fees required) for legal existing recreational vehicles that already exist within the 2005 annexed areas of City. Property owners/tenants will be required to apply within 90 days of Ordinance adoption for the length vesting permit registration.
- Provides for temporary occupancy period up to a maximum of 30 calendar days during any calendar year for the same property.
- Provides for unlimited charging of batteries when a recreational vehicle is located in specifically designated parking space.
- Requires a 2.5 foot side and rear setback for the parking and storing of recreational vehicles on residential lots.
- Provides for the limit on the number of recreational vehicles located in a front yard and/or side yard to allow only one (1). However, additional watercraft, vessels or boats may be kept, parked or stored in a side or backyard area that is completely screened from the street with a vision obscuring hedge, fence or wall at least six (6) feet in height or in an enclosed structure.
- Provides for a one-time 90-day number vesting permit registration (with no fees required) for a legal existing watercraft, vessel or boat in addition to a legal existing recreational vehicle when both existed prior to the effective date of the passage and adoption of the Ordinance. Property owners/tenants will be required to apply within 90 days of Ordinance adoption for the number vesting permit registration.



- Requires the location, parking and storage of recreational vehicles, on standard single-family lots, to be placed on designated paved spaces (necessary paving permits will be required for new paved surfaces).
- Provides for a one-time 90-day special permit for a swale encroachment of eight (8) feet (with no fees required) for legal existing recreational vehicles that already exist within the City prior to the adoption of the proposed Ordinance. Property owners/tenants will be required to apply within 90 days of Ordinance adoption for the special permit registration (necessary paving permits will be required for new paved surfaces).
- Allows for 72 hours of temporary parking in a required driveway with a 48 hour period for service and allows for 4 hours of parking in the Right-of-way.
- Limits the overall height of recreational vehicles to 14 feet.
- Temporary parking remains the same allowing up to 30 days for guests and not requiring a permit.
- Permanent owner parking permits will no longer be required.
- These regulations apply to all residential properties in the City.

The special one-time vesting permit registrations (**with no fees required**) and the necessary paving permits will be required for new paved surfaces can be applied for by an owner of a residential property within the City at the City's Building & Permitting Division located at 5399 N. Dixie Highway, Suite #3, Oakland Park, Florida. For more information, please contact Rick Buckeye, Senior Planner at 954-630-4345.