

# Good Neighbor Series

## #1 - Residential Parking

### What is the Impact?

- Improperly parked vehicles can create visibility and safety problems for drivers or prevent clearance of emergency service vehicles.
- The keeping of broken-down, unused vehicles can be detrimental to the quality of life for all citizens.
- Utilities, curbs, and sidewalks can be damaged by the weight of vehicles parked or driven over them.
- Improperly parked vehicles prevent grass and plants from being able to grow. Without live plant material to hold the soil in place, excessive soil erosion can occur, which can impair the effectiveness of the stormwater drainage system.

### Vehicle Storage Rules

#### DON'T

- 🚫 Store Inoperative, Unregistered, or uninspected motor vehicles
- 🚫 Store any motor vehicles where a hard surface does not exist. All motor vehicles must be parked on a hard surface.
- 🚫 Store vehicles with any of the following defects:

- Broken windshields, mirrors, or other glass with sharp edges.
- One or more flat or open tires or tubes that could permit infestation.
- Missing doors, windows, hoods, trunks, or other body parts, which could facilitate the harboring of animals and/or other infestations.
- Any body parts with sharp edges, including holes resulting from rust.
- Missing tires resulting in unsafe suspension of the motor vehicle.
- Upholstery that is torn or open, which could permit the harboring of animals and/or other infestation.
- Broken headlamps or tail lamps with sharp edges.
- Disassembled chassis parts apart from the motor vehicle stored in an unsafe fashion or loose, in or on the vehicle.
- Protruding sharp objects from the chassis.
- Broken vehicle frames suspended from the ground in an unstable manner.
- Leaking or damaged oil pan or gas tank that could cause fire or explosion.
- Exposed battery containing acid.
- Inoperable locking mechanism for doors or trunk or hood.



- Open or damaged floorboards, including trunk and firewall.
- Damaged bumpers pulled away from the perimeter of the vehicle.
- Broken grill with protruding edges.
- Loose or damaged metal trim and clips; broken communications equipment and antenna.
- Suspended on unstable supports.

#### DO:

- 👍 There is no limit to the number of properly stored vehicles on your property.
- 👍 A vehicle of any type is permitted to undergo a major overhaul, including bodywork, provided that such work is performed inside a structure or similarly enclosed area designed and approved for such purposes.

### On-Street Parking is permitted under certain conditions:

- 👍 No person shall park any vehicle on the roadway when it is practicable to park the vehicle off the roadway. In the event it is necessary to park the vehicle on the roadway, an unobstructed width of the highway opposite the vehicle shall be left for the free passage of other vehicles, and the vehicle shall be visible from 500 feet in each direction upon the highway.
- 🚫 On-Street Parking Prohibited at Intersections. There shall be no parking at any time within 30 feet of any intersection or within 30 feet of any warning sign or other sign or device used to control traffic.
- 🚫 Parking is Prohibited at the End of No Outlet Roads. No person shall park or stand any vehicle upon the roadway of a turnaround circle, at the ends of roads, streets, or trails, or within 50 feet of a turn-around circle.
- 🚫 Parking On-street or within the street Right-of-way during declared snow emergencies is not permitted.



## Parking of Commercial Motor Vehicles in Residential areas is Prohibited.

No person shall park or allow the parking of a commercial motor vehicle or a motor carrier vehicle, except truck tractors, in residential areas. "Commercial motor vehicle" is defined as a motor vehicle designed or used to transport passengers or property: (1) if the vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds; (2) if the vehicle is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; (3) if the vehicle is a school bus; or (4) if the vehicle is transporting hazardous materials and is required to be placarded.

## Travel Trailers, Boats, and Trailers

Travel trailers, boats, and trailers may be parked on a property in accordance with the following requirements:

- 👍 The storage of 3 such vehicles shall be permitted. Such vehicle(s) is permitted to be parked in any yard as long as no portion of the vehicle is located within any public right-of-way, on or above any public sidewalk or easement, or within the building setback distances as specified for accessory structures in the respective zoning district.
- 👍 The storage of a 4<sup>th</sup> travel trailer, boat, or trailer shall be permitted if the gross lot size is equal to or greater than two (2) acres, as derived from a recorded deed and/ or recorded subdivision plan. The additional vehicle shall be permitted in any yard, and no portion of the vehicle shall be located within any public right-of-way, on or above any public sidewalk or easement, or within the building setback distances as specified for accessory structures in the respective zoning district.
- 👍 All areas used for storage shall be maintained so as to keep vegetation properly trimmed and debris or litter disposed of regularly.
- 👍 All vehicles shall maintain valid registration and inspection and prevent the leakage of fuels and/or lubricants into the ground.



## Heavy Equipment Storage in Residential Districts

Heavy equipment is defined as graders, excavators, bulldozers, backhoes, skid steers, and similar equipment; construction trailers/equipment, including, but not limited to, backhoes, dump trucks, cranes, forklifts, and school buses.

So, what is allowed?

- 👍 For parcels less than or equal to 2 acres, the storage of 1 piece of heavy equipment in conjunction with a primary residence is permitted.
- 👍 For parcels greater than 2 acres, the storage of up to 2 pieces of heavy equipment in conjunction with a primary residence is permitted.
- 🚫 Heavy equipment stored for the purpose of commercial use off-site is not permitted nor as an accessory to a home-based business or occupation.



Where permitted, here are the rules:

- Heavy Equipment shall not be parked within one hundred (100) feet of any adjoining property.
- All heavy equipment vehicles shall be screened from direct view from any adjacent right-of-way through vegetation, fencing/walls, or other approved means.
- No mechanical work is allowed. Light maintenance (fluid changes, tire changes, and other minor repairs) is permitted.
- Inoperative vehicles and equipment are not permitted.
- Heavy equipment vehicles shall not idle longer than five (5) minutes.
- Storage of oil, gas, or other fluids/materials associated with the maintenance of heavy vehicles must comply with State law.
- Measures shall be taken to prevent leaks and spills. Any leaks and spills shall be immediately addressed.
- Commercial storage of construction-related material such as aggregate, sand, soil, or debris is prohibited.