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# RV. TRAILER. OR CAMPER USE WITHIN THE CITY

## RV'S STORED/PARKED ON A CITY STREET TEMPORARILY- 14 DAY LIMIT

The registered owner of a camper, motor home, or recreational vehicle may obtain a permit at no cost which grants permission to park on the public roadway or alley for 14 days. The registered owner shall be limited to two permits within a 12-month period. Each permit shall identify the vehicle for which it is issued and the time when the permit is valid. Such permit shall be conspicuously displayed in the lower right-hand corner of the windshield or in a window that is easily visible from outside the camper, motor home or recreational vehicle. The City Parks & Recreation Department is located at 500 Amon Park Dr., Richland, WA 99352. Please call (509) 942-7529 or (509) 942-7530 for more information about this temporary parking permit. (Please see RMC 11.33 for additional information on large vehicles like semi- trucks and panel vans or other large vehicles of 12,000 GVW or more which are NOT allowed to park on City streets or public roadways for more than 5 consecutive days.)

### RV'S PARKED ENTIRELY ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY, STORAGE ONLY

As long as the registration and license are kept current and the recreational vehicle is entirely on your own property, you can park your RV, trailer, camper, or boat, etc., on your property for an indefinite period of time, but you may not live-in or occupy it except as noted next below. If parked in a driveway (or even in your yard somewhere) the RV cannot overhang onto the City sidewalk and must be 10 feet away from the roadway (RMC 11.33.020). When parked or stored on private property as described above, RV's may be hooked-up to electricity as recommended by the RV manufacturer, but may not be occupied, lived-in, or used except as noted next below. (RMC 23.38.120)

#### RV'S PARKED ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY & BEING TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED

Realizing that many residents have family or friends who come to visit and want to park and temporarily occupy a recreational vehicle, the City zoning laws made a provision for up to fourteen (14) days of continuously occupying, living-in, or using a recreational vehicle. This provision includes both residential and commercial properties <u>BUT ONLY</u> if the property is already developed (i.e., you cannot park an RV on an empty lot even with the owner's permission). No one can exceed a total of twenty-eight (28) days of temporary occupancy of an RV on private property in any calendar year. No permit is required to temporarily occupy an RV on your own private property, but the City will enforce the ordinance, including legal prosecution, citations, civil and/or criminal penalties, and assessment of fines up to \$5000/day against the property owner for exceeding the 14-day limit (or the 28-day total limit per year). If parked in a driveway, the RV cannot overhang onto the City sidewalk and must be at least 10 feet away from the roadway. RV's may be hooked-up to electricity as recommended by the RV manufacturer, and they may be hooked-up to a previously permitted and inspected sewage disposal waste dump (allowed to hook-up to City sewer in most areas of town; plumbing permit required). Please call (509) 942-7794 for questions about RV's on private property. (RMC 23.38.120)

To report a suspected violation of any of the above ordinances, please call the following numbers:

RV parked on private property (driveway or other) and being lived-in: (509) 942-7794 RV stored on a city street for more than 5 consecutive days: (509) 942-7739 RV unlicensed, in disrepair, or "junked" anywhere in the city: (509) 942-7739

### **FINAL NOTE**

A building permit is required to install a "portable" carport structure anywhere, including temporarily over your RV. Please call the permit office at (509) 942-7794 for information.