

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Department Approval

City Manager Approval



Item Description: **Discuss and seek Council direction regarding possible changes to recreational vehicle, boat and trailer parking regulations in Chapter 407 (Nuisances) of the City Code.**

BACKGROUND

In response to concerns from citizens, Council identified the need to review Roseville's City Code public nuisance regulations regarding the parking and storage of RV's, trailers and boats on public streets and private driveways. At the July 8th, 2013 City Council meeting Council discussed possible changes and directed staff to perform additional research and report back to Council with findings.

Staff conducted research including:

- Complaints from the public to Code Enforcement involving RV's, trailers and boats.
- Complaints from the public to Police involving RV's, trailers and boats.
- Contacting other communities (similar age and size) to see how they regulate these same items.
- Provide pictures showing examples or situations generating complaints.
- Note: there are many regulations covering RV's, trailers and boats. Council direction limited discussion and research to recent complaints regarding the parking and storage of RV's and boats on public streets and utility trailers on front yard driveways of private property.

The following attachments identify research results:

- Attachment A: Numbers of complaints received by Code Enforcement and Police.
- Attachment B: How other communities regulate RV's, trailers and boats.
- Attachment C: Roseville regulations as presently written.
- Attachment D: Pictures of situations generating complaints.

FINDINGS

Trailers on front yard driveways: (currently limited to 3 days):

Few complaints are received yearly about trailers on front yard driveways. While a nice looking trailer in a driveway will not generate complaints, a dilapidated unsightly trailer on the same driveway will generate very vocal complaints from neighbors.

Most residents do not complain about the current City Code regulations and willingly store them in a side or rear yard area. The biggest difficulty for residents is when they physically cannot move a trailer into a side or rear yard due to: lack of maneuvering space, hilly terrain, or, blockage due to fences and landscaping. The current City Code does not allow exceptions for these instances.

RV's and boats on public streets:

Many other cities regulate the placement of large RV's or boat/trailer combinations on public streets; the reasons varied (some relate to safety and some to aesthetics). Methods of regulation also varied.

While few RV's are parked for extended periods on public streets, staff does receive complaints regarding this practice. And, while aesthetics is a concern, the bigger issue (based on comments from complainants) appears to be safety (blocking sight lines).

20 **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Trailers on front yard driveways:

1. Retain existing wording which limits utility trailer storage/parking on a front yard driveway to a maximum of 3 days.
2. Allow the unlimited storage/parking of utility trailers on front yard driveways.
3. Allow the storage/parking of utility trailers on front yard driveways only when access is not possible to a side or rear yard area (using a process similar to the existing Administrative Deviation process to approve exceptions).

RV's and trailer/boat parking on public streets:

1. Retain existing regulations:
 - Which do not restrict the parking of RV's, boats and trailers on public streets (except for certain postings and snow plowing).
 - Which allows the parking of RV's anywhere on a driveway indefinitely.
 - Which allows the parking of boats on trailers (of less than 20') on a front yard driveway indefinitely.
2. Limit RV, boat and trailer parking on the street between 2 am and 5 am.
3. Limit RV, boat and trailer parking on the street to 72 hours.
4. Limit just boat and trailer parking on the street to 72 hours.
5. Limit RV, boat and trailer parking on private driveways for safety reasons:
 - Require a 15' setback to the curb for RV's, boats and trailers parked on private driveways (safety issue – blocking sight lines).
6. Limit RV, boat and trailer parking on public streets for safety reasons:
 - Require a 20' parking setback to a driveway entrance (on a public street) for RV's, boats and trailers (safety issue - blocking sight lines).
 - Require trailers on the street to be attached to a motorized vehicle (safety issue – so they can't roll).

21 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Direct staff to revise Section 407 of the City Code to:

- Allow the storage/parking of utility trailers on front yard driveways when access to side and rear yards is restricted (creating a process similar to the Administrative Deviation process).

Direct staff to revise Section 407 of the City Code to include the following safety regulations:

- Require a 20' parking setback to driveway entrances for RV's, boats and trailers.
- Require a 15' setback to the curb for RV's, boats and trailers parked on private driveways.
- Allow trailers on residential streets only when attached to a motorized vehicle.
- Limit boat and trailer parking on public streets to 72 hours.

22 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Provide direction to staff.

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Attachments: A: Numbers of complaints received by Code Enforcement and Police.
B: How other communities regulate RV's, boats and trailers.
C: Roseville City Code regulations as currently written.
D: Pictures of situations resulting in complaints.

Attachment A

Numbers of complaints received by Code Enforcement and Police

- **Complaints received by Code Enforcement:**
 - o **2013: 7 complaints total:**
 - 2 of trailers in front yard area.
 - 3 of campers in front yard area.
 - 1 of commercial trailer in residential area.
 - 1 of large boat in street
 - o **2012: 6 complaints total:**
 - 2 of trailers in front yard area.
 - 1 of camper in front yard area.
 - 2 of commercial trailer in residential area.
 - 1 of living in camper.
 - o **2011: 3 complaints total:**
 - 1 of camper in front yard.
 - 1 of camper parked on street.
 - 1 of commercial trailer in residential area.
- **Police do not keep records of complaints regarding boat/trailer and RV parking on streets because they are not actual city code violations. The complainant is informed this is not a violation, therefore no report is created. Dispatch also knows this, so squads are not sent when these complaint calls are received.**

Attachment B

How other communities regulate RV's, Boats and Trailers

- **Regulations and comments from other communities:**
 - o **Shakopee:**
 - Street Parking:
 - ✓ RV's can't park on the street.
 - Private Property:
 - ✓ RV's can park (only one) indefinitely on driveway (if 35' or less). Can park in side or rear yard subject to setbacks (15' & 5').
 - ✓ Trailers and boats (if 20' or less) can park indefinitely on a front-yard driveway. Can place in side or rear yards indefinitely (15' & 5' setbacks).
 - Miscellaneous:
 - ✓ A maximum of 2 utility trailers or RV's allowed.
 - ✓ Visitor RV's allowed a maximum of 30 days.
 - ✓ Most complaints are regarding boats too close to the property line.
 - ✓ Police issue citations for violations.
 - o **Oakdale:**
 - Street Parking:
 - ✓ RV's limited to under 8,000lb gvw if parked on street. Can't be on street over 24 hours (complaint driven).
 - ✓ Trailers/boats can only be parked on street if attached to a motorized vehicle.
 - Private Property:
 - ✓ Maximum of one recreational type vehicle per property year round (includes RV's, campers, boats, trailers, and snowmobiles).
 - ✓ Can be placed in side or rear on grass.
 - ✓ If in driveway must be 15' minimum from curb.
 - ✓ Trailers/boats can only be parked on street if attached to a motorized vehicle.
 - Miscellaneous:
 - ✓ Complaint based. Very few complaints.
 - o **Brooklyn Center:**
 - Street Parking:
 - ✓ Overnight parking of vehicles on the street (any) is not allowed.
 - Private Property:
 - ✓ RV's must be on a driveway in the front yard.
 - ✓ Trailers can be on grass in side or rear yard.
 - Miscellaneous:
 - ✓ Few complaints received.
 - o **Inver Grove Heights:**
 - Street Parking:
 - ✓ No limitations for RV's or trailers (unless deemed a safety hazard).
 - Private Property:
 - ✓ No limitations for where or how many.
 - Miscellaneous:

- ✓ Council is currently reviewing ordinance revisions due to the many complaints received.
- o **Maplewood:**
 - Street Parking:
 - ✓ Vehicle parking is restricted from 2am to 6am.
 - Private Property:
 - ✓ Indefinitely if on an improved surface.
 - ✓ Boats, campers and trailers allowed inside and rear yards if 5' from property lines.
 - Miscellaneous:
 - ✓ Complaint based. Maybe 2 complaints per year.
- o **Cottage Grove:**
 - Street Parking:
 - ✓ All vehicles limited to 72 hours on the street.
 - ✓ Can't impair sightlines for motorists on ROW.
 - ✓ Boats and trailers must be attached to a motorized vehicle.
 - Private Property:
 - ✓ Maximum of 4 vehicles outside per lot.
 - ✓ Must be on an improved surface.
 - Miscellaneous:
- o **Crystal:**
 - Street Parking:
 - ✓ No parking year round from 2am to 5am.
 - Private Property:
 - ✓ Boats allowed on front yard driveway if in season.
 - ✓ Trailers allowed on side and rear yards. Prohibited in front yards.
 - Miscellaneous:
- o **New Hope:**
 - Street Parking:
 - ✓ No parking year round from 2am to 6am.
 - Private Property:
 - ✓ RV's allowed on a front yard driveway if 15' from curb.
 - ✓ Boats allowed on front yard driveway.
 - ✓ Trailers allowed on side and rear yards. Allowed on front yard driveways.
 - Miscellaneous:
- o **Edina:**
 - Street Parking:
 - ✓ Boats and trailers limited to 6 hours on the street.
 - Private Property:
 - ✓ Trailers and boats allowed on front yard driveway for 7 days maximum provided 15' from curb. Maximum of 2 boats or trailers in side or rear subject to setback requirements.
 - Miscellaneous:
- o **New Brighton:**
 - Street Parking:
 - ✓ Midnight to 5am limited to 15 minutes.
 - Private Property:
 - ✓ Trailers and boats allowed on front yard driveway.
 - ✓ Trailers and boats allowed on side or rear only if on hard surface.
 - Miscellaneous:

Attachment C

Roseville City Code regulations as presently written

- Roseville's City Code contains the following regulations (in Chapter 407 Nuisances) regarding the parking and storage of trailers and boats on residentially zoned areas (including streets and private property):
 - Section 407.03: Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety:
 - Item Q: Storing of Boats, Trailers...in Front Yards:
 - ✓ The storing of the following things for a period longer than 72 hours in the front yard of any residential zoned area (would qualify as a public nuisance):
 - a. Trailers of any kind, unless supporting a boat of 20 feet or less.
 - b. Boats or watercraft of any kind in excess of 20 feet.
 - c. Inoperative motor vehicles of any type.
 - d. Campers and camper buses.
 - ✓ 2. For the purpose of this Section, "front yard" means any area between any public street and a line parallel to the public street at the building line. (Ord. 522, 1-9-1967; 1995 Code)
 - Note: There are no regulations in the city code prohibiting or limiting the parking of RV's, boats or trailers on city streets, provided they are operable, properly licensed and do not create a hazard.

Attachment D
Pictures of situations resulting in complaints
(not all are code violations)







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