


REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 04-21-2014
Item No.: 9.a

Department Approval

City Manager Approval



Item Description: A request by the Community Development Department to amend Roseville’s City Code to prohibit the long term storage of trailers, boats on trailers, and large RV’s on public streets.

1 **BACKGROUND**

City staff (Police and Community Development) periodically receive complaints when a resident parks a trailer, a boat on a trailer, or, a large RV on a public street in a residential neighborhood for extended periods. Sometimes these are parked on the street, continuously, for periods exceeding a month, or, all summer long without ever moving. In effect they are being ‘stored’ on the public street. While many other cities regulate the placement of large RV’s or boat/trailer combinations on public streets, Roseville’s City Code presently does not. However, Roseville’s public roadways were not designed, nor intended, for this purpose.

2 In response to concerns from citizens, Council requested the Community Development Department
3 address the issue of long term storage of trailers, boats on trailers, and large RV’s on public streets.

4 Community Development Department staff is proposing a City Code ordinance amendment that will
5 identify the long term storage of trailers, boats on trailers, and RV’s, on public streets, a public nuisance
6 violation (within City Code Section 407). This amendment is specifically structured to:

- 7 • Allow the parking of trailers, boats on trailers and large recreational vehicles on a public street
8 (subject to existing regulations) for a maximum period of 4 days in any (and each) calendar
9 month.
- 10 • Not affect the allowed parking of other types of vehicles on public streets (cars, trucks, smaller
11 RV’s, etc.).
- 12 • Not affect the allowed parking of these items on one’s own driveway.
- 13 • Allow for residents to park these items on a public street for a few days at a time (often residents
14 will bring one home from storage to clean or pack it for a trip).
- 15 • Allow for visiting relatives, arriving in an RV, to park on a public street for a few days or a
16 week at a time.
- 17 • Address violations effectively: limit the ability to circumvent the ordinance by simply moving
18 an item periodically, and, bring violations before City Council relatively quickly.
- 19 • Allow an affected resident to speak before Council and identify any special circumstances.
- 20 • Allow for Council to review and rule on a violation prior to any staff abatement action (such as
21 impound).
- 22 • Allow for staff to abate a violation (and impound a trailer, a boat on a trailer, or, an RV, under
23 Section 406.06 City Abatement of Public Nuisances) following authorization from Council.

24 This provision would be enforced by the Code Enforcement Division (vs Police). It is intended that this
25 provision be enforced reactively, following a complaint from the public (or another city department
26 such as Police or Public Works).

27 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

28 Property maintenance through City abatement activities is a key tool to preserving high-quality
29 residential neighborhoods. Both Imagine Roseville 2025 and the City’s 2030 Comprehensive Plan
30 support property maintenance as a means by which to achieve neighborhood stability. The Housing
31 section of Imagine Roseville suggests that the City “implement programs to ensure safe and well-
32 maintained properties.” In addition, the Land Use chapter (Chapter 3) and the Housing and
33 Neighborhoods chapter (Chapter 6) of the Comprehensive Plan support the City’s efforts to maintain
34 livability of the City’s residential neighborhoods with specific policies related to property maintenance
35 and code compliance. Policy 6.1 of Chapter 3 states that the City should promote maintenance and
36 reinvestment in housing and Policy 2.6 of Chapter 6 guides the City to use code-compliance activities as
37 one method to prevent neighborhood decline.

38 **FINANCIL IMPACTS**

39 The Code Enforcement division already enforces the public nuisance provisions of the city code. It is
40 not antaicipated that there will be more than 4-6 compliants of this type per year. Therefore, the financil
41 impact will be negligible.

42 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the attached City Code ordinance amendment (adding item #5 to Section 407 of Roseville’s
City Code) making the long term storage of trailers, boats on trailers and large RV’s, on the public
streets, a public nuisance and prohibited.

43 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Approve the attached City Code ordinance amendment (adding item #5 to Section 407 of Roseville’s
City Code) making the long term storage of trailers, boats on trailers and large RV’s, on public streets, a
public nuisance and prohibited.

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Attachments: A: Ordinance Change Amendment

B: Ordinance Summary

City of Roseville
ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 407.02.M OF TITLE 4 HEALTH AND SANITATION
OF THE ROSEVILLE CITY CODE**

THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Purpose: The Roseville City Code is hereby amended to identify that the long-term storage of trailers, boats on trailers, and/or large recreational vehicles, on public streets, as a public nuisance and prohibited under the City Code.

SECTION 2. Section 407.02.M Unlawful Parking and Storage, is hereby amended as follows:

5. No trailer (of any size), boat supported on a trailer, or recreational vehicle (with dual rear tires or dual rear axle) may be parked on a public street or right-of-way within the City for: 1) more than 4 consecutive days, or, 2) more than 4 total days in any calendar month.

a. Parking in one location for over 2 hours (in a 24 hour period) qualifies as a ‘day’ for purposes of this section.

b. Posting for a public hearing, before City Council, shall be a minimum of 10 days for violations of item #5.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance amendment to the Roseville City Code shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Passed this 21st day of April, 2014.

ATTEST:

Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager

**CITY OF ROSEVILLE
ORDINANCE SUMMARY NO. _____**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 407.02.M OF TITLE 4 HEALTH AND
SANITATION
OF THE ROSEVILLE CITY CODE**

The following is the official summary of Ordinance No. _____ approved by the City Council of Roseville on April 21, 2014:

The Roseville City Code, Section 407.02.M Unlawful Parking and Storage, is hereby amended by adding:

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a. Parking in one location for over 2 hours (in a 24 hour period) qualifies as a ‘day’ for purposes of this section.

b. Posting for a public hearing, before City Council, shall be a minimum of 10 days for violations of item #5.

A printed copy of the ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours in the office of the City Manager at the Roseville City Hall, 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, Minnesota 55113. A copy of the ordinance and summary is also be posted at the Reference Desk of the Roseville Branch of the Ramsey County Library, 2180 Hamline Avenue, Roseville, Mn. 55113, and on the internet web page of the City of Roseville (www.ci.roseville.mn.us).

Attest: _____
Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager

Passed this 21st day of April, 2014.

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