

CHAPTER 9. RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS

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7-9-1. Purpose.

To permit development of facilities for recreational vehicles in appropriate districts and to require that recreational vehicle accommodations will be of such character as to promote the objectives and purposes of this Title, to protect the integrity and character of the districts contiguous to those in which recreational vehicle parks are located, and to protect other use values contiguous to or near recreational vehicle park uses. (Ord. 83-05, 04-20-83)

7-9-1a. Definition.

“Recreational vehicle” means a vehicular unit other than a mobile home, primarily designed as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational, or vacation use, that is either self-propelled or pulled by another vehicle. “Recreational vehicle” includes a travel trailer, a camping trailer, a motor home, a fifth wheel trailer, and a van. (Ord. 2010-14, 11-03-10)

7-9-2. Location and use.

(1) No recreational vehicle as herein defined shall be located, placed, used, or occupied for residential purposes in any district except within approved and licensed recreational vehicle parks and except as otherwise provided herein. Each person residing in a recreational vehicle in violation of this Section and each property owner permitting persons to reside in a recreational vehicle on the owner’s property is guilty of a class C misdemeanor. Each day of residence shall be a separate offense.

(2) Recreational vehicle parks shall be generally located:

(a) Adjacent to or in close proximity to a major traffic artery or highway.

(b) Near adequate shopping facilities.

(c) Within or adjacent to a mobile home park.

(3) No individual space in a recreational vehicle park shall be used by one individual vehicle for more than thirty (30) consecutive days, nor shall such space be rented or leased to any one individual for a period longer than thirty (30) days.

(4) Recreational vehicles may be stored, but not used for permanent living quarters.

(5) Recreational vehicles may be stored, displayed, sold and serviced, but not used for living quarters, in a sales lot in a Commercial or Manufacturing district when such use is a permitted or a

conditional use.

(6) Recreational vehicles may be accommodated in an approved and licensed mobile home park, provided that:

(a) The recreational vehicle park portion of the development is separated by barriers, screens, or otherwise from the area of mobile homes.

(b) The recreational vehicle use area shall have direct access to a collector or arterial street.

(c) Separate ingress and egress shall be provided for recreational vehicles when required by the Planning Commission. (Ord. 2010-14, 11-03-10); (Ord. 83-05, 04-20-83)

(7) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, in addition to recreational vehicle parks, recreational vehicles may be accommodated for up to two weeks in the parking lot of a homeless shelter facility that has paved parking available while services are being rendered. The two-week time period must consist of consecutive days, for up to 14 nights. Once accommodated, the same recreational vehicle shall not be accommodated again for 6 months. In addition, the homeless shelter:

(a) Within 24 hours after arrival of the recreational vehicle at the facility, must notify the Tooele City Police Department of the arrival date and time of the vehicle, the vehicle identification number, and that the facility intends to accommodate the vehicle within the meaning of this Subsection;

(b) Must provide a meal a day to those staying in the recreational vehicle;

(c) Must provide access to showers and bathrooms for those staying in the recreational vehicle.

(d) May only allow two recreational vehicles at any given time;

(e) Must allow the accumulation of garbage, refuse, or unsightly or deleterious objects. The homeless shelter may be found in violation of any applicable City Code jointly and severally with any individuals responsible for the violations.

(f) Will be responsible for the cost of an impound if mechanical failure occurs to the recreational vehicle.

(g) May not allow any storage of any recreational vehicle for any purpose other than the one described in this Section (7).

Within the meaning of this subsection, a homeless shelter is a facility that provides temporary shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A homeless shelter is not an overflow shelter, micro-shelter community, correctional facility, behavioral health transition facility, psychiatric, or medical facility.

(Ord. 2025-32, 04-01-2026)

7-9-3. Approval.

A recreational vehicle park may not be constructed unless first approved by the Planning Commission and City Council, after review of plans for said park which satisfy the Commission that the proposed development will:

- (1) Be in keeping with the general character of the district where it is proposed to be located.
- (2) Be located on a parcel of land containing not less than five (5) acres, unless attached to a mobile home park, in which case no minimum area is required.
- (3) Have at least ten (10) spaces completed and ready for occupancy before first occupancy permit is issued.
- (4) Meet all requirements of the State of Utah Code of Camp, Trailer Court, Hotel, Motel, and Resort Sanitation Regulations which are intended to apply to trailer, camper, and ten camps as defined in such Code.
- (5) Be designed by a professional architect, engineer or land surveyor.
- (6) Contain not more than twenty (20) units per acre. The spaces may be clustered, provided that the total number of units does not exceed the number permitted on one (1) acre, multiplied by the number of acres in the development. The remaining land not contained in individual trailer spaces, roads or parking, shall be set aside and developed as park, playground, or service areas for the common use and enjoyment of occupants of the development and of visitors thereto. (Ord. 83-05, 04-20-83)

7-9-4. Recreational vehicle park development application.

(1) An overall plan for development of a recreational vehicle park shall be submitted to the planning commission for review. The plan shall be drawn to a scale not smaller than one inch to 50 feet. At least six copies of the plan shall be submitted. The plan shall show:

- (a) the topography of the site, when required by the planning commission, represented by contours shown at not greater than two foot intervals;
- (b) the proposed street and recreational vehicle space pad layout, with convenient means of vehicular and pedestrian access to recreational vehicles, parking areas and accessory buildings, including access for firefighting equipment, delivery trucks, and garbage trucks, as well as occupant's automobiles;
- (c) tabulations showing the percent of area to be devoted to parks, playgrounds and open space, the number of trailer spaces and total area to be developed;
- (d) proposed location, number, and design of parking spaces and accessory buildings;
- (e) a generalized landscaping and utility plan, including location of water, sewer, electricity, gas lines, and fire hydrants;
- (f) any other data the city engineer or planning commission may require.

(2) Applications for approval shall be in writing,

submitted to the planning commission.

(3) It shall be the duty of the city engineer to investigate and examine all such premises to determine that licenses or keepers thereof have complied with the provisions of this Code.

(4) Every licensee of such premises shall keep a daily register of all guests or tenants of such premises. The register shall be available at all times and for one year thereafter for inspection by Tooele City.

(5) After the installation of all required improvements and service facilities in accordance with specifications as indicated by a statement from the city engineer, and upon the payment of a fee as per an adopted schedule, which fee shall be effective for the balance of the calendar year in which it is issued, the city recorder shall issue a license to operate a recreational vehicle park.

(6) Upon the recommendation of the city engineer, and after a hearing and due cause shown at such hearing, the city council may refuse to grant any license under this Chapter and may revoke any license theretofore issued. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any recreational vehicle park after the revocation of the license; provided, that all applicants or licensees shall be given a reasonable notice of any hearing as specified in this Chapter.

(7) The City is hereby authorized to make and to adopt such written regulations as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter provided, that such regulations shall not be in conflict with the provisions of this Chapter, and the penalty for violation of the provisions thereof shall be the same as the penalty for violation of any provisions of the Code.

(8) The license to conduct or maintain a recreational vehicle park shall be conspicuously displayed in the recreational park office located upon the premises.

(9) The dimensions and improvement specifications of recreational vehicle parks shall be as follows:

(a) Each recreational vehicle space shall be not less than 1,250 square feet in area and shall be at least 25 feet wide. All spaces shall be clearly marked and shall be accessible from all sides. Only one recreational vehicle shall be parked in one recreation vehicle space.

(b) The minimum spacing between recreational vehicles and between recreational vehicles and buildings shall be as follows:

- (i) side-to-side spacing, 15 feet;
- (ii) end-to-end spacing, ten feet.

(c) No recreational vehicle shall be located closer than 25 feet from the right-of-way line of a street or highway nor closer than ten feet from the recreational vehicle park boundary.

(d) All roads within the recreational vehicle park shall be at least 20 feet wide, exclusive of parking space, and shall be continuous.

(e) Each recreational vehicle space shall be provided with parking space of not less than 200 square feet for at least one vehicle, exclusive of roadways.

(f) Walks of not less than three feet in width shall be provided from the entrance exclusive of roadways.

(g) In any recreational vehicle park designed for, or licensed to permit, one or more dependent recreational vehicles, service buildings shall be provided within 200 feet from any such recreational vehicle space as follows:

(i) There shall be separate men's and women's toilet rooms, distinctly marked and separated by a sound-resistant wall. A vestibule or screen shall be provided to prevent direct view into toilet rooms when exterior doors are open.

(ii) For each ten dependent recreational vehicles or fraction thereof, there shall be:

(a) one laundry tray or washing machine;

(b) for men, one water closet, but urinals may be substituted for one-third of the number of required water closets; one lavatory or wash basin; one bathtub or shower; one sink with hot and cold running water;

(c) for women, one water closet; one lavatory or wash basin; one bathtub or shower; one sink with hot and cold running water;

(iii) All water closets and bathtubs for women and water closets and bathtubs for men shall be located in separate compartments. Gangtype shower compartments may be used for men. The room containing the laundry units shall be separated from the toilet rooms and have an exterior entrance only.

(iv) Heating facilities capable of maintaining a temperature in the service buildings of 70 degrees Fahrenheit in cold weather shall be provided.

(h) Hot water facilities capable of maintaining a continuous supply of two to three gallons of 180 degrees hot water per trailer shall be provided.

(i) Mechanical laundry drying equipment or laundry drying yards of at least 50 square feet per recreational vehicle space shall be provided.

(j) Fly-tight and rodent-tight containers of not less than 20 gallons capacity shall be provided and maintained for each recreational vehicle space.

(10) Utilities, including culinary water, sewage electricity, shall be available to each recreational vehicle space. (Ord. 94-56, 01-31-95); (Ord. 88-18, 07-06-88); (Ord. 83-05, 04-20-83)