

ORDINANCE NO. 5-1400

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND CAMPERS

THE CITY OF ISHPEMING ORDAINS:

Section 5-1401 Purpose:

The purpose of this parking and storage ordinance is to provide regulation for the parking and storage of recreational vehicles, camper enclosures, utility trailers, snowmobiles, boats and other watercraft on a lot used for single- or two-family residential uses. These regulations are intended to promote the public health, safety and welfare by reducing traffic hazards; maintaining unobstructed access to public sidewalks, thoroughfares and rights-of-way; maintaining sanitation standards; and by preserving the residential character of the neighborhoods of the community.

Section 5-1402 Definitions

The following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

1. Camper enclosure. Any structure or enclosure designed for mounting on a pickup truck or truck chassis to provide temporary sleeping or living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, including but not limited to a slide in camper or camper cap.
2. Recreational vehicle. A vehicular unit which provides either temporary living quarters or transportation of recreational, camping or travel apparatus such as campers. The recreational vehicle may have its own motive power or may be designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle. The term recreational vehicle shall include but is not limited to a motor home, a travel trailer, a truck camper, a folding camper trailer, a fifth wheel.
3. Recreational unit. Any recreational vehicle, camper enclosure, utility trailer, snowmobile, boat or other watercraft.
4. Snowmobile. A motor driven vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice, which usually utilizes sled type runners or skis, an endless belt tread, or any combination of these.
5. Utility trailer. A vehicle without motive power, designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle, used for carrying materials, debris or property including but not limited to a boat or other watercraft, motorcycle, snowmobile, off-road vehicle or other equipment for hauling, recreational, camping or travel use.
6. Watercraft. Any vessel for traveling in or on water, whether the unit is unpowered or powered including those units powered by oars, paddles, sail or motor and rafts both rigid and inflatable.

Section 5-1403 Parking and storage in enclosed building

Recreational units may be parked and/or stored in an enclosed building such as a shed, barn or garage.

Section 5-1404 Parking and storage on private property:

Recreational units may be parked or stored upon private property to include the side yard, rear yard and driveway no less than ten feet from the property line. The recreational units must be operable and registered (if required by law). At no time shall any unmounted camper enclosure or any boat not mounted on a boat trailer be

parked upon private property, to include the front yard, side yard, rear yard and driveway.

Section 5-1405 Blocking sidewalk prohibited:

At no time shall any recreational unit which is parked or stored on the driveway, as provided in section 5-1404, block the sidewalk or otherwise interfere with pedestrian travel on the sidewalk.

Section 5-1406 Parking or storage on public property:

No person shall park or store any recreational unit upon any City sidewalk, right-of-way, alley owned by the City.

A recreational unit may be parked on a public street in front of the residence (at least 20 feet from an intersection) however, at no time shall any unmounted camper enclosure or any boat not mounted on a boat trailer be parked or stored on a public street.

Parking a recreational unit on a public street is prohibited from November 1st through April 30th.

Section 5-1407 Connection to utilities and Housing:

At no time shall a recreational vehicle or camper enclosure be used for living or housing keeping purposes, nor shall it be connected to water, gas, electrical or sanitary sewer facilities, except for the purpose of heating, cooling or battery charging preparatory for departure, or for general vehicle maintenance purposes.

At no time, shall any recreational unit parked or stored on private property interfere with any City sidewalk, right-of-way, or alley owned by the City and/or utility companies.

Section 5-1408: No landowner shall permit any recreational unit to be parked, kept or maintained on any parcel of land in the City and used for the storage of junk, trash, garbage, refuse, wood, furniture, appliances, clothing, metal, synthetic materials, building materials, goods, wares, books, records, papers or any other personal property of any kind.

Section 5-1409: The violation of this ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance

Section 5-1410: Any landowner or owner of a recreational unit who shall allow the recreational unit to be parked, stored, used, kept or maintained in violation of the terms of this ordinance responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to the payment of a civil fine as set forth in the City's Fee Schedule. In addition to any other remedy for a violation of this ordinance, the City may seek to enjoin the violation as a public nuisance, and may charge the landowner and/or the recreational unit owner for the costs of abatement.

Adopted: