

ORDINANCE NO. 1087

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAINIER ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to limit the use of camper vehicles and other nonpermanent structures for permanent human habitation because it is the determination of the city council that their use in the city for permanent habitation is deleterious to the health, safety and welfare not only of the persons residing therein, but, additionally, of the public at large. Portable heating devices, nonstandard electrical connections, a lack of approved sanitary facilities including, but not limited to, bathrooms with toilets, sinks or showers or bathtubs and standard kitchen facilities, among other facilities associated with safe places or permanent human habitation, all lend themselves to unhealthful, unsanitary and hazardous living conditions, if utilized for extended periods of time, occasioned in part because camper vehicles and other nonpermanent structures are not intended for use as places of permanent human habitation and do not adequately provide for the needs associated with human habitation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, this ordinance shall make allowances for safe, comfortable and sanitary use of camper vehicles and other nonpermanent structures for short-term, temporary use for human habitation purposes.

Section 2. Bus, camper, motor home recreational vehicle and boat restrictions.

A. No person shall at any time park or leave standing a camper, house trailer, motor bus, motor truck, motor home, boat trailer, vehicle with camper or recreational vehicle, whether attended or unattended, on any public highway, public street or other public way within the city limits, for a period greater than thirty (30) minutes, between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 6 a.m.

B. A recreational vehicle, house trailer or motor home may be parked on a public street longer than the period allowed in Section 2 (A) if;

1. It is owned by the resident or guest of the resident of the property in front of which it is parked, and
2. It is parked on the public street no longer than fourteen (14) days in any calendar year, and
3. Such vehicle is parked in a manner, which does not interfere with traffic or create a hazard by obstructing the view of drivers.

Section 3. Occupying recreational vehicles.

It is unlawful for any recreational vehicle to be occupied, lived in or otherwise used as a residence within the city, unless such use is specifically approved by the city, except a private, residentially zoned property is permitted to use a recreational vehicle to house guests no more than a total of fourteen (14) days in a calendar year.

- A. Recreational vehicles shall be mobile and fully operable, on inflated wheels, and licensed with the Department of Motor Vehicles at all times.
- B. Recreational vehicles may be brought to a lot by guests and for no more than a total of fourteen (14) days in a calendar year.
- C. Porches and awnings and related structural projections may not be constructed adjacent or attached to a recreational vehicle.
- D. Temporary siting and occupancy may be allowed at the discretion of city staff. Any temporary use must comply with the provisions of section 18.153 of the Rainier Municipal Code with lawful connection to city water and sewer services in a manner approved by the public works director. A denial of a temporary use by staff may be appealed to the city council.

Section 4. Penalties.

- A. Any person adjudged to have violation any of the provisions, except in cases where a different punishment is prescribed by any ordinance of the city, shall pay a penalty of not less than \$250 per violation, unless superseded by state law.
- B. Each and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of the ordinance is committed, continued or permitted by any person shall constitute a separate violation.
- C. The penalty or fine for a third or any subsequent separate judgment of violation of the same offense by the same person shall be no less than \$1,000, unless superseded by state law.

Passed by the City of Rainier council and approved by the mayor on the ____ date of _____, 2022.

Attested:

BY: _____

Jerry Cole, Mayor

BY: _____

Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator