

69.12 PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (effective July 1, 2023)

For the purposes of this section, the term “recreational vehicles” shall mean a vehicle towed or self-propelled on its own chassis or attached to the chassis of another vehicle and designed or used for temporary dwelling, recreational or sporting purposes. Such vehicles include but are not limited to travel trailers; campers; camping trailers; motor coach homes; and converted trucks, vans, and buses. Recreational vehicles shall also include boats, personal watercraft, snowmobiles, and other recreational based vehicles. Recreational vehicle parking shall be governed as follows:

1. Recreational vehicles parked upon public streets, alleys, or public areas within a public right-of-way immediately adjacent to the traveled portion of a street shall comply with all general parking regulations set forth in this chapter.
2. Recreational vehicles may be parked or stored within a front, side or rear yard provided such recreational vehicle is parked upon an all-weather surface free of grass and weeds. Recreational vehicles may not be parked on the grass. For purposes of this section an “all-weather surface” means gravel, asphalt, concrete, crushed rock, or similar surface approved by the City.
3. No recreational vehicle parked or stored within a side yard or rear yard shall be located closer than five (5) feet to any property line. Recreation vehicles parked or stored in the front yard shall be located no closer than twenty five (25) feet from the front property line.
4. If parked or stored in the front of the residence, the recreational vehicle shall be parked where it will not interfere with or obstruct traffic or create a safety hazard.
5. No travel trailer; camper; camping trailer; motor coach home; or truck, van, or bus converted for temporary human habitation, wherever parked or stored within the City of Shellsburg, shall be used as a place of temporary human habitation for more than 28 days in a calendar year and no more than 14 consecutive days at a time. Only one such recreational vehicle shall be permitted upon any single parcel or group of collectively owned parcels at a given time. When such a recreational vehicle is occupied, the property owner shall notify the City Clerk of the period of occupancy. If the City receives complaints related to the occupancy of such recreational vehicle, the City reserves the right to further restrict occupancy of the same.
6. Recreational vehicles must be in operable, road worthy condition and display a current vehicle, trailer or boat license/permit. If recreational vehicles do not meet these conditions, they shall not be parked or stored on any lot for a period in excess of 48 hours unless they are in a completely enclosed building.
7. Recreational vehicles not properly parked or stored according to the provisions in this section shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be abated according to the provisions of Chapter 50 of this Code of Ordinances.