



Frequently Asked Questions on Proposed RV Parking Ordinance

On February 14, 2024 at 5:30 pm, the St. Johns Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed revisions to the rules for parking recreational vehicles in residential districts. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding the proposed RV Parking Ordinance.

1. What is the definition of an RV in this ordinance?

Two classes of RVs are defined in this ordinance:

- “Full Size Recreational Vehicle”, which is 15 feet in length or longer, and includes vehicles such as motor homes, campers, boats, and trailers.
- “Small Recreational Vehicle” which is shorter than 15 feet in length, and includes vehicles such as snowmobiles, trail bikes, and golf carts.

2. How many RVs can I store on my property?

The number of RVs that can be stored on a property is based on “Recreational Vehicle Equivalents.” **A small recreational vehicle, as defined in the ordinance, represents 0.5 Recreational Vehicle Equivalents, whereas a full size recreational vehicle represents 1 Recreational Vehicle Equivalent.**

The table below show the number of Recreational Vehicle Equivalents allowed for each lot size:

Lot Size	<10,000 Square Feet	10,000-20,000 Square Feet	>20,000 Square Feet
Maximum Recreational Vehicle Equivalents	1	2	3

For example, if your lot is between 10,000 and 20,000 square feet, you are able to have:

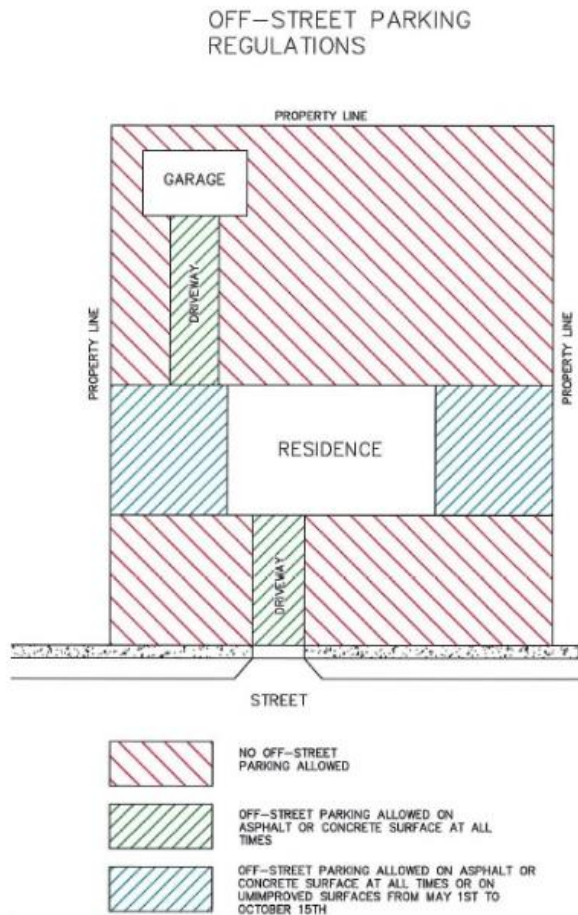
- 2 full size recreational vehicles
- 1 full size recreational vehicle and 2 small recreational vehicles
- 4 small recreational vehicles

3. Where can I store my RV?

Depending on the time of year, allowable storage of an RV changes.

- **Between May 1 and October 15**
 - You are able to park your RV outdoors in a rear or side yard 3 feet away from these property lines. Parking an RV in the front yard is prohibited.

- Parking an RV in a driveway or parking area is allowed, so long as driveway in the front yard leads to a garage, as shown below.



- **Between October 16 and April 30**

- Parking your RV outdoors is limited between these dates. An RV can be parked outside any time of year for less than 48 hours, provided that the RV is parked at least 20 feet from the front lot line. A Zoning Permit must be obtained before an RV can be parked outside for longer than 48 hours.
- If the RV is parked outdoors, it must be parked on a paved surface at least 9 feet wide and a minimum of 180 square feet.

4. Can I complete maintenance of my RV on my property?

Yes, but there are limitations on the types of maintenance and for how long you can complete maintenance on your RV on your property. If maintenance is being conducted outside of an enclosed building, it must not exceed a period of 24 hours at one time. Maintenance work cannot consist of any major repair, redesign, modification, or dismantling work, and only includes minor work that is required to maintain the normal operating condition of the vehicle.

Additional questions can be answered at the public hearing on February 14.