

“Chapter 25 - PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I. - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 25-1. - Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Parking and Loading Regulations" of the City of North Port, Florida.

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Sec. 25-19. - Parking and storage of certain vehicles.

A. DEFINITIONS - For the purpose of this section, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein:

BOAT - a vessel, watercraft or other artificial contrivance, used or which is capable of being used, as a means of transportation on waters of North Port, Florida, excluding paddleboats, canoes, kayaks, floats, jet skies and rafts.

BUS- a vehicle designed for transporting 11 or more passengers over public streets.

DEBRIS - the scattered remains of materials broken or destroyed; rubble or wreckage.

IMPROVED SURFACE – driveway, gravel asphalt, concrete, pavers or other unnatural surface.

MOTOR VEHICLE - car, pickup truck, van, sport utility vehicle (SUV), race car, motorcycle, or other conveyance designed for transporting 10 or less passengers over public streets.

PICKUP TRUCK - vehicle with an enclosed cab, open back and empty vehicle weight of less than 9,000 lbs.

PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE – a structure in which is conducted the principal use of the lot on which it is located.

RACE CAR - a vehicle maintained for the express purpose of speed competition.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE [RV] - a recreational-vehicle-type unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, which either has its own motive power or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle.

SEMITRAILER - a vehicle without motive power designed to be coupled to or drawn by a truck tractor and constructed so that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried by the truck tractor.

TRAILER - any vehicle which is drawn by or used in connection with a motor vehicle or truck.

TRUCK - a vehicle with an empty vehicle weight of 9,000 lbs. or more and designed principally for transporting goods.

TRUCK TRACTOR - a vehicle which has four (4) or more wheels and is designed and equipped with a fifth wheel for the primary purpose of drawing a semitrailer that is attached or coupled thereto by means of such fifth wheel and which has no provision for carrying loads independently.

VEHICLE - any device or conveyance for transporting person(s) or property over the public streets.

YARD, FRONT - The front yard is that area that extends from the wall of the dwelling unit that parallels the road and to the road right-of-way and typically contains the front door.

YARD, REAR - A yard extending across the full width of the lot and lying between the rear lot line and the nearest part of the building. Rear yard depth shall be measured at right angles to the rear line of the lot.

YARD, SIDE - A yard lying between the side line of the lot and the nearest part of the building and extending from the front yard to the rear yard or, in the absence of either of such front or rear yards, to the front or rear lot lines. Side yard widths shall be measured at right angles to side lines of the lot.

- B. Motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, buses, trucks, truck tractors, boats and trailers, may be parked on a residential lot provided that said lot or lots have a principal structure.
- C. No more than a combined total of six (6) motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, trucks, boats and trailers may be parked in the front yard.
- D. Motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, trucks, boats and trailers may be parked in the side or rear yards, provided that the side and rear setback requirements are met.
- E. Ordinary maintenance and repair is permitted providing that debris shall not be left in or on the front yard. Any vehicle in a state of wreckage or major disassembly shall be covered with a non-transparent tarp and shall not be parked or stored more than twenty-one (21) days other than in a completely enclosed structure.
- F. No recreational vehicles, boats, trucks or trailers shall be parked on any public right-of-way within any district zoned for residential use except in the course of delivery, pick-up or service activities providing there is no obstruction of sight visibility from adjacent driveways or roadways. In no case, shall any vehicle or boat parked on a residential lot interfere with the use of any sidewalk.
- G. Parallel and angle parking, not to include the roadway, on the City right-of-way is permitted as follows:
 - (1) Motor vehicle(s) shall be licensed.
 - (2) Shall not be parked in a stacked fashion.
 - (3) Shall be parked front to rear only, in the direction of traffic.

- (4) Shall not be parked without the permission of those lawfully residing at the property for more than four (4) hours in the right-of-way area adjacent to any residentially zoned property where the owner of the vehicle and those lawfully residing at the property is not the same.
 - (5) If the parking or traversing on the City right-of-way damages the City drainage swales, the lot owner shall be responsible for repairing the damage.
 - (a) If it is determined that the property owner is at fault and if the damage is not repaired within fourteen (14) days from written notice, the City shall repair the damage and the property owner shall be billed the cost of such repair, plus administrative cost.
 - (b) If the bill is not paid within thirty (30) days, the City shall record a lien on the property for the amount of the cost of repair and administrative costs.
 - (6) No vehicle shall be stored within the City right-of-way. It shall be conclusive evidence that a vehicle is being stored where it can be demonstrated that the vehicle has not been moved within twenty (20) days.
- H. Sale of vehicles. Any motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, truck, boat or trailer offered for sale must be owned by the resident of the parcel where the vehicle is located.
- I. No vehicle or boat permitted to be parked on residentially zoned property shall be occupied by an individual or family as living quarters or otherwise inhabited overnight for a period in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days.
- J. Prohibited vehicles and equipment:
- (1) In any residential district, the storage or overnight parking (off-street or on-street), no more than one of the following shall be permitted:
 - (a) Truck tractor.
 - (b) Dump truck.
 - (c) Wreckers.
 - (d) Bucket trucks.
 - (e) Construction equipment, including front end loader, bulldozer, skid steer, or ditch digger.
 - (f) Tractors. Tractor shall mean heavy equipment tractor and not lawn tractor.
 - (g) Trucks with stake beds.
 - (h) Vehicles converted for the sale of food.
 - (i) Any motor vehicle or truck that is in excess of twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) pounds empty vehicle weight and or longer than twenty-five (25) feet.
 - (j) Bus.

However, the vehicles listed above are prohibited on any road, right-of-way, or zoning district except in the course of delivery and pickup.

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