

Exhibit H

From: Sherry Willette
To: ["mikeandcarolyn3512@comcast.net"](mailto:mikeandcarolyn3512@comcast.net)
Cc: [Peter Lear](#); [Scott Williams](#); ["Daniel Schult \(dschult@cityofnorthport.com\)"](mailto:dschult@cityofnorthport.com); [Michele Norton](#); [Marilyn Garlick](#)
Subject: FW: Parking
Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:25:00 PM

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Von Hofen,

I am in receipt of your e-mail below and your comments concerning the proposed draft Ordinance Number 2017-19, Amending Chapter 25 of the Unified Land Development Code concerning parking regulations of the City of North Port.

This item is scheduled to be heard by the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board on August 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and Commission for 1st reading September 12, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. and 2nd reading September 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. These meetings will be held in the Commission Chambers located at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, FL. Please feel free to attend these meetings to provide public comment.

I will include your e-mail in the back up material with the staff report that will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board and the City Commission.

Sincerely,

Sherry A. Willette-Grondin

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From: Scott Williams
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Sherry Willette <swillette@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Fwd: Parking

Please respond

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Contact North Port <contactnorthport@cityofnorthport.com>
Date: July 6, 2017 at 4:03:44 PM EDT
To: Scott Williams <swilliams@cityofnorthport.com>
Cc: Peter Lear <plear@cityofnorthport.com>, Daniel Schult <dschult@cityofnorthport.com>, Marilyn Garlick <mgarlick@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: FW: Parking

Hi Scott,

I am sending you this as an FYI.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Comcast [<mailto:mikeandcarolyn3512@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Contact North Port <contactnorthport@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Parking

I have great concern with the proposal to allow the parking of 6 vehicles and a boat in the front yard and the parking of an unlimited number of vehicles in the rear of properties. This will visually negatively impact neighborhood standards. Vehicles will be parked in the swale impairing drainage as the soils in the swales will become compacted over time. Additionally the edges of the road will deteriorate and consequently will need repair costing the city additional funds in road maintenance. People will not be parking on a paved area as most driveways cannot accommodate 6 vehicles and this will effect the green space in front property yards by causing sod in the front yard to die increasing unrestricted drainage to the the road. Additionally, vehicles will drip oil, coolant and other vehicular fluids, which will leech into the aquifer and eventually impact water quality. Before allowing this parking issue to progress any further research should be done to see how other cities and towns address their parking while upholding neighborhood standards. As a retired Florida city planner I know for fact that many cities limit the number of vehicle that may be parked on a property, the size of boats that may be parked, do not permit parking on the swale and

require all vehicle parking areas be paved. Many cities also have a Parking Enforcement Division. The street appearance of properties is very important to the perception of how our city viewed and we need to maintain and improve this perception.

Carolyn and Mike Von Hofen

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From: [Richard Oliveri](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Subject: Ordinance changes re: U.L.D.C. Sec. 25-19
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017 1:08:34 PM
Attachments: [ULDC.docx](#)

Hello Sherry, as per our conversation earlier today, I am forwarding to you the concerns and photo that I voiced at the PSZB Meeting this morning.

Lines 127-130 were discussed with you and made clear to me with regards to easements. However, I still believe that nobody should be permitted to park on my front lawn WITHOUT permission.

Please confirm that you received this communication. Thank you for hearing my concerns and answering my questions. You were a pleasure and most professional. Richard Oliveri

You or others have made proposed changes to the U.L.D.C. Sec. 25-19, that if passes as it is written, can have the diverse effect to devalue Homes and give North Port a slum like appearance. This affects every Homeowner, living in a Gated Community or not. After all, gated communities inside a slum don't sell.

Lines 51-58, will now give the Homeowner or Renter the ability to store or park an UNLIMITED number of vehicles, inclusive of Buses, Trucks, Semi-tractor trailer Cabs, Boats & Trailers on their Front Lawn.

Lines 61-71, will now give the Homeowner or Renter the ability to store unlimited amount of tarped junk on their front lawn. They could essentially open a car repair shop on their front lawn and just tarp it to skirt your regulations. Lines 75 & 76 being eliminated allows that same person to open an Auto-Body Shop complete with Spray Painting.

Lines 114-118, with this elimination a residential property just became a commercial property. I have personally seen and complained of a homeowner who obviously owned a Lawn Service. His business grew and expanded into tree cutting, and pavers. Next his property and the street was used a storage yard for all materials. 4 or more trucks and trailers attached and detached loaded with debris, Bob Cat stored adjacent to driveway. You now make this acceptable.

Lines 127-130, City of N.P. does not own the developed property from the road to culvert. They enjoy a Legal Utility Easement Right. This does not give them the right to allow an unknown private vehicle to park on my lawn. By doing so, it will damage my property. I am required by the City to mow this same section, yet the City says it does not have to mow it. If you want to claim ownership, make an amendment to my property size, reduce my taxes, and you mow it.

Lines 142-145, Sale of Vehicles. You now allow a Homeowner or Renter to become a Used Car Salesman. Unlimited number of vehicles on Front Lawn for sale. Just need to own Title. No Plates, Registration, or Insurance will be needed.

Lines 146-174, allows an R.V or Boat to be parked on the Front Lawn right up to the Front Entry door. Can connect their sewer line into the house pipe and allows an individual to live in that R.V. forever how long they wish. If they are not connecting sewer lines, how are they dumping their gray and Black water? Lines 167-169 is a joke since it states that that person cannot exceed 30 Consecutive days. They come out on day 29 and the clock resets when they go back in the next day. Do you have someone watching to determine who has been in the R.V. or Boat for more than 30 Consecutive days? To think that this would not occur is being naïve.

Line 187, so forklifts & backhoes are OK? Since “but not limited to” was eliminated under the prohibited Construction equipment.

Line 196, contradicts Line 57.

The most obvious function of code enforcement within communities is controlling the battle of the blight. Code Enforcement supports and enhances property values through effective enforcement of property standards, while working to keep aging buildings, homes, and properties from deteriorating and becoming “eyesores” to the community. North Port Code Enforcement Officers cannot enforce the vehicle rule as it is now written. They are not permitted on a property to ascertain the vehicles legal registration when a complaint is made. Why is this? All a person needs to do is place their vehicle with the plate not being visible from the road to skirt the Property Standard Rule. Now you wish to enhance this problem.

You need to ask yourself. Where these changes made to benefit the residents of North Port or to destroy their property values?



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From: [Jude](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boat and other vehicle parking
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 1:01:30 PM

Saw the article in today's paper. Maybe more people have not written because they already park their cars wherever so this is OK with them because now they will add their boats. There is an awful looking pontoon boat parked in the side yard - corner of the street side yard - on Chamberlain that is an eyesore. On Arabele, don't know street address there either, they have taken to parking their truck with the boat on its trailer in their front yard in the right-of-way zone. But then there is the guy who seems to always have his black truck with the big wheels (4913 Chamberlain) not only parked between the sidewalk and the street proper but there is a fire hydrant on the yard side of the sidewalk. Now, he has taken to either parking his boat or his boat with another truck there, too. But then, a few police officers live a few houses down so I guess it is all OK since I assume he never gets a ticket of any kind and has been leaving at least the truck there for some time now.

Frankly, I have no problem with people parking the way the City has proposed as long as the rules are followed, possibly including a rule that the boat or any vehicle be in good condition if parked in the driveway or side yard facing a street. Now, it seems unless you live in a gated or deed restricted area it's like the rest of the City is turning in Sanford and Sons. Perhaps a citywide release needs to go out to explain to people exactly what the new rules are and what the penalties for non-compliance will be. Then patrol and enforce.

By the way, along with that release perhaps you could include something about blasting car speakers stressing it is NOT legal when parked. Seems like a lot of people think since they can drive around being obnoxious it includes any time they are in or near their vehicle. And enforce that, too.

Thank you.

From: [Tom Davis](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats in driveways
Date: Saturday, August 05, 2017 6:11:14 AM

Hi, I'm Ron Lang at: 4874 Flamlau Ave, North Port Fl 34287 tel# 941-4261050. I would like the North Port ordinance to allow boats, trailers, food trucks, extra cars, etc. etc. in driveways, backyards, and sideyards in North Port. Thanks, Ron Lang.

Sent from Windows Mail

From: joekat46@comcast.net
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats In Driveways
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 7:38:21 AM

We fully support allowing licensed boats and RVs to be stored in a residential driveway.

John J. & Kathleen Simpson
3064 S. Haberland Blvd.
North Port FL 34288-6502

941-451-4093

From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 4:21:24 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Lynn Onsgaard [<mailto:cardinalpretty@icloud.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 2:42 PM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Zoning

If the yard and vehicles are parked neatly on the "owners" property "not rental property ", which we own, pay for, pay taxes on and keep up the city need not get involved! We DO NOT live in a deed restricted City! Stop all the crazy regulations and permitting in this city! We moved here because it wasn't a DEED RESTRICTED CITY! The rules and regulations are getting way out of hand. Spend your time cleaning up all the dirty unkept rental properties and garbage on the sides of the roads! Leave us HOME OWNERS alone who love and care for our properties!
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 12:36:13 PM

From: audrey walker [mailto:oddwalk1957@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 6:34 PM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Parking

I believe that if I buy the land and pay taxes that I should be able to do what I want with said land. That being said, if my vehicles are on my land and in working order, that should be no ones business but my own. However, if I encroach the right of way, sidewalks or my neighbors property then I should be warned to move them and fined after the third warning. I bought a home here because I am not in a HOA. Thank you.

Audrey Brazell
1566 Evangelina Lane
North Port

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: [b.carstens](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boat and vehicle parking regulations in resident driveways, North Port
Date: Thursday, August 03, 2017 5:37:01 PM

As you are asking for the community's input, we would like to weigh in. We bought in North Port at nearly the peak of the real estate market in 2005. We chose our home because we were NOT deed restricted in North Port. We have since purchased the adjacent lot and pride ourselves in maintaining, upgrading and improving our property. We are also boat owners, of a nearly \$30,000 boat and trailer combination. It is not an eyesore and we feel we should be able to park it in our driveway that we maintain and pay taxes on. We do feel that the amount of cars allowed anyone should be limited to those licensed and operable, with driveway parking preferred and must all fit on the driveway. Boats should also be licensed and operable. Please consider the thoughts of those of us that bought way back when, weathered the stormy housing bubble, and remained here to help beautify and grow North Port.

Thank you,
Barb Carstens

From: [Catherine Schwarz](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats in driveway
Date: Thursday, August 03, 2017 5:07:02 PM

I am for allowing boats in driveways. People move to North Port to play. Let them have their toys!

Catherine Cebrick Schwarz

Sent from my iPhone

From: joekat46@comcast.net
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats In Driveways
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 7:38:21 AM

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941-451-4093

From: [Kate Hammill](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: BOATS IN DRIVEWAYS
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 5:54:16 PM

I DO NOT care. Unimportant as long as they are kept neat and presentable. I care more about my neighbors.

Kate Hammill
3711 Island club Dr
#4
North Port, FL
34288

From: [Paula Ely](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats in Driveways
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 7:25:29 PM

Boats should definitely be aloud in the driveways!!! This is a boating community and with most of the lots being the size of a postage stamp you can't get a boat on the side or in the back of the yards. We are new to the area and would never have bought in North Port if we would have known of this crazy ordinance of telling people what they can park in there own driveways.

From: [Tammie Mayer](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats in driveway
Date: Saturday, August 05, 2017 11:16:58 AM

Seriously, people work hard to have a home and a few nice things they can enjoy. If these "neighbors" do not like it maybe they need to move to a gated community. Problem in the world is everyone feels it's their right to control others. Why don't they're start at home. Leave the boats alone!

Sincerely

Tammie

From: [Leo Schober](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Subject: Boats
Date: Saturday, August 05, 2017 4:21:44 PM

Dear Sherry, we are writing to you to say we are in favor of boat parking in driveways. We have a boat & we feel safer keeping it at home because we have security cameras.

Also, boats require a lot of maintenance and cleaning. The ability to do that at home is immense. Thank you.

Leo & Diane Schober

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Christian Schilling](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Driveway Boats
Date: Thursday, August 03, 2017 6:12:44 PM

Let them put there Boats in the driveway and no cars on sides or back.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Patsy Adkins](#)
To: [Christopher Hanks](#); [Debbie McDowell](#); [Vanessa Carusone](#); [Linda Yates](#); [Jill Luke](#)
Cc: [Sherry Willette](#)
Subject: FW: Boat Parking
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 1:25:28 PM

See below email. We are printing for the file. Thank you.

Patsy C. Adkins, MMC
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-----Original Message-----

From: rosemary turnberger [<mailto:beachbum0407@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, August 6, 2017 7:30 PM
To: Patsy Adkins <padkins@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Boat Parking

I have lived in North Port for 30 years and think if you own the property or house we should be able to park our boat wherever you would like.

Thank you Robert Turnberger

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From: [b.carstens](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boat and vehicle parking regulations in resident driveways, North Port
Date: Thursday, August 03, 2017 5:37:01 PM

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Thank you,
Barb Carstens

From: [Alice White](#)
To: [Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Sherry Willette](#); [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boat/vehicle ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 9:45:36 AM

Commissioners all-

My two cents -

Regarding this very contentious issue about parking boats in driveways and cars in backyards...I'm curious as to what were the circumstances that led to proposing allowing an unlimited number of cars to be parked on homesites.

Also, what would be the environmental impacts from fluids leaking from those cars?

Six cars on a driveway has been a very generous compromise, both accommodating rental home properties (who tend to have numerous tenants) while respecting the integrity of the neighborhoods for those homes that are owner-occupied.

Unregistered/untagged and/or inoperable vehicles should not be permitted in backyards; once they get back there, they seldom ever get out.

People should have some recourse should their neighbors start piling cars, trucks, campers, etc. in their backyards.

There should be length limit for boats parked on driveways. It's the large boats that become semi-permanent driveway fixtures that compromise the integrity of neighborhoods (and the large boats seem to be the ones that will seldom move).

Campers, RV's - these generally are not going to be used and moved on a regular basis so the homeowner is attempting to utilize his/her driveway as a storage lot and using a residential area for storage is not a good idea.

Alice White

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"Save a tree today, and we'll all breathe a little easier!"

From: [joel.berger](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats in Driveway Feedback
Date: Saturday, August 05, 2017 10:02:33 AM

Re: Sun article Page one of Friday 4/8/17.

A homeowners opinion on boats & vehicles on the driveway & scattered around the house.

1. A Boat in the driveway, OK. We live near lakes, rivers & the ocean. Multiple boats, rent storage space. One is enough for the neighbors to see.
2. Cars in Driveway, OK, in running order, not on blocks, being dismantled, rusting or abandoned. Otherwise, sell, donate or rent car storage space so the neighbors don't have to look at Appalachia.
3. Cars & other vehicles in side yards & back yards: Residential areas should not become storage or vehicle or boat dismantling yards. Neighbors have a right to enjoy their property without a junk yard next door.

Residential areas should not deteriorate into salvage or storage yards. Neighbors should not have to look at a blighted adjacent residence with its multiple vehicles or boats & associated clutter, hazardous waste (oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, grease, hydraulic fluids) & standing water to attract mosquitoes.

Think of the expression: NIMBY!
Not In My Back Yard.

Thank you
Joel Berger
3501 Renault Circle,
North Port

From: [Bob Arena](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats in driveways
Date: Saturday, August 05, 2017 8:23:11 AM

Dear City Clerk, I believe that homeowners should be allowed to store boats in driveways and in side yards and behind homes, as long as the boats are on trailers, have current registration, (both trailer and boat) fit in the driveway, If parked in yard the boat needs to be behind a privacy fence. You may want to consider limiting the size of the boat , but I don't know what would be appropriate.

On another note, there should be rules and a limit to the number of cars parked in the yard depending on lot size and closeness to neighbors home and lot line.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jim Hoadley](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats, cars and campers
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 8:04:21 AM

The ordinance that allows boats, six cars and campers to be parked in front of homes needs to be revised to: No more than 4 cars or trucks to be parked in front of a home, all be registered and insured and parked on the driveway, not on the side lawns. No boats parked in front of the house, except for twice a year, for a period not to exceed 2 weeks for commissioning and decommissioning. The balance of the time, if stored on the homeowner's property, must not extend past the front of the home. Same rules for campers as boats. There are storage areas and marinas where these items should be stored.

Parking on the right-of-way should be limited to overnight only, so that mowing and maintenance can be performed.

We have a family that parks a boat in their driveway for long periods of time, exceeding 6 months and has recently added a small camper to their side yard next to the boat. Where does it stop. Another home near ours, had 6 cars in the driveway and another in the write-of-way next to the driveway. There are normally 4 cars in the driveway, with one obvious from the street, has no license plate.

We moved from a small community on Lake Erie with mixed priced homes and these rules were not a problem with few violations. The problem here is that the issues were allowed to go unenforced and will be tough to initiate. The building inspector and assistants, in their daily travels, enforced as received or noticed violations.

Jim Hoadley

From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 12:35:56 PM

From: Dan Wright [mailto:danwright8@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 4:33 PM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Ordinance No. 2017-19, TXT-17-086

My opinion is as follows: Only cars and non commercial trucks parked on the driveway, not the lawn. If a homeowner wants to store a boat, trailer or motor home on the property it should be on an improved surface but not in the front yard. Cars on the lawn are fine in low income poverty type neighborhoods. This is not what North Port is nor what it should become. Allowing this will be a step in that direction. Is that what you really want? I don't think so. If it is then why are we wasting money on the "beautification" of Biscayne Drive for example? We should try to market this city as a middle class and upper middle class city, not some low life hick haven. You want to attract the haves, not the have nots and never will haves. You want people that will help build us up, not pull us down. All the people running this city are doing a good job, the west villages development is proof of that. Don't blow it by approving stupid things that will send us in the other direction. Be smart. It's not hard. Just think - what do you want to see when you look outside?

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From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 12:35:36 PM

I have several messages to forward that came in to the ULDC email, here is the first and the others will follow.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dee W [<mailto:scuba.dew@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 1:18 PM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Cc: Dee W <scuba.dew@hotmail.com>
Subject:

Dear Commissioners,

Although everyone has property rights, no one wants to let next to a neighbor that parks cars, boat, trailers etc. all over the lawn. It very simple. Have a boat, extra vehicles park it on a pave portion of the property. Meaning widen the driveway, or the side of the house.

I see vehicles parked in drainage areas, back yards. Just some common sense, ask yourselves, Do you want to live next to someone that parks vehicles all over the place. Any unregistered vehicle, obviously not drive able should be considered a abandoned and eventually ticketed and towed. To make it easy consult some other municipalities and use their idea.

Thank you
Dee

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From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 2:23:10 PM

From: Emery [mailto:sandpearl68@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 11:36 AM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Parking on personal property

Here are my thoughts on vehicle parking on residential properties in the City of North Port.

I have no issue with the parking of a boat or a single RV on the driveway or in the yard of a residence.

As far as the number of motor vehicles parked, and where they are parked:
Registered motor vehicles should be parked in the driveway and not infringe upon any public right of way (sidewalk etc.)

No more than one MV should be parked in the yard, side or rear, for more than (24-48 hr.) to complete a repair, or other emergency.

I am against allowing multiple vehicles, registered or unregistered, parked on a property other than the driveway.

To allow this, properties will look like junk yards or used car lots and are eye sores!
Homes are residential and not commercially zoned to be car lots or scrap yards and should not be allowed to appear as one.

Emery Williams
6042 Deer Run Rd
North Port, FL 34291

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From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 12:36:59 PM

From: Fred Freed [mailto:freed2277@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2017 2:43 PM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject:

My opinion on parking recreational vehicles on your property is that at least one recreational vehicle should be allowed on anybody's property as long as they have the proper space for it. As far as in vehicles are concerned. Any working man should be able to park his work vehicle at his own home at any time. Leave that crap for HOA (homeowners associations.) That's one of the big reasons why I left Sarasota and moved in North Port. Thanks for the opportunity for the public to voice their opinion.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jan Arena [<mailto:arenajan@bellsouth.net>]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2017 8:36 AM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Boats and cars

Boats okay in driveway if registered and maintained. Do not agree with unlimited cars in back yard. This will become an eyesore. And if you do allow cars in backyard they must be up to date on registration and plates. Thank you

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From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 9:10:48 AM

From: Stephen Kipa [mailto:stephenkipa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 5:11 PM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Vehicles info

My input...

- A. All vehicles, boats, trailers, rvs, campers must be parked on driveways and in operable condition.
- B. All above must be current in registration and taxes, if any
- C. Any of the above not on a driveway must be behind the front leading edge of the home if on the side yar, or entirely in the rear yard
- D. Maximum of 3 vehicles as noted above per registered homestead occupant
- E. Any inoperable vehicle is subject to fines and towing

Thank you
Stephen

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From: [Dennis Mysliwy](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Driveway Boat Parking
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 3:14:33 PM

First, I'd like to thank the commission for soliciting the input of it's citizens regarding this highly sensitive topic. Here's my opinion:

North Port is bordered by Englewood, Port Charlotte and Venice which are all gulf coast communities and known to be some of the best boating and fishing in the country. For that reason, many residents in North Port own a boat. I don't own one but I understand why so many people own one in this town. I bought my house recently knowing that a boat, RV, trailer or camper can be parked in a driveway. If I didn't like seeing boats/trailers in a drive, I would have bought in a deed restricted subdivision that had covenants governing the restriction. So I don't see a problem having a boat, trailer or RV in a drive as long as it has a current registration and tags for the trailer it sits on.

Second opinion about the number of vehicles allowed in the drive: I feel as long as all the vehicles have current tags that match the vehicle they should be allowed in a private driveway as long as they don't encroach onto the sidewalk or public easement. What I don't like seeing is vehicles, camper, trailer, or boats parked on grass in front of a home. I feel that should be restricted. I've seen homes with the driveway full of cars and then start using the front grass as additional parking area. Vehicles should be allowed to be parked along or in back of a home but only if it has current matching registration and license plates and should not protrude beyond the home's front building line. Non current plated vehicles should not be allowed to be viewed from the street or a neighbor. They should have to be in a garage or enclosed structure out of sight. Allowing non current registered vehicles, trailers, campers, boats within view begins the making and look of a junk yard or boat yard. Homeowners may argue that they are restoring the vehicle as reason for not having a current plate but then it needs to be out of sight and in an enclosed structure.

Thanking for allowing to share my opinion,
Dennis Mysliwy
4030 Joann Ter., North Port

From: [Patsy Adkins](#)
To: [Linda Yates](#); [Vanessa Carusone](#); [Debbie McDowell](#); [Christopher Hanks](#); [Jill Luke](#)
Cc: [Sherry Willette](#); [Kathryn Peto](#); [Susan Hale](#)
Subject: FW: Driveway Parking
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 2:48:07 PM

We received the below email and will print a copy for the file.

From: Tami Beard [mailto:tamibeard@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Patsy Adkins <padkins@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Driveway Parking

A few days ago I had read an article in the paper that requested public input be emailed to this address regarding vehicle parking on private property. As a long-time North Port resident, I wish to weigh in on this issue if it's not too late.

While I believe in owner rights to use their property as they deem appropriate, we do not want our city's appearance to deteriorate for both ourselves and for others we hope to attract to the wonderful place we call home. I believe there is a compromise to be had. I think boats should be allowed in a driveway (it's something I get asked about as a local real estate agent), as long as they are parked so that it's not disrupting the view of a neighbor trying to pull out of their own driveway safely. I also think the number of cars in the driveway doesn't need to be restricted, again unless it is causing a safety issue for those around them who may not be able to see oncoming traffic when backing down their own drives. There should be some sort of minimum requirement of the number of feet that is needed to see around neighbors vehicles. I do not believe we should allow food trucks in driveways as they are commercial vehicles and don't feel they are appropriate in residential areas. Finally, I disagree with the thoughts of parking multiple vehicles on the sides of homes, or more importantly allowing an unlimited number of vehicles in back yards. This is a disruption to a neighbor's quality of life if they have to view a car lot while trying to enjoy time in their back yards or on the lanai that is part of the joy of living in Florida.

Thank you.

Tami Beard

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From: [Barbara Lipps](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Vehicles,Boats and RV"s in Residential Areas
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 12:17:28 PM

I have lived in North Port for thirteen years and for the majority of the time been pretty satisfied with the zoning requirements. However when it comes to residential parking restrictions I am at a loss. I retired from law enforcement and worked three years in code enforcement consequently as someone who adheres to the codes and is proud of my home these are my thoughts. A limit of six registered and operable vehicles to be parked on an improved surface in the view of the public is more than reasonable. This should include boats, trailers and RV's. As for the backyard, to put no limit on this is like telling many residents " go ahead and open your own junkyard or used car lot ". I am a big fan of animals but a reasonable man realizes in a residential zone having fifteen or twenty animals even domestic is beyond reason. Inoperable vehicles not only are unsightly and a home for rodents and such, they also affect property values and neighborhood pride. If someone is a serious vehicle hobbyist he/she would or should be limited in the number of unregistered, inoperable vehicles that can be stored or simply parked in their backyard and when not being repaired should be enclosed or covered. I realize some may feel this impinges on their property rights however the unregulated operation of a junkyard or vehicle repair facility impinges on all of the neighborhood's resident's rights to reasonable enforcement expectations in a residential only zone. All of this should include some reasonable expectations as far as being a "pubic eyesore" ie. a boat is not for debris storage and open trailers are not for long term debris, garbage or junk storage. Reasonable expectations and individual perceptions may differ but common sense should play a large role in any decisions made.

Thank you for this opportunity for me to express my opinion.

Buck Lipps
blipps1205@verizon.net

From: 9415395851@messaging.sprintpcs.com
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: 1/2
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 8:35:01 AM

I hate looking out my front door or back patio and seeing cars/boats/trucks PARKED ALL OVER THE PLACE.
This is NOT why I move

From: [Donna Loverin](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boat Ordinance
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 1:25:25 PM

This is in reference to allowing boats/large commercial vehicles to be parked in driveways throughout the City of North Port. Please do **NOT** allow this to happen. It will cheapen the look of many neighborhoods and while some Homeowner's Associations have rules prohibiting these items, which will take precedence in the law- rules of the development or the City? The last thing anyone needs or wants is a legal challenge.

Unfortunately some residents will let these items rust and sit in these driveways permanently. This could lower the marketability of surrounding properties which was not the intent at the time a homeowner purchased a residence.

Thank you

Donna P. Loverin

From: tcn10@comcast.net
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: boat/auto parking. I think the city is starting to look like a dump as it is with parking. autos/trucks/boats all over yards- front side and back. I don't like sitting on my porch or patio and looking at the site. looks horrible, not why I moved to nor...
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 8:31:23 AM

tcn10@comcast.net

Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App

From: djksusie@comcast.net
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats & cars in the front yard
Date: Saturday, August 05, 2017 10:05:21 AM

We are replying to the Sun-Herald article about City of North Port ruling on excessive boats and cars in the front yard. Property owners across the street from us have a 4-car garage with no vehicles being housed in it. Two Pick-Up trucks, one SUV, one boat on a trailer and a 20' flat bed trailer are parked in the front of the house. The house behind this property is used to park company vehicles, sometimes 4 at one time, including one vehicle with a cherry picker. Six houses from that property, there is a general contractor with all his trucks, however, they are behind a fence. When we moved into this area 13 years ago, we did so because it was a quiet residential neighborhood and we didn't expect the city to change the ordinance and allow numerous cars & trucks in the front yard and unlimited number crammed into the back yard. By not requiring vehicle registration on vehicles unless they are in the right of way, you are opening up the possibility of small junk yards in residential areas. When did North Port begin to allow businesses to set up in residential areas?

North Port is quickly becoming a red-neck, good-old-boys city. This also affects the property values of those of us that keep our property neat and without excess junk in the front and back yards. Steve & Donna Kuhn

From: [Gloria Frazier](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats and cars on prooperty
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 3:33:30 PM

This is the first time I have seen an email so as to give my opinion.

I do not approve of any more than 6 cars in a driveway. I DO NOT approve of as many cars as can fit on the property to include the back yard. I DO NOT approve of boats being in a driveway or on the property anywhere.

I moved to North Port 12 years ago because of the type of city it was. Now you want to approve all these vehicles being on a property. It will make this community look hideous. It will look like a junkyard. Image sitting in your back yard and viewing that eyesore. If people want boats they should have enough money to afford a slip to put it. This city will look terrible and people will start moving out. I was under the assumption you wanted North Port to look classy with all your regulations. You are now going in the wrong direction. You will definitely force people to move out of North Port, including myself. How would you like to live next door to a property like that?



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To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:33:00 AM

I say no boats in driveway they're an eyesore, also need to check all the junk cars that are not running without tags and have them removed. Maybe keep boats on the side of your house, covered? (Would like to remain anonymous)

From: [Kimberly Harvey](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:33:00 AM

I say no boats in driveway they're an eyesore, also need to check all the junk cars that are not running without tags and have them removed. Maybe keep boats on the side of your house, covered? (Would like to remain anonymous)

From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 9:18:31 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: sookie bean [<mailto:sookieb@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 2:53 AM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Cars

I do not want the neighborhood looking like a car dealership with having as many cars all parked in front of homes and driveways I moved to North Port because it is quiet and classy looking

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 12:36:29 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Gregory Bradshaw [<mailto:greg.bradshaw@icloud.com>]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2017 6:45 PM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Parking and vehicle storage

To whom this may concern,

I am a boat owner and own 2 vehicles. I would like to see no boats in driveways remain and no commercial vehicles (lettered) over 12,000 gvwr, if you look at the city of Cape Coral they have excellent rules in place. Unregistered and inoperable vehicles, trailers and vessels will clutter our city's neighborhoods.

Thank you
Gregory Bradshaw
Taxpayer and homeowner

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Monday, August 07, 2017 12:36:43 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Sally Fontaine [<mailto:sfont57@me.com>]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2017 1:10 PM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Cars, boats etc

For me, I do not want to live in a community where my neighbors are allowed to store unregistered vehicles all over their property . If I wanted to live next to a junk yard I would've moved near one. I understand you can have multiple family members with vehicles and if they are registered let them park in the driveway or in front of their own home. I do not want to try and back out of my driveway and they are parked in front of my home and I'm worried about clipping them as I back out. Also, they all need to be registered and in working order. Not something stored for parts attracting rats, snakes etc. If people try to sell their home and something like that is next door, not only does it bring down the value of your property, good luck even getting any offers! I agree with those who say we don't want to make too many rules, but IMO this is just common sense and being a good neighbor.

Thanks for listening!! Hopefully you'll help to keep North Port a community that people want to live in and move to!

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [ULDC Update](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Cc: [Michele Norton](#)
Subject: Chapter 25 Comments
Date: Monday, August 14, 2017 9:01:39 AM

From: Alice Olejnik [mailto:aliceolejnik@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 12:43 PM
To: ULDC Update <ULDC@cityofnorthport.com>
Cc: Commissioners <Commissioners@cityofnorthport.com>; Alice Olejnik <aliceolejnik@comcast.net>
Subject: Proposed property standard regulations in North Port

Dear P&Z, City Commissioners: I did not know of the P&Z mtg regarding proposed property standards regulations in the city of NP.

I strongly object to allowing food trucks in residential areas for the following reasons:

What accompanies these? Usually commercial smokers which equate to horrible air conditions, remains of animals cooked as to how stored? How disposed of? Gabage pick up is once per week, the smells of remains attract rats, coons.

If you experienced living near one in operation you would experience (as I have): inability to enjoy going outside to my lanai, unable to open windows for fresh air., severe air pollution!

Please consider this before you pass a new resolution. Alice C. Olejnik

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From: [North Port, FL](#)
To: [Sherry Willette](#)
Subject: Email contact from North Port, FL
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:56:27 AM

Message submitted from the <North Port, FL> website.

Site Visitor Name: Stephen Schoenfeld
Site Visitor Email: stephome941@aol.com

Dear Sherry,

I am writing today to express opposition to allowing boats in driveways or City right-of-ways. As both a homeowner in North Port and a Realtor serving the community, I have an interest in property values. It is my opinion that allowing boats has a negative impact on property values. This opinion is supported by an example provided by the Whitfield neighborhood in Sarasota. The Whitfield area was founded long before the concept of homeowner associations and is governed by "The Whitfield Overlay District", which is enforced by Manatee County. No boats are allowed to be parked in driveways, let alone in right-of-ways. As you drive through Whitfield you see a beautifully kept neighborhood and it is because of the Overlay rules that have created and maintained such a wonderful appearance. This has helped property values for the community. So while I may be expressing an opinion, it's an opinion backed by actual facts. The City Commission has a keen interest in protecting and promoting improved property values for North Port, as this benefits not just homeowners, but also City revenues, as increased revenues allow for more spending projects without raising property taxes. I believe that we should allow residents to park boats on their property, provided these boats are located behind fences and not visible from the street. If people can afford to purchase and maintain boats, then they can certainly afford some fencing, if not the rental cost of housing said boat at a suitable marina or other boat storage facility. Their right to own a boat is not harmed, nor is it unreasonable to ask boat owners to keep their boats visibility from harming property values which affects everyone, from boat owners, to non boat owners, to the City and it's overall interests.

Thank you,
Stephen Schoenfeld

From: [Patsy Adkins](#)
To: [Linda Yates](#); [Vanessa Carusone](#); [Debbie McDowell](#); [Christopher Hanks](#); [Jill Luke](#)
Cc: [Sherry Willette](#)
Subject: FW: Boats in driveways
Date: Wednesday, August 09, 2017 4:33:05 PM

Please see the below email. We have printed a copy for the file. Thank you.

Patsy C. Adkins, MMC

City Clerk
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From: Frank Crehore [mailto:frankpat13@verizon.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Patsy Adkins <padkins@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Boats in driveways

To Whom:

In regards to your request about info on boats, campers, etc. in driveways my response comes from two points of view.

First, as a real estate agent I hate to see the cheapened values in homes due to "junk" in front of a house. A boat in the water is a beautiful thing, but in a driveway it is an eyesore. Same goes for a camper that is not in a campground.

Second, as a home owner in NP since 1997, home ownership is the single largest investment a family will make. Most homeowners take pride in the appearance of their house and resent the fact that some idiot thinks it is ok to junk up the neighborhood at the expense of the caring homeowner.

North Port had an ordinance, what happened to it? Because some individuals think that they have more rights than others our Commissioners have caved on doing their job, which is why we keep voting them out.

There is nothing wrong with having a boat or camper parked beside the house as long as the nose of that vehicle is not passed the front line of the house.

There is nothing wrong with parking in the back yard. There is nothing wrong with parking in a side lot, again as long as it is not parked past what would be the front line of a house. Also, as Florida is a place where millions vacation every year, many coming in campers or towing a boat to a friends or relatives house. Thus there would be nothing wrong with a 10 day to two week exception to the rule to get those vacation dollars and even I could tolerate a boat or camper for that period of time.

What people spend their money on is their business, but don't make their pride in joy my eyesore.

Frank R. Crehore

2688 N. Chamberlain Blvd.

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From: [Patsy Adkins](#)
To: [Linda Yates](#); [Vanessa Carusone](#); [Debbie McDowell](#); [Christopher Hanks](#); [Jill Luke](#)
Cc: [Sherry Willette](#)
Subject: FW: Neighborhood Parking Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 1:10:38 PM

We have received the below email and will print a copy for the file.

Patsy C. Adkins, MMC

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From: Gayle Lee [mailto:leegayle@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Patsy Adkins <padkins@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Neighborhood Parking Ordinance

The City of North Port is a beautiful and well taken care of community. Neighborhoods are well maintained with manicured lawns. An ordinance allowing 6 cars in a driveway and all the cars you can park in your back yard will turn this city into a giant salvage yard and drive property values down . Boats and large vehicles parked in side yards also give the impression of a community that doesn't care about appearances.. Surely the citizens of North Port don't want their city turned into a junkyard. Please reconsider allowing this many cars per residence.

Respectfully.

Gayle Lee
1215 Fitzgerald Rd
North Port, FL 34288

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From: [Patsy Adkins](#)
To: [Linda Yates](#); [Vanessa Carusone](#); [Debbie McDowell](#); [Christopher Hanks](#); [Jill Luke](#)
Cc: [Sherry Willette](#)
Subject: FW: Parking of Boats
Date: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 11:05:59 AM

We received the below email regarding parking and boats. We will print and place in file. Thank you.

Patsy C. Adkins, MMC

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From: hl3426@comcast.net [mailto:hl3426@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Patsy Adkins <padkins@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Parking of Boats

I am writing in reference to the article that appeared in the newspaper last week in reference to "boats in driveways". First let me state that I do not own a boat, but am concerned to where homeowners can park their boat. I believe that boats should be parked on the side or backyard of the homeowners house. It is my opinion that the parking of boat ordinance and parking of cars ordinance should be considered together. My husband and I have lived in North Port since 2009. We knew we didn't want to live next to someone that had boats or cars parked all over their driveway or yard. We have had several homes in our lifetime and have taken great pride in every single home we have owned. Allowing boats in plain view or excess vehicles would only devalue our home. Boats can also take up most of a driveway and sometime block your vision when pulling out onto a mail road.

You mentioned you had not received many e-mailed. On April 18th I wrote to Ms. McDowell in reference to the parking of 6 vehicles or an unlimited number in the back yard. Several of my neighbor and friends were concerned and did write to Ms. McDowell. Ms. McDowell did respond back and mentioned that the boat parking ordinance would be coming up in July. Please contact Ms. McDowell for e-mail written to her back in April and forward to the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board would be greatly appreciated.

North Port is a growing community and we hope whatever ordinances or growth decision are made are thought through several times to protect the beauty of the community and what we have now and in the future. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Donna & Hal Lane
3570 Whitman Street
North Port 34288
(941)564-8224

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Contact North Port <contactnorthport@cityofnorthport.com>
Date: July 6, 2017 at 4:03:44 PM EDT
To: Scott Williams <swilliams@cityofnorthport.com>
Cc: Peter Lear <plear@cityofnorthport.com>, Daniel Schult <dschult@cityofnorthport.com>, Marilyn Garlick <mgarlick@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: FW: Parking

Hi Scott,

I am sending you this as an FYI.

Thank you,

Donna Suggs
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-----Original Message-----

From: Comcast [<mailto:mikeandcarolyn3512@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Contact North Port <contactnorthport@cityofnorthport.com>
Subject: Parking

I have great concern with the proposal to allow the parking of 6 vehicles and a boat in the front yard and the parking of an unlimited number of vehicles in the rear of properties. This will visually negatively impact neighborhood standards. Vehicles will be parked in the swale impairing drainage as the soils in the swales will become compacted over time. Additionally the edges of the road will deteriorate and consequently will need repair costing the city additional funds in road maintenance. People will not be parking on a paved area as most driveways cannot accommodate 6 vehicles and this will effect the green space in front property yards by causing sod in the front yard to die increasing unrestricted drainage to the the road. Additionally, vehicles will drip oil, coolant and other vehicular fluids, which will leech into the aquifer and eventually impact water quality. Before allowing this parking issue to progress any further research should be done to see how other cities and towns address their parking while upholding neighborhood standards. As a retired Florida city planner I know for fact that many cities limit the number of vehicle that may be parked on a property, the size of boats that may be parked, do not permit parking on the swale and

From: [Paul](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: How many cars in front yard
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:25:29 AM

The thought of having half a dozen cars, trucks , boats, trailers, anywhere in your yard is ridiculous. The house next door to ours on McKibben Dr. had five trucks with trailers parked in front and back of the house every day for two years. When these tenants moved we discovered we were next to a lake, who knew? A make shift "shed" was built along with the parking lot. This is acceptable?

If I wanted to live in a land fill I move to a junk yard. Cars and other road vehicles belong in a driveway, not blocking the sidewalks. Come on North Port clean up these potential dumps, parking lots that are supposed to be residences. Stop letting people turn neighborhoods into commercial parking lots and storage centers.

If the commissioners lived near these things, maybe they would change the ordinance.

Have a nice day,

Paul Strowe

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<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

From: spike34286@yahoo.com
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: My opinion on Parking Boats, Cars, Commercial Vehicles (Semi Tractor Trailers), and RV's on residential property
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 12:03:10 PM

I sadly watch my beautiful neighborhood filling its driveways, lawns, sideyards, and swails with all manner of the above referenced items. People routinely park vehicles, boats, and RV's right on their front lawns. And HUGE RV's parked in driveways such that they are clear eyesores to neighbors and present a blight on our city.

I, as a volunteer community service, worked as the Chairman of the City of Taylor, Michigan Planning and Zoning Commission for 10 years before moving to Florida. A Detroit suburb of 24 square miles and 60-70,000 residents, Taylor's population is primarily made up of blue collar workers. I grew up in this city and it was long known as "Taylor-tucky". by those familiar with the multiple cars, boats, campers, RV's, and junk that residents surrounded their homes with. Well, we fixed that in our Planning and Zoning Commission over a short period of time. Boats, Campers, RV's, and the like are now forbidden to be in view whatsoever. Parking on lawns is absolutely prohibited. All legitimate cars and personal vehicles must be currently licensed if they are in view of the roadway. Compliance is regularly enforced (proactively - not reactively) and the city is now clean, orderly, and never referred to as Taylor-tucky. Please, take decisive actions to create (and enforce) ordinances in North Port aimed at improving the appearance of our neighborhoods. With the virtually "wild west" type of neighborhood situation existing today eliminated, only good things can happen. Increased property values will surely rise. Please, don't let North Port become "North Port-tucky."

Mike Flaherty
2344 Pilger Ave.
North Port, FL 34286-6145
Ph: (727) 519-5032

From: [Gid Pool](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Parking on Private Property
Date: Thursday, August 03, 2017 8:21:15 PM

Greetings,

This is a copy of the letter I sent to the commissioners. I was unaware that positions presented to the commission were not passed along to you.

Greetings:

I am struggling to understand your logic on allowing unlimited cars in one's back yard! The limit, as stated in the newspaper so feel free to correct it, is "as many as they would like." That seems to me to say if my neighbor decides to store unserviceable cars in their back yard; indeed to even stack them, then that would be allowed. You have opened up a Pandora's Box of potential problems for the residents of NP.

The city has shown an inability to enforce city codes in the past, so I see no reason this doesn't have the potential to get totally out of hand. The yard at the end of Dekle and Tripoli (off N Sanford) it's a concrete jungle with an airplane and a few boats and dump truck. According to staff, there has been numerous violation notices and even liens on the property but nothing has changed. The house at the corner of Delk and Red Coach has a truck, half way in the drive way, that has been there for more than a year. The front windows are out; the tires are going flat; grass is growing up around it The city cited them because it was unlicensed. They simply turned it around and now staff tells me they can't do anything because they can't go on the property to see if the vehicle is properly licensed. This same property has construction equipment stored in the drive way.

The goal of most home owners is to protect their investment. Junk cars stored on residential lots and in drive ways do nothing to protect that effort. I have heard the discussion in commission meetings about private property rights. I would suggest they are not absolute and come with certain attachments for the protection of the whole. Should you doubt that, I ask you only look at zoning and building code laws. One can only use private property as it concurs with the highest and best use of that property. That is why, even though I might love to build a house next to a commercial building on Route 41, I cannot. Likewise, I can't take a lot in the middle of a residential zone area and put in a business. However, it now seems I can put in an auto junk yard.

Lest you think I'm overstating, I call your attention to the yard at the end of Dekle and Tripoli.

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Gid Pool
North Port, FL

From: [Barbara Larson](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Parking ordinance
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 7:15:31 AM

If you want North Port to attract future residents, it won't if neighborhoods have multiple autos, trucks, and boats parked in driveways and on residential property. That is a nightmare as a neighbor. Try selling your home if the neighbor looks like a used car lot. It is detrimental to an entire neighborhood and North Port. Garages & car ports should be used for one's storing vehicles & trailers.

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Boat ordinance

Sent By: rogerm1605@comcast.net On: Aug 08/06/17 11:29 PM

To: padkins@northport.com

I have been watching this debate and it seems to me that if this is about the ascetic's of our neighborhoods the ordinance should be more about the number and placement of cars not one boat. I have no boat and am not swayed on the issue, but I do know that in just my area of town there are at least 2 homes that are also being used as a business, or parking for same. This situation means that there might be six or seven cars on the property most of the time, one usually has 6 in the drive and one on the front lawn. The other property always has a business truck parked on the front lawn. I don't think this does any justice at all to the looks and valuations of their neighbors homes. I would think under most circumstances their shouldn't be more cars in the drive than people living on the site.

Roger Beck

Goshen Rd.

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Sherry Willette
Neighborhood Development
North Port, Fl

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In the paper, this morning there was a North Port article discussing the cars, boats in driveway, back yard and ROW.

I wrote a letter first part of July addressed to all commissioners. Discussing this in part. Debbie McDowell and I took a walk round this area. She has addressed a part of my letter. She was very pleasant and gave me time, unlike the other commissioners. I would be glad to send you copy of letter if you don't have it.

MY opinion, this section of North Port looks like a JUNK YARD. We have cars, boats, garbage cans parked anywhere and everywhere. Boats cars, travel trailers, trailers, parked in the ROW. Parked on empty lots, they not only park on the ROW in front of their house they park across street in front of their house. There is a resident who was forced to put a pad in the ROW from the street to his property, as he was using it for an entryway. However, this area has many residents that are not forced to do so. I think this is discrimination. As I discussed there are basketball hoops on streets. If this is allowed, It is my belief the law must be changed to allow them on street, if not enforced. This is an accident waiting to happen, as well as camper, cars etc. parked in the ROW. Sometime it is difficult to see past and drive past some of the vehicles. Allowing that many vehicles in a yard, back yard, driveway and on the ROW is a big mistake. Soon they will be allowed to sleep in their cars or trailers. I suggest North Port contact Sarasota, Naples, Bonita Springs and get some of their rules.

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J.P.
P.S. This hurts the value of my property

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From: [Mary Meagher](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Parking
Date: Saturday, August 05, 2017 12:18:26 AM

My neighborhood used to be a well maintained residential area. However, in recent years people have moved in that park vehicles all over their front yard, on the side of the house, on the sidewalk, and in the street. It's currently looking like multiple used car lots and makes me want to leave my home of 15 years. Unfortunately, the "used car lots" are forcing real estate values down, in a market where prices are going up.

My perspective on residential parking is , that if the vehicles fit neatly, on a paved driveway, do not infringe on the set back or easement, are operable and registered, they are acceptable to be in front of the house. I'm not talking about dump trucks or construction equipment, I'm referring to passenger vehicles,boats, and RVs. I believe there should be a limit to the number of vehicles on a property so that back and side yards don't get filled up with the overflow and start looking like junk yards.

Maybe we can start a neighborhood beautification program in North Port, to lend a hand to people who need a little help making their properties look better. We all need a helping hand now and then.

Good luck drafting these zoning restrictions.

From: [hstruckmeyer](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Vehicles in Driveway
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:13:12 AM

To allow 6 vehicles in everybody's driveway or - even worse - unregistered boats and vehicles On and all around everybody's yard is A HORRIBLE IDEA.

If you allow this, I sure hope that this will happen ON YOUR STREET first with all your neighbors creating THE NEW NORTH PORT JUNK YARD. I hope you will like the view.

Hanna

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From: [Fern Gauger](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Ordinance opinion
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:59:59 AM

I live in a deed restricted community but if I didn't my opinion would be the same. I chose to be in this type of community because:

I am completely against cars and boats being allowed to be stored on private property. also no big mobile campers. If you have toys, put them in a toy box (I e. Garage, storage facility, or acreage where no one can see the stuff). No more cars in a drive than it is designed for and can't overhang public sidewalks. Side and back yard parking, absolutely not!! What are you thinking! No right of way parking either as this can be a traffic hazard in an emergency or fog. North Port will look like a junk yard if you don't control things properly. I wouldn't want to look out of my windows and see my neighbors "toys". Don't know of other communities that allow such things. Please keep North Port Clean! As for food trucks stored on private in drives...no way!
Thanks for allowing us to express our opinions! Fern Gauger

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From: bonnyjonas@comcast.net
To: [Patsy Adkins](#); [Commissioners](#)
Cc: [Vanessa Carusone](#); [Jill Luke](#)
Subject: Boat and Car Ordinance
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 11:13:24 AM

North Port County Commissioners,

I am writing in reference to my recent readings in the North Port Sun and on-line regarding the North Port City Commissioners looking at approving home owners to have one boat in their driveway and up to 6 cars parked in their back yard.

I have to say, I am writing this with an elevated feeling of emotion after reading a large amount of comments stating "It's my property, I can do what I want", "my mortgage, my land", "it's a free county", etc.

The Residents are correct, it is a free country. However, when you have neighbors making decisions that effect the Property Value and Resale Value of your home, you should be concerned.

When you have the cultural mix of people that we have here in Florida from all different areas of the Country and World, there has to be some Guidelines. Take a ride through all the areas of North Port. Even areas that are considered Deed Restricted are out of control in regards to up keep. One perfect example of that is the JOCKEY CLUB. You have cars parked all over the front yards, lawns not mowed, roofs falling apart, houses that have not been painted in over 20 years.

If you give citizens the opportunity to park boats back in their driveways, this will lead to complaints of worn covers, trailers with tires that have gone flat, boats that don't even run, I could go on and on. If an owner purchases the boat, with it they should include the responsibility of storing that boat locally. It should not be an eye sore to their fellow neighbors homes.

Regarding the home owners having the ability to park up to 6 cars in their back yards, this is just plain ludicrous. What you are opening up the city of North Port to is a long list other than just general complaints of old cars not moving in yards. You are looking at homes that will be housing a lot more people than they should be, drug houses, animals and squatters using non-running cars for shelter, using their garage as a storage unit, I truly could go on and on, but I am not sure if you are willing to listen. I just know, that sometimes a City or Town makes a decision not looking at how it can effects all qualities of life. If a home can now house a 3 families rather than 1, if effects the education system, the tax system and so on.

Please, North Port City Commissioners think outside the box on this decision. It is not in North Port's Future's Best Interest to approve this. I hope this letter makes it to the proper desk's but my hope is not high on that also. I have found that Government is hearing only what they want to hear, not what they do not. Please restore my faith!

Sincerely,
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From: [HarryJames Ruffel](#)
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Boats
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 10:39:47 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of the City of North Porth and I want to voice my opposition to the parking of boats in driveways or front yards.

I live in a part of North Port that already restricts the placement of boats where they are visible from the street. I am all for enhancing the appearance of our community. Boats belong in the garage or in the back yard.

Driveways should be for automobiles and other normal family transportation. Boats belong out of sight.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

HarryJames Ruffel
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From: ballvin@aol.com
To: [Patsy Adkins](#)
Subject: Comments re: boats / cars
Date: Friday, August 04, 2017 9:50:15 AM

Hello: Moved permanently here in April and have been following articles re: residential vehicle / boat parking. Seems unreal to me that any city would allow for an unlimited number of vehicles to be parked at any residence. If you are trying to upgrade the image of the City then in my opinion there should be absolute limits on the number of vehicles allowed as well as the size and type. Someone who spends money to upgrade and beautify their property should not potentially have to look at what might amount to a junk yard or used car lot abutting their property that would lessen property values. North Port should do more to lessen the amount of "junk" on people's property vs. making it easier to add more. There are way too many unsightly and unkempt homes in North Port already.

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