

**VERNAL CITY
ORDINANCE 2023-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE VERNAL CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, MOVING AND RE-ENACTING THE REGULATION OF TRAILERS AND TRAVEL TRAILERS FROM TITLE 16 TO TITLE 12, BY ADDING SECTION 12.04.261 - PARKING TRAILERS AND TRAVEL TRAILERS, 12.04.262 - DEFINITIONS, 12.04.263 - STORAGE OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES, REPEALING SECTIONS 16.24.152 - OVERSIZED TRAILERS AND TRAVEL TRAILERS AND 16.24.130 - STORAGE OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES, AND AMENDING SECTIONS 16.04.710 - DEFINITION OF TRAVEL TRAILER OR CAMPER AND 16.04.428 - TRAILERS.

WHEREAS, parking trailers and travel trailers on public streets and within any portion of the edge of the right-of-way is now regulated pursuant to Section 12.04.261 to 12.04.263 of the Vernal City code; and,

WHEREAS, Section 12.04.262 defines trailers and travel trailers and 16.04.470 defines recreational vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.04.263 regulates storage of commercial vehicles in residential zones; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.04.240 prohibits obstructing streets or sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, Section 12.04.260 regulates vehicle storage on streets; and

WHEREAS, the Vernal City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare that the above-referenced codes found in Title 16 be relocated to Chapter 12.04 of the code and be clarified.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Vernal City Council, in the State of Utah, as follows:

SECTION 1: ADOPTION “Section 12.04.261 Parking Trailers and Travel Trailers” of the Vernal Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

Section 12.04.261 Parking Trailers And Travel Trailers . (Added)

A. Except as set forth herein, trailers and travel trailers, as defined in Section 12.04.262, may not be parked or stored on public streets or rights-of-way. On corner lots, all trailers and travel trailers shall be set back from the edge of the right- of-way so as to not block the view within the clear vision triangle as established by ordinance. Construction trailers shall be allowed in the right-of-way, but out of the lane of travel, between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm if actively working on a project with a valid building permit.

B. Trailers that advertise an off premise business (an advertising trailer) may not be parked on any public street or within view of any public street, except that trailers with advertising may be temporarily (not

more than thirty (30) days) in any ninety (90) day period) parked at least ten (10) feet away from any public right-of-way in an industrial zone. A trailer that only has a name of the manufacturer or a decal on a travel trailer showing the name of the trailer in a manner not intended to advertise an off premise business is not considered an advertising trailer. Trailers may be temporarily parked, out of the lane of travel, in the public right-of-way for a period of up to twelve (12) hours during active loading or unloading.

C. It is unlawful to park a travel trailer on the public streets for a period of time in excess of seventy-two (72) hours and only while cleaning, loading, or unloading.

D. Travel trailers being stored may be occupied for a period not to exceed seven (7) days in any thirty (30) day period and no wastewater may be discharged unlawfully.

SECTION 2: ADOPTION “Section 12.04.262 Definitions” of the Vernal Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

Section 12.04.262 Definitions *(Added)*

A. “Trailer” is defined as an unpowered vehicle towed or designed to be towed by another vehicle.

B. “Travel trailer or camper trailer” is defined as all vehicles, other than manufactured homes as herein defined, which are mobile and are primarily used or intended to be used or maintained as a temporary dwelling or shelter for travel, camping, vacation, or recreational purposes including; motor homes, caravans, pop up campers, truck campers, 5th wheel trailers, camper trailers. The term “recreational vehicle” is synonymous with travel trailer or camper.

SECTION 3. ADOPTION “Section 12.04.263 Storage of Commercial Vehicles in Residential Zones” of the Vernal Municipal Code is hereby *added* as follows:

Section 12.04.263 Storage of Commercial Vehicles in Residential Zones *(Added)*

The storage and parking of trucks having a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) higher than twenty-four thousand (24,000) pounds or having more than two (2) axles shall not be permitted in any residential zone except:

A. Construction equipment may be stored on a lot when:

1. An active building permit is issued for the lot upon which the equipment is stored and the equipment being stored is being used specifically for the construction activity on said lot; or
2. The equipment is being used for an active, permitted, infrastructure construction project in the vicinity of the lot.

SECTION 4: AMENDMENT “Section 16.04.428 Oversized Trailers” of the Vernal Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

Section 16.04.428 Oversized Trailers

“Oversized trailer” is defined as any trailer over six (6) feet in height including cargo, (i.e. boat containers etc.) that obstructs visibility and impairs the view to the other side of the trailer or any trailer with a length, excluding the hitch, that is sixteen (16) feet in length or longer that is eight (8) feet in width or wider. (Ord. 2014-17, Add, 06/04/2014)

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT “Section 16.04.710 Travel Trailer or Camper” of the Vernal Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

Section 16.04.710 Travel Trailer or Camper

"Travel-trailer" or "camper trailer" ~~means all units, other than manufactured homes as herein defined, which are mobile and are primarily used or maintained as a temporary dwelling for travel, vacation or recreational purposes;~~ is defined as all vehicles, other than manufactured homes as herein defined, which are mobile and are primarily used or intended to be used or maintained as a temporary dwelling or shelter for travel, camping, vacation, or recreational purposes including; motorhomes, caravans, pop up campers, truck campers, 5th wheel trailers, camper trailers. The term "recreational vehicle" is synonymous with travel trailer or camper.

(PZSC § 03-15-142) (Ord. No. 98-16, Amended, 10/21/98; Ord. No. 98-16, Amended, 10/21/98)

SECTION 6: AMENDMENT “Section 16.24.130 Storage of Commercial Vehicles in Residential Zones” of the Vernal Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

Section 16.24.130 Storage of Commercial Vehicles in Residential Zones

- A. ~~The storage and parking of trucks having a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) higher than 24,000 pounds or having more than two (2) axles shall not be permitted in any residential zone except: Construction equipment may be stored on a lot when: An active building permit is issued for the lot upon which the equipment is stored, and the equipment being stored is being used specifically for the construction activity on said lot. The equipment is being used for an active infrastructure construction project in the vicinity of the lot. The storage of motor homes shall be regulated in accordance with the other requirements of this title. (PZSC § 03-11-013) (Ord. 2013-16, Amended, 12/18/2013)~~

SECTION 7: AMENDMENT “Section 16.24.152 Oversized Trailers and Travel Trailers” of the Vernal Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

Section 16.24.152 Oversized Trailers and Travel Trailers

~~A. All oversized trailers and travel trailers, as defined herein, being parked or stored within Vernal City shall be set back from the edge of the right of way on the front of the lot a minimum of ten (10) feet. On corner lots, all oversized trailers shall be set back from the edge of the right of way on the exterior side of the lot a minimum of ten (10) feet, unless fully enclosed behind a six (6) foot sight obscuring fence, in which case there shall be no side setback requirement. B. Travel trailers being stored may be occupied for a period not to exceed seven (7) days in any thirty (30) day period. It is unlawful to park a travel trailer on the public streets for a period of time in excess of seventy-two (72) hours. (Ord. 2014-17, Add 06/04/2014)~~

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VERNAL COUNCIL January 18, 2023.

| | AYE | NAY | ABSENT | ABSTAIN |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|----------|---------|
| Councilmember Nicholas Porter | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Councilmember Robin O'Driscoll | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Councilmember Dave Everett | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Councilmember Corey Foley | _____ | _____ | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Councilmember Ted Munford | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Presiding Officer

Doug B Hammond
Doug Hammond, Vernal City Mayor

Attest

Roxanne Behunin
Roxanne Behunin, Vernal City Recorder

