

## CHAPTER 54

# OUTSIDE PARKING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES

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**54.01 DEFINITIONS.** For use in this chapter, the following words are defined:

1. "Fifth-wheel travel trailer" means a type of travel trailer which is towed by a pickup by a connecting device known as a fifth wheel. However, this type of travel trailer may have an overall length which shall not exceed forty (40) feet.
2. "Front yard area" means all that area between the front property line and a line drawn along the front face or faces of the principal structure on the property and extended to the side property line.
3. "Motor home" means a motor vehicle designed as an integral unit to be used as a conveyance upon the public streets and highways and for use as a temporary or recreational dwelling and having at least four of the following permanently installed systems which meet American National Standards Institute and National Fire Protection Association standards in effect on the date of manufacture:
  - A. Cooking facilities;
  - B. Ice box or mechanical refrigerator;
  - C. Portable water supply including plumbing and a sink with faucet either self-contained or with connection for external water disposal or both;
  - D. Self-contained toilet or a toilet connected to a plumbing system with connection for external water disposal or both;
  - E. Heating or air-conditioning system or both, separate from the vehicle engine or the vehicle engine electrical system;
  - F. A 110/115 volt alternating current electrical system separate from the vehicle engine electrical system.
4. "Outside" means to be outside of an enclosed storage facility and visible from any other property, including the public right-of-way.
5. "Side yard corner lot" means the yard area adjacent to the street right-of-way on a corner lot extending from the front yard along the side of the structure to the rear property line.
6. "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that only the tongue weight rests upon the towing vehicle.
7. "Travel trailer" means a vehicle without motive power used or so manufactured or constructed as to permit its being used as a conveyance upon the public streets and highways and so designed to permit the vehicle to be used as a place of human habitation by one or more persons. Said vehicle may be up to eight (8) feet in width and its overall length shall not exceed forty (40) feet unless width and length

are in conflict with Chapter 321 of the Code of Iowa. Such vehicle shall be customarily or ordinarily used for vacation or recreational purposes and may not be used as a place of permanent habitation. If any such vehicle is used as a place of human habitation for more than ninety (90) consecutive days in one location, it shall be classed as a mobile home regardless of the size limitations herein provided.

**54.02 DECLARATION OF NUISANCE.** The outside parking or storage on property used for residential purposes of large numbers of vehicles, water craft, trailers, materials, supplies or equipment not customarily used for residential purposes in violation of the requirements set forth below is declared to be a public nuisance because it: (a) obstructs views on streets and private property; (b) creates cluttered and otherwise unsightly areas; (c) prevents full use of residential streets for residential parking; (d) decreases adjoining landowners' and occupants' enjoyment of their property and neighborhood; and (e) otherwise adversely affects property values and neighborhood patterns.

**54.03 UNLAWFUL PARKING AND STORAGE.**

1. No person may place, store or allow the placement or storage of ice fish houses, skateboard ramps or other similar non-permanent structures outside continuously for longer than twenty-four (24) hours in the front yard area or side yard corner lots of property used for residential purposes.

2. No person may place, store or allow the placement or storage of pipe, lumber, forms, steel, machinery or similar materials including all materials used in connection with a business, outside on property used for residential purposes.

3. No person shall cause, undertake, permit or allow the outside parking and storage of vehicles on property used for residential purposes unless it complies with the following requirements: Parking or storing of water craft or trailers is prohibited within the front yards. Parking or storage of water craft or trailers is also prohibited on side yard corner lots. However, water craft or trailer parking is permitted on side yard corner lots where the rear yard is not accessible.

**54.04 EXCEPTIONS.** The prohibitions of this chapter do not apply to the following:

1. Any motor truck, pickup truck or similar vehicle being used by a public utility, moving company or similar company, which is actually being used to serve a residence not belonging to or occupied by the operator of the vehicle.

2. Any vehicle which is actually making a pickup or delivery at the location where it is parked. Parking for any period of time beyond the period of time reasonably necessary to make such pickup or delivery is prohibited.

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