



# CITY OF CAÑON CITY

## Planning and Zoning

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## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Are governed by the Cañon City Municipal Code as follows:

(NOTE: These regulations pertain to Recreational Vehicles not located in RV parks)

### 17.13.190 DEFINITIONS "R"

A **Recreational Vehicle** (RV) means any vehicle used for recreational occupancy, including motorhomes and pickup campers, travel trailers, tent trailers, converted buses, horse trailers with attached living quarters, and similar vehicles that are designed and constructed, or have been modified since their construction, to permit sleeping or housekeeping, or both, and that do not require for their use a hookup to permanent utility services, and are mobile or can be transported on public rights-of way. Standard passenger or cargo vans that have been customized with various features to accommodate their use for camping or road trips, also commonly called "conversion vans", "camper vans" or "leisure vans" are not recreational vehicles for purposes of this chapter (Municipal Code).

## THE BASICS:

- An RV is not a dwelling unit. In other words, it's not meant for long-term habitation.
- You can park an RV on private property, but you can't block access to someone else's property, the street or the sidewalk. Also, you can't block vision for driveways or streets or alleys. Also, make sure that the RV is secured so that it can't roll.
- You can park an RV on the street, but not for more than 48 hours. Also, when an RV is parked on the street it has to be a certain distance from intersections and driveways. (See below 12.26.030[E])
- Someone can stay in an RV on the street (visiting family or friends), but not for more than 48 hours.
- Someone can stay in an RV on your property (visiting friends or family), but not for more than 2 weeks.

### 17.05.150.D MOBILE HOME AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, TEMPORARY USE.

1. The use shall only be approved if an active building permit exists on the site.

### 17.06.010.I OUTDOOR PARKING & STORAGE OF GOODS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND UTILITY TRAILERS

2. **Recreational vehicles**, recreational equipment, and/or utility trailers shall be parked or stored:
  - a. On private property,
  - b. On a hard paved surface,
  - c. In interior side or rear yards only, and
  - d. Outside of vision clearance areas.
3. Recreational vehicles shall not be used for dwelling or sleeping purposes unless such vehicle is parked within a commercial RV park or trailer park, except for short periods of time, such as during the visit of friends or relatives. In that case, such use shall not extend longer than two (2) weeks, and only then when proper health and safety precautions are taken.

## 12.26.030 PARKING AND STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND TRAILERS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS

- C. No recreational vehicle, and no trailer, whether connected to a towing vehicle or disconnected, shall be parked or stored on any residential street for any period longer than forty-eight (48) hours.
- D. No recreational vehicle shall be used for dwelling or sleeping purposes while parked on any residential street for any period longer than forty-eight (48) hours.
- E. No commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle, recreational equipment or trailer shall be parked on any residential street at a location that is closer than twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of two streets or closer than fifteen (15) feet from the intersection of a street and an alley (measured along the edges of the public rights-of-way), or closer than ten (10) feet from any public or private driveway, or in a manner or location that blocks any sidewalk.

Call the Planning & Zoning division at 719.269.9011 or Code Enforcement Division at 719.276.5600 if you have any questions.