



# City of Cañon City

Community Development Department  
Planning & Zoning Division

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Are governed by the Cañon City Municipal Code as follows:

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

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 required 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:** *(code excerpts are on the following page)*

- 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.

### **17.28.110 Parking and storage of recreational vehicles**

- C. No recreational vehicles, recreational equipment or utility trailer shall be parked or stored on private property in a manner or location that infringes upon any resident's access to their property, blocks any driveway or public sidewalk, obstructs clear passage to the front door of any residence, obstructs vision for driveway use, or encroaches into a vision clearance area defined in Section 17.08.010 and as required by Section 17.20.200 of the Municipal Code. Any such vehicle or equipment parked or stored must be secured in a manner to prevent any movement while unattended.
- D. No recreational vehicle may 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 or Code Enforcement Divisions at 719.269.9011 if you have any questions.***