

Chapter 14

MOBILE HOMES, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES¹, BOATS, AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Sec. 14-1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning respectively ascribed to them by this Section:

Mobile home shall mean a structure designed for permanent habitation and so constructed as to permit its transport on wheels, temporarily or permanently attached to its frame, from the place of its construction to the location, or subsequent locations, at which it is intended to be a permanent habitation and designed to permit the occupancy thereof as a dwelling place for one (1) or more persons, provided that any such structure resting on a permanent foundation, with wheels, tongue and hitch permanently removed, shall not be construed as a mobile home.

Recreational vehicle ("RV") shall mean any of the following:

- (1) Travel trailer. A vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational or vacation uses, or one permanently identified as a travel trailer by the manufacturer of the trailer.
- (2) Pick-up coach. A structure designed to be mounted on a truck chassis for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation.
- (3) Motor home. A portable, temporary dwelling to be used for travel, recreation and vacation, constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle.
- (4) Camping trailer. A canvas, material or metal folding structure, mounted on wheels, and designed for travel, recreation and vacation use.
- (5) Any other vehicle which is a recreational vehicle as defined in Section 1-169 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, (625 ILCS 5/1-169).

Boat shall mean any vessel used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, except an innertube, air mattress or similar device. Boats include, but are not limited to, sailboats, motorboats, kayaks, canoes, and rowboats. Boats do not include personal watercraft. For the purposes of this Chapter, a boat shall include the trailer used to transport the boat, if the trailer is required by the Illinois Vehicle Code to have a license plate.

¹ Comprehensive amendment Ord. 96-15, 4-18-96; Sec. 5 amended and Sec. 6 added by Ord. 96-17, 5-16-96.
State law reference-210 ILCS 115/2, 210 ILCS 95/2. (Ord. 2003-26, Sec. 1, 7-17-2003)

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Motorboat shall mean any boat propelled by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion, but does not include a vessel which has a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States Government or any Federal agency successor thereto.

Sailboat means any boat propelled by sail or canvas, including sailboards. For the purposes of this Chapter, any boat equipped to be propelled by both sail or canvas and machinery of any sort shall be deemed a motorboat.

Personal Watercraft means a vessel that uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of motor power and that is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel, and is designed to carry not more than two persons. Personal watercraft also means a vessel that is similar in appearance, passenger capacity and operation to a vessel that uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of motor power personal watercraft but which is powered by an outboard or propeller drive motor. For purposes of this Chapter, a personal watercraft shall include the trailer used to transport the personal watercraft, if the trailer is required by the Illinois Vehicle Code to have a license plate. (Ord. No. 2003-26, Sec. 2, 7-17-2003)

Sec. 14-2. Use of mobile homes, recreational vehicles and boats for lodging and dwelling purposes.

Mobile homes, recreational vehicles and boats shall not be occupied for lodging or dwelling purposes on any lot except as follows:

- (1) Mobile homes may be occupied for dwelling purposes in a mobile home park.
- (2) Mobile homes may be occupied for dwelling purposes during an emergency created by wind, fire, flood or other similar disasters. (Ord. No. 2003-26, Sec. 3, 7-17-2003)

Sec. 14-3. Mobile homes, recreational vehicles and boats not to be used as accessory buildings; exception.

Mobile homes, recreational vehicles and boats shall not be permitted in any district as accessory buildings, except mobile homes may be used as accessory buildings in mobile home parks or when used as temporary offices or storage space incidental to construction of a building development for the period of time such construction is actively undertaken. Mobile homes used for such purposes shall be located on the same lot as the building development or a lot contiguous thereto.

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(Ord. No. 2003-26, Sec. 4, 7-17-2003)

Sec. 14-4. Storage of mobile homes, recreational vehicles, boats and personal watercraft.

No mobile home, recreational vehicle, boat or other watercraft shall be stored in the Village except as follows:

- (1) Recreational vehicles may be stored and parked on the private property of the owner of the vehicle, subject to the restrictions and prohibitions set forth below in Section 14-5, "Storage and parking of recreational vehicles in residential zoning districts."
- (2) Mobile homes, recreational vehicles, boats and personal watercraft may be stored on lots occupied by establishments selling and manufacturing the same prior to sale or delivery.
- (3) Boats and personal watercraft may be stored on the premises of a marina or commercial establishment, which is engaged in the business of storing boats and personal watercraft.
- (4) Boats and personal watercraft may be stored and parked on the private property of the owner of the boat or personal watercraft, subject to the restrictions and prohibitions set forth below in Section 14-7, "Storage and parking of boats and personal watercraft in residential zoning districts." (Ord. No. 2003-26, Sec. 5, 7-17-2003)

Sec. 14-5. Restrictions and prohibitions applicable to the storage and parking of recreational vehicles in residential zoning districts.

The following restrictions and prohibitions shall apply to the storage and parking of recreational vehicles in all residential zoning districts established pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fox River Grove:

- (1) Except as provided in Section 14-6, a recreational vehicle shall not be parked or stored less than three (3) feet from a sidewalk, within ten (10) feet of the pavement of a public street or within eight (8) feet of a lot line as defined in the Village of Fox River Grove Zoning Ordinance unless the recreational vehicle is parked or stored within a totally enclosed structure or garage.
- (2) No recreational vehicle parked or stored in a residential zoning district shall exceed ten (10) feet in height (excluding mast and measured at the top of roof from ground level) unless it is parked or stored within a totally enclosed structure or garage.

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- (3) A recreational vehicle shall not be parked so as to prevent a driver of a vehicle at an intersection from seeing motor and other vehicles on the cross or intersecting street in either direction for a distance of not less than line of one hundred forty (140) feet when such driver is either stopped at a stop sign or, if there is no stop sign at the intersection, when the driver is within ten (10) feet of an intersection.
- (4) A recreational vehicle shall not be stored or parked unless it is stored or parked on a concrete, asphalt, crushed stone, or equivalent hard surface.
- (5) A recreational vehicle shall not be stored or parked on that part of a lot which is part of a required side yard under the Village of Fox River Grove Zoning Ordinance or within eight (8) feet of a lot line. A recreational vehicle may be stored or parked within the front yard of a lot as defined in the Village of Fox River Grove Zoning Ordinance only if it is parked on a driveway.
- (6) A recreational vehicle may be parked on a public street only for the purpose of loading and unloading the recreational vehicle unless a permit has been issued pursuant to Section 14-6.
- (7) A recreational vehicle may not be parked on a public street more than once in any seven (7) day period. A recreational vehicle may not be parked on a public street for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) continuous hours unless a permit has been issued pursuant to Section 14-6.
- (8) At no time shall a stored or parked recreational vehicle be used for living, sleeping, housekeeping or other purpose. No recreational vehicle shall be connected to gas, water or sanitary sewer service.
- (9) A recreational vehicle shall not be stored or parked in a manner so as to create a dangerous or unsafe condition. Parking or storage in such a fashion that the recreational vehicle may readily tip or roll, shall be considered a dangerous or unsafe condition.
- (10) A recreational vehicle shall not have its wheels removed. A recreational vehicle shall not be affixed or anchored to the ground so as to prevent ready removal of the vehicle.
- (11) A recreational vehicle shall not be used as an accessory structure.
- (12) No repairs or maintenance work other than routine maintenance not involving the dismantling of any part of the vehicle shall be performed on any recreational vehicle except within a

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totally enclosed structure or garage. (Amended, Ord. 96-15, Sec. 1, 5-16-96)

Sec. 14-6 Permits for parking recreational vehicles in residential areas.

The Police Department is hereby authorized to issue written parking permits which will allow a recreational vehicle which is not registered to an owner or lessee residing within the Village of Fox River Grove to be parked on a street located within a residential zoning district as established by the Village of Fox River Grove Zoning Ordinance for a period of not more than seven (7) consecutive days. No such parking permit may be issued for the same recreational vehicle more than twice in any one twelve (12) month period. There shall be a fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for each such parking permit. The twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar permit fee must be paid at or prior to the time the parking permit is issued. A copy of the parking permit must be placed on the windshield of the recreational vehicle or on the top of the dashboard so it is readily visible through the windshield at all times the recreational vehicle is parked on a street within a residential zoning district. (Ord. No. 96-15, Sec. 2, 5-16-96)

Sec. 14-7 Restrictions and prohibitions applicable to the storage and parking of boats and personal watercraft in residential zoning districts.

The following restrictions and prohibitions shall apply to the storage and parking of boats and personal watercraft in all residential zoning districts established pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Fox River Grove:

- (1) The following restriction shall be applicable at all times to the storage of boats and personal watercraft on lots that border the Fox River.
 - (a) A boat or personal watercraft shall not be stored less than three (3) feet from a sidewalk nor within ten (10) feet of the pavement of a public street unless the boat or personal watercraft is stored within a totally enclosed structure or garage.
- (2) The following restriction shall be applicable to the storage of boats and personal watercraft on lots which do not border the Fox River.
 - (a) During the period from December 1 through the following March 31, a boat or personal watercraft shall not be stored in the required front yard of a lot as defined in the Village of Fox River Grove Zoning Ordinance unless the boat or personal watercraft is parked or stored within a totally enclosed structure or garage.

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- (b) During the period from April 1 through the following November 30, a boat or personal watercraft shall not be stored in the required front yard of a lot as defined in the Village of Fox River Grove Zoning Ordinance unless the boat or personal watercraft is stored on a driveway and there is a minimum of three (3) feet from a sidewalk or ten (10) feet from the pavement of a public street, unless the boat or personal watercraft is stored within a totally enclosed structure or garage. (Ord. No. 2003-26, Sec. 6, 7-17-2003)