

ORDINANCE NO. 282

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 44-362(7) AND TO RENUMBER SECTION 38-31(b) AND TO CREATE NEW SECTIONS 38-31(b) AND 38-33 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF KINGSFORD, MICHIGAN

THE CITY OF KINGSFORD ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 44-362(7) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Kingsford, Michigan is hereby amended to read as follows:

Recreational vehicles and equipment, as defined in Sec. 38-33 shall be permitted in an R-1A, R-1B, R-2, RM-1, O-S, B-1, or B-2 district. Travel trailers and campers may be parked or stored, but not occupied in such districts provided that a permit is granted by the city manager or his/her designee. No permit shall be granted for the parking or storing of a travel trailer or camper unless it meets the following standards:

a. That property values in the neighborhood shall not be depreciated by the presence of said travel trailer or camper. In determining possible depreciation of property values, the following factors shall be considered in deciding if the presence of said trailer would be injurious to the surrounding neighborhood and not contrary to the spirit and purpose of this chapter:

1. Size of trailer and its overall appearance;
2. Proposed location on premises;
3. Whether trees, shrubbery, fences or other buildings fully or partially shield the trailer from view.

b. That said trailer shall not create a fire hazard or a safety hazard or be liable to become an attractive nuisance to children in the neighborhood.

A written application for a permit must be submitted to the city manager or his or her designee by the property owner. Permits shall be granted on such terms and conditions as the city manager or his or her designee shall specify and shall be for an indefinite period of time, unless otherwise stated, and shall be subject to revocation by the city manager or his or her designee or the city council for good cause and upon reasonable notice to the property owner.

SECTION 2. Section 38-31(b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Kingsford, Michigan is hereby renumbered to be Section 38-31(c) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Kingsford, Michigan.

SECTION 3. Section 38-31(b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Kingsford, Michigan, is hereby created to read as follows:

b. No contractor trailer or construction dumpster shall be parked on any street or alley of the city for longer than the duration of the permitted project. A contractor trailer or construction dumpster shall not obstruct vision at intersections or crests of hills and shall be properly marked for night-time visibility.

SECTION 4. Section 38-33 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Kingsford, Michigan, is hereby created to read as follows:

Parking of recreational equipment, recreational vehicles and trailers on streets and alleys.

(a) No person may park recreational equipment and/or recreational vehicles as defined on any street or alley in the city, subject to the conditions contained in this section.

(b) Recreational vehicles and equipment defined.

(1) When used in this section, "recreational equipment" shall include:

a. Boats and boat trailers which shall include boats, watercraft, floats and rafts, plus the normal equipment to transport the same on the highway;

b. Folding tent trailer of canvas or solid sides which is a folding structure mounted on wheels and designed for travel and vacation;

c. Pickup camper which is a structure designed primarily to be mounted on a pickup or truck chassis and with sufficient equipment to render it suitable for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational and vacation use;

d. Travel trailer which is a vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation uses, permanently identified "travel trailer" by the manufacturer;

e. Utility trailer which is an enclosed or open vehicle used to transport motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts, stock cars, materials, etc.

(2) When used in this section, "recreational vehicle" shall mean:

a. A motorized home which is a portable dwelling designed and constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle;

(c) Prohibited uses in all districts.

a. Recreational equipment parked or stored shall not have fixed connections to electricity, water, gas or sanitary sewer facilities, and at no time shall this equipment be used for living or housekeeping purposes.

b. Recreational equipment shall not be parked on municipal streets or alleyways for a period of longer than 48 hours.

c. Recreational vehicles shall not be parked on municipal streets or alleyways for a period of longer than 48 hours.

d. Any front yard or driveway storage must not:

i. Interfere with clear vision at intersections of streets and driveways; and

ii. Be closer than three feet to the side or front property lines.

e. No person shall park or store any recreational vehicle that is not carrying a current year license and/or registration.

(d) Procedures and considerations for special conditions.

(1) Special condition appeals shall be reviewed by the administration consisting of the: City manager and Public Safety Director. This committee shall have the authority to adjust requirements of this subdivision in the areas of:

a. The 48-hour limit on parking recreational vehicles on municipal streets:


b. When the administration finds special circumstances exist, a permit may be issued to extend the limit up to one week.

(e) Penalty for violation.


A person responsible for activity that violates this Ordinance shall be responsible of a civil infraction as provided below:

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective 21 days after its adoption.

Dated: November 20, 2017



Joe Groeneveld, Mayor



Anthony D. Edlebeck,
City Manager/Clerk