

ORDINANCE NO. 1151

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF CAWKER CITY, KANSAS, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

The City of Cawker City, Kansas, has determined the need to establish a policy to regulate the parking of recreational vehicles actively used as sleeping and/or extended duration living quarters within the City of Cawker City. The City of Cawker City, Kansas, ordains as follows:

Section 1. PURPOSE AND POLICY. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the parking of recreational vehicles actively used as extended living accommodations and/or sleeping accommodations, to discourage permanent or long-term use of recreational vehicles for living or sleeping accommodations, and to encourage the overnight parking of such recreational vehicles in designated areas within the city limits.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS.

- (a) "Person" shall mean any human, firm, partnership, association, corporation or trust.
- (b) "Recreational Vehicle" (RV) shall mean a unit designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use; units may have their own power or be designed to be drawn or mounted on an automotive vehicle. Recreational Vehicle shall include motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, camping trailers, converted buses, houseboats, or other similar units.
- (c) "Occupy," "Occupancy," or "Occupied" shall mean the use of any recreational vehicle by any person for living, sleeping, cooking or eating purposes for any period of four or more consecutive days.
- (d) "Designated Building Official" shall mean the mayor or his or her authorized designee.
- (e) "Gray water" shall mean the relatively clean waste water from baths, sinks, washing machines, and other appliances.
- (f) "Designated RV Park" shall mean a place set aside and offered by a person or entity for either direct or indirect payment to the owner or operator of the place for overnight accommodation of two or more recreational vehicles. Each parking space shall be marked with the space number or some other vehicle identification mechanism and shall be equipped with a sewer hookup, potable water source, and electricity. Each parking space shall be no less than 15 feet wide and 20 feet long.

Section 3. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REGULATION. Except as otherwise provided herein, it shall be unlawful to park or place any recreational vehicle which is actively in use for sleeping or living accommodations within the city, unless said recreational vehicle is in a Designated RV Park. This section shall not apply to the parking of recreational vehicles that are not actively in use for sleeping or living accommodations purposes. State law and city ordinances pertaining to vehicle parking shall apply to all recreational vehicle parking the same as any other vehicle parked within the city.

Section 4. EXEMPTION. Unless otherwise prohibited, recreational vehicles used for sleeping or living accommodations may be parked on city streets in front of and adjacent to a permanent residence or upon such private property when the owner or the operator of the recreational vehicle is visiting the owner or occupant of the residence for a period not to exceed two weeks.

The owner or operator of the recreational vehicle so parked shall, upon the request of a law enforcement officer or other authorized city representative, provide verification that such owner or operator of the recreational vehicle is a guest of the owner or occupant of the permanent residence. Such evidence can be in the form of written or verbal authorization received directly from the owner or occupant of the permanent residence.

Section 5. UTILITIES/HOOKUPS/CONNECTIONS. No electrical or water connections shall be made by the recreational vehicle owner or operator to any outlet other than to an outlet metered for and with the consent of the owner or occupant of the permanent residence and only if there are no delinquent electrical charges associated with said permanent residence. Such electrical or water connections, if made, shall not exceed the two-week period as provided in preceding Section 4 of this Ordinance. Under no circumstances shall the owner or occupant of the recreational vehicle make any sewer connections with any sewer access within the city, except that provided within a Designated RV Park. The dumping of waste, including gray water, from recreational vehicles on public or private land, except at a designated RV dump is expressly prohibited.

Section 6. PERMITS. Residents may allow visitors to temporarily stay in recreational vehicles, and occupied recreational vehicles shall be allowed on the resident's property for a period not to exceed 14 days (or longer if approved by the Designated Building Official) in any consecutive six-month period. The stay may be extended by two weeks for a \$50.00 fee; not to exceed 60 days total in any 12-month period. This is a \$50.00 fee for every two-week period.


Section 7. INSPECTIONS. The Designated Building Official, in his or her discretion, may schedule an on-site inspection of a recreational vehicle to assure compliance with all current regulations.


Section 8. PENALTIES. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, or failing to comply therewith, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$300.00, and each violation shall constitute a separate violation.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed and approved by the governing body of the City of Cawker City, Kansas, on this 11th day of April, 2018.

ATTEST:


Denelle Mick, City Clerk


Greg Linton, Mayor

