

Definition (from Charlotte zoning ordinance)

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT. Trailer coaches, travel trailers, utility trailers, pick-up campers or coaches, motorized dwellings, tent trailers, boats, and boat trailers, snowmobiles, horse trailers, dune buggies, race cars, demolition derby cars and other similar equipment and conveyances.

Regulation (82-454 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES.)

(K) Recreational equipment owned by residents of the city may be stored on their individual lots and shall be stored only within the confines of the rear yard and shall further respect the requirements of this section applicable to accessory buildings and structures, insofar as distances from principal structures, lot lines and easements are concerned. All recreational equipment parked or stored shall not be connected to sanitary facilities and shall not be occupied. In those instances where a rear yard is not accessible, the Building Official may allow recreational equipment to be parked or stored in a side yard, provided such parking or storage shall be behind the front of the principal building.

(L) The parking of a trailer coach, travel trailer or camper trailer when in use or occupied for periods exceeding 24 hours on lands not approved for such use shall be expressly prohibited, except that the Building Official may extend temporary permits allowing the parking of such trailer coach, travel trailer or camper trailer in a rear yard on private property, not to exceed a period of two weeks. All trailer coaches, travel trailers or camper trailers parked or stored shall not be connected to sanitary facilities.

Considerations

- Should driveway parking be allowed for RV's?
- Should regulation be the same regardless of size or type? Length? Height?
- Should allowance be made for seasonal use and parking?
- Should camper visits be allowed for more than 24-hours at a time?
- Limitation on number or type?
- If no driveway storage is to be allowed, should the height restriction on accessory structures be increased to accommodate RV's?
- Should these rules be extended to include parking of commercial vehicles?