

ORDINANCE NO. 1795

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAVEL TRAILERS, MOTOR HOMES AND CAMPERS WITHIN THE CITY OF NEODESHA, WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined the need to establish a policy to regulate the parking of recreational vehicles used as sleeping and/or extended duration living quarters within the City of Neodesha; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NEODESHA, KANSAS:

Section 1. Chapter 34 of the City of Neodesha Code is hereby amended by adding Article IV to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. – PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Section 34-52. – PURPOSE AND POLICY.

The purpose of this section is to regulate the parking of recreational vehicles 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 34-53. - DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

- (a) **Person** means any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation or trust.
- (b) **Recreational Vehicle (RV)** means any vehicle used for recreational purposes which contain sleeping facilities and are designed for short or long-term living accommodations. The term recreational vehicle shall include but shall not be limited to motor homes, travel trailers, truck campers, camping trailers, converted buses, houseboats or other similar units.
- (c) **Recreational Vehicle Park** means any area owned by the city or by one or more persons in which spaces are rented for parking of recreational vehicles and which complies with state law, and state and city traffic laws and ordinances.

Section 34-54. – RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REGULATIONS.

Except as otherwise provided herein, it shall be unlawful to park or place any recreational vehicle which is in use as sleeping or living accommodations within the city unless said recreational vehicle is located in a recreational vehicle park. This section shall not apply to the parking of recreational vehicles that are not in use as 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 34-55. - EXEMPTIONS.

- (a) Unless otherwise prohibited, recreational vehicles used for sleeping and/or living accommodations may be parked on city streets in front of and adjacent to a permanent residence or upon such permanent residents' 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 14 days. 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.
- (b) For the purposes of workforce development, or community growth, the City Administrator shall be authorized to issue a \$50 temporary permit to park a single recreational vehicle on a residential lot for a period up to 6 months if the following conditions are met:
 - 1. The property owner by deed is the applicant;
 - 2. The residential lot provides access to all city water and electric prior to issuance of the permit;
 - 3. The recreational vehicle is self-contained;

4. Placement of the recreational vehicle conforms to all setback requirements provided for in the City of Neodesha Zoning Code.

Section 34-56. – 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 14-day period as provided in Section 34-55(a), unless the visitor has obtained a permit as provided in Section 34-57. The dumping of waste from recreational vehicles shall only be done through the City’s sewer connections or at a designated RV dump site.

Section 34-57. – PERMITS; SHORT-TERM VISITORS.

Vacation trailers and motor homes may be used by visitors of residents and shall be allowed on the residents’ property for a period of time not to exceed 14 days in any consecutive six-month period. The stay may be extended by two weeks for a \$50 fee; not to exceed 60 days total in any 12-month period. (This is a \$50 fee for every two-week period.)

Section 34-58. – INSPECTIONS.

The City Administrator or his or her designee, in his or her discretion, may schedule an on-site inspection of a recreational vehicle to assure compliance with all current regulations.

Section 34-59. – PENALTY.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section, or failing to comply therewith, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$300. Each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues after notice has been served shall constitute an additional or separate offense.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its publication in the official city newspaper.

Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Neodesha, Kansas and signed by the Mayor this 13th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Devin Johnson
Devin Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe
Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk