

RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE No. 49

Recreational Vehicle and Equipment; parking and storage

An Ordinance to set forth the conditions under which recreational vehicles and equipment may be parked or stored within the Township of Richfield IN A RESIDENTIALLY ZONED NEIGHBORHOOD

**Section I. Definitions:**

1. Recreational Equipment shall include, but is not limited to:

- a. Boats and boat trailers which shall include boats, floats and rafts, plus the normal equipment to transport the same on a roadway;
- b. Folding tent trailer, pop up trailer, and such type of equipment which is a folding structure, mounted on wheels and designed for travel and vacations use,
- 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 vacations use;
- d. Travel trailer which is a vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational and vacation uses, permanently identified "travel trailer" by the manufacturer, included in this subsection are items like fifth wheelers and pull behinds;
- e. Utility trailer which is a vehicle used to transport motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts or stock cars, and the like.

2. Recreational Vehicle shall include, but is not limited to:

- a. A motorized home which is a portable dwelling designed and constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle;
- b. A motorized off road vehicle which is not licensed for general operation on public roadways.

**Section II. Parking/storing of recreational vehicles/equipment in a Residential Neighborhood**

Any owner of recreational vehicle and equipment may park or store such equipment as private residential property IN A RESIDENTIALLY ZONED NEIGHBORHOOD subject to the following conditions:

1. Parking or storing of such recreational vehicle and equipments must be done in a manner so as to remain clear of any public sidewalk and not be within 12 feet of the traveled edge of the improved roadway in front of such residence or roadside property line.
2. In no case shall such extend over the sidewalk or be located in the public right-of-way.
3. Any recreational vehicle and equipment shall not obstruct sight visibility from adjacent driveways.
4. The outside storage of no more than three (3) items of any combination consisting of recreational equipment or recreational vehicle as defined under this ordinance is permitted; excluded equipment shall include non-motorized one and two person crafts such as paddleboats, canoes, kayaks, floats, rowboats and rafts.
5. Licenses; all recreational vehicles or equipment parked or stored outside must display current licenses as required by applicable law for use in the state of Michigan.
6. Residential neighborhood shall be defined as those zoned as the following:

Single-Family Residential District R-1, Single-Family/Two-Family Residential District R-2, Multiple-Family Residential District R-3, Manufactured Home Park District

#### **Section IV. Enforcement**

Whenever a complaint is received and investigation reveals that a ordinance violation exists within the Township, the Richfield Township Public Safety Department is charged with the enforcement of this ordinance. When any property is in violation of this ordinance, an officer shall notify the owner , person in control , or occupant of such private premises to correct the violation within two (2) days after being put on notice of said violation. Such notice shall be served in one of the following manners:

- a. By delivering the notice to the owner and/or person in control personally or by leaving the same at his residence, office, or place of business with some person of suitable age and discretion, or
- b. If the owner is unknown, by posting said notice in some conspicuous place on the premises at least one (1) day before the act or action concerning which the notice is given is required or is to occur.

Any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a civil infraction. The penalty for the first offense shall be \$50 and for the first repeat offense, \$120.00. Repeat offense shall be defined as a violation of said ordinance which has been ticketed for within the past 30 days. For any second or subsequent repeat offense, the fine shall be no more than \$250.00. It shall be the duty of the Richfield Township Public Safety Department to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. If, after investigation, an officer determines that a violation of this Ordinance exists, the officer shall be authorized to issue a municipal civil infraction citation to any person, firm, or corporation that is responsible for violating the provisions of this Ordinance. Service of said civil infraction citation or civil infraction notice shall be made in accordance with MCL 600.8707, Public Act 12 of 1994.

In addition, permitting a violation of the Ordinance on private premises is hereby declared to constitute a nuisance per se. Upon application to any court of competent jurisdiction, the Court may order the nuisance abated and/or the violation restrained and enjoined. The enforcement of the Ordinance by abatement of any nuisance by the enforcing officer or by application to any court of competent jurisdiction for abatement by judicial decree or writ shall not preclude enforcement of the Ordinance by the issuance of a municipal civil infraction and the imposition of fine and costs. Complaint for violation of this Ordinance and the imposition of fine or imprisonment as herein provided.

#### **Section V. State of Emergency.**

The prohibitions provided in this section shall not apply to any recreational vehicle during any state of emergency declared to exist within the township by the Richfield Township Board.

#### **Section VI . Repealer**

All ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance force and effect.

#### **Section VII . Severability**

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

#### **Section VIII . Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective in the Township of Richfield following adoption by the Richfield Township Board and thirty (30) days after publication.