

CAMPERS – RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Amendment to Ordinance 8.0 – Zoning Ordinance Presented by the Zoning Committee, Revised February 7, 2006

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Douglas does ordain as follows:

Section VI Regulation of Special Uses

6.7 Major Recreational Equipment

1. The parking or storage of major recreational equipment shall not be subject to the provisions of this section, except that no major recreational equipment shall be parked or stored on any lot in a residential district except in a garage or carport or behind the nearest portion of a building to a street. Such equipment may be parked anywhere on residential premises for a period not to exceed 24 hours during loading or unloading. No such equipment shall be used for living or housekeeping purposes when parked or stored on a residential lot, or in any location not approved for such use.
2. The use of major recreational equipment shall meet the following requirements:
 - (a) A property owner may store their own major recreational equipment on their own property without being subject to any time limit, as long as there is a seasonal or year-round dwelling on the same parcel. The number of trailer campers or recreational vehicles is limited to one (1) within the shoreland district and two (2) outside the shoreland district.
 - (b) A single motor home or camper shall be allowed to be used or stored on the owner's property, when there is no residence, for up to 30 days in one calendar year. An extension of up to a total of one year will be allowed with the issuance of an annual land-use permit. Proof of adequate sanitary facilities must be provided, otherwise installation will be required.
 - (c) On parcels outside shorelands, with a residence, that are at least 2 acres in size, a single motor home or camper will be allowed to be used for a period of up to 30 days in one calendar year. The motor home or camper must be self-contained, unless the existing sanitary facilities of the residence are large enough to handle it, since it is considered to be an additional bedroom. An extension of 90 days maximum may be granted by the Zoning Committee with any conditions set by the Committee.
 - (d) The owners(s) of any parcel in Douglas County may have overnight guests stay in either the owner's or the guest's recreational vehicle for up to 14 days per calendar year. Up to two (2) recreational vehicles or one (1) structure and one (1) recreational vehicle will be allowed on any parcel for a combined total of 14 days per calendar year. All recreational vehicles must be self-contained and maintained in accordance with all applicable regulations. No permit will be required for this use.
 - (e) For a special event (i.e., family reunion), up to five (5) recreational vehicles will be allowed on any parcel for a period of up to seven (7) days per calendar year. A Land-Use permit will be required at the lowest approved fee. This permit will be in addition to any special event permit required by the County Health Department. Only one (1) such permit will be allowed per parcel per calendar year.
 - (f) To allow a special event like an Airstream convention, a Conditional-Use permit will be required at the current approved fee. This permit will be in addition to any special event permit required by the County health Department. Only one (1) such permit will be allowed per parcel per calendar year.
 - (g) Recreational vehicles must meet all setback requirements of residential units.

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6.6 Trailer Camps

Except that a trailer may be located on a residential lot for not more than one month in any one calendar year, no trailer shall be located within Douglas County except in a federal, state, town or county camp or in a private campsite, the site of which has been approved by the County Zoning Committee and the plan and operation shall follow the regulations provided by the Wis. Adm. Code Ch. HFS 178 and approved by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. The county will approve the site only, and the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services will approve and enforce all provisions of Wis. Adm. Code Ch. HFS 178.