

RV OCCUPANCY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY



Temporary Guidelines from the City of Springfield, started October 2020, updated December 2022



THESE GUIDELINES DO NOT APPLY TO:

- 1 RV Parks.
- 2 Manufactured dwelling parks.
- 3 Campgrounds.
- 4 Churches and industrial sites that participate in the *Overnight Parking Program*.

Hello Recreational Vehicle Owners!

Due to the heightened need for temporary housing in our community, the City of Springfield will allow temporary occupancy of recreational vehicles (RVs) when they are parked on private property as described here.

City staff will use these guidelines for the temporary measure and continue to uphold safety and health standards aimed at protecting the occupants of the RVs. All other city ordinances for the protection of health and safety shall remain in effect.

Failure to follow these guidelines in a manner that threatens the health and safety of the temporary residents, property owners, neighbors or public may result in enforcement actions.

RV DEFINITION

Recreational vehicle is defined in the Springfield Development Code as:

“A vacation trailer or other unit, with or without motive power, which is designed for human occupancy and to be used temporarily for recreational, seasonal, or emergency purposes and has a gross floor space of less than 400 square feet. The term includes camping trailers, camping vehicles, motor homes, park trailers, bus conversions, van conversions, tent trailers, travel trailers, truck campers, and any vehicle converted for use or partial use as a recreational vehicle. The unit shall be identified as a recreational vehicle by the manufacturer or converter.”

For purposes of these guidelines, an RV also includes a tiny house on wheels suitable for transport on a public street.

General Guidelines

- **Property owners must register with the City. Registration is FREE. Register at bit.ly/rvoccupancy.**
- RV must be Roadworthy.
 - ◆ The RV must be in a drivable or towable condition and licensed as appropriate.
 - ◆ RVs that cannot be easily driven off or towed from the property are deemed a nuisance and subject to code enforcement.
- No structures shall be connected to the RV.
- All personal items shall be kept in the RV or otherwise screened from view from any public right-of-way (including alleys).
- Property owners may not charge rent, but may ask the RV occupants to contribute toward utilities.



Good Neighbor Approach

A good neighbor approach is strongly recommended for all property owners, business owners, and temporary residents. The City will continue to take action to enforce noise, sanitation, nuisance, and other public health and safety code violations.

RVs are not allowed on vacant lots.

READ ON for information based on your RV's location

