

TRAILER PARKING

CHAPTER 13: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES AND PROVISIONS ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 13-5. Parking of trailers.

(a) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) *Trailer* shall mean a vehicle without means of motivation and designed to be towed, hauled or pulled by a motor vehicle.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or person in charge of property zoned for residential, duplex, townhome, patio home or apartment uses to permit the parking, standing or storing of a trailer on vacant or unimproved property in such zoning districts, or within the front yard between any front building wall and front property line on any surface, or in the side yard of corner lots between the side building wall and side property line on any surface where the property abuts a street or public right-of-way.

(c) No owner or person in control of a trailer shall park, stand or store the same on vacant or unimproved property zoned for residential, duplex, townhome, patio home, or apartment uses, or within the front yard between any front building wall and the front property line on any surface, or in the side yard of corner lots between the side building wall and the side property line on any surface where the property abuts a street or public right-of-way.

(d) A trailer may be parked in the side yard or rear yard of any property, zoned for residential, duplex or apartment uses by the owner of the trailer if screened from view of the adjacent street by a solid wood fence at least six feet in height, or by a landscaping screen wall consisting of shrubs a minimum of five gallons in size and three feet in height when measured immediately after planting and selected from the city-approved plant list that will provide a continuous unbroken solid visual screen which at maturity will reach a height of six feet or the height of the trailer, whichever is greater.

(e) This section does not prohibit the temporary parking of a trailer for the purpose of expeditiously loading or unloading freight or merchandise, or a recreational vehicle as defined in section 13-1 that is parked or stored in accordance with that section, or the storage of trailers customary and incidental to the operation of a school, childcare center, nursing home, assisted living facility or other senior housing facility, community homes permitted by the Texas Human Resource Code or public use at said property.

(Ord. No. 3533, § 1, 4-28-05; Ord. No. 4437, 09-26-22)