

ORDINANCE NO. 487

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, TRAILER HOUSES, TRAVEL TRAILERS, TRAILER COACHES, MOTOR HOMES, AND CAMPERS WITHIN THE CITY OF MADRAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 337, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Madras has determined the need to establish a policy to regulate the parking of recreational vehicles actively used as sleeping accommodations within the city of Madras.

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Madras ordains as follows:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND POLICY

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the parking of recreational vehicles actively used as sleeping accommodations, to discourage permanent or long-term use of recreational vehicles for living or sleeping accommodations and to provide for temporary or overnight parking of recreational vehicles within the city limits.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

- (a) **Mobile Home**. Shall mean any manufactured housing designed or used as a permanent dwelling, with or without the wheels attached.
- (b) **Person**. Shall mean any individual, firm, trust, partnership, association or corporation.
- (c) **Recreational Vehicles**. Vehicles used for recreational purposes, which contain sleeping facilities and are designed for short or long-term living accommodations. The term shall include, but not be limited to, trailer houses, travel trailers, trailer coaches, campers, and motor homes. The term shall not apply to mobile homes which are designed for permanent living accommodations.
- (d) **Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park**. Shall mean any area, owned by one or more persons, in which spaces are rented for parking of recreational vehicles, and which complies with state law and city ordinance, and is licensed for such business.

- (e) Self-Contained Recreational Vehicles. Recreational vehicles which do not require connections to water or sewer facilities.

SECTION 3: RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Except as otherwise provided herein, it shall be unlawful to park or place any recreational vehicle, actively in use as sleeping or living accommodations, within the city for any period of time, unless said vehicle is located in an RV park. It is to be understood that the parking of recreational vehicles on private property in the city that are not actively being used for sleeping or living purposes are not regulated by this ordinance. The general ordinances of the city that deal with zoning, and the regulations pertaining to vehicle parking may apply to regulate RV parking not covered by this ordinance.

[Section 3 Amended by Ordinance No. 821, Passed April 13, 2010]

SECTION 4: EXEMPTIONS

Self-contained recreational vehicles used for sleeping may be parked for a period of up to twelve (12) hours at the parking area for the Willow Creek Bicycle Trail located at 1st and "B" Streets.

[Section 4 Amended by Ordinance No. 821, Passed April 13, 2010]

Where not otherwise prohibited, recreational vehicles used for sleeping may be parked on city streets in front of and adjacent to a permanent residence or upon such permanent resident's property when the owner of the RV is visiting the occupant of the residence for a period of up to two weeks. The owner of the recreational vehicle so parked shall provide evidence to any city representative upon request that he/she is a legitimate guest at the residence.

Under no circumstances shall sewer connections be made with a recreational vehicle located outside of an RV Park. The dumping of wastes from recreational vehicles on public or private land, except at a designated RV dump, is expressly prohibited.

When conditions warrant, a permit may be issued to place an RV upon private property for the temporary housing of security personnel for the

protection of a business. Such permit may be issued only upon application and payment of fees which may be established from time to time by resolution of the common council of the City of Madras. The applicant shall obtain the written approval of the police chief upon the application form prior to submittal. Said permit shall be valid upon approval for a period of up to one year and may be renewed annually upon satisfactory review and payment of applicable fees. Sewer connections to such permitted Recreational Vehicles shall be prohibited.

SECTION 5: MOBILE HOMES

Mobile homes may not be parked upon city streets or property except when in transit to a permanent location, and such parking shall not exceed 3 hours. The placement of mobile homes upon private property shall be covered under the appropriate zoning ordinance.

SECTION 6: PENALTIES

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, or failing to comply therewith, shall upon conviction in municipal court, be subject to a fine not to exceed \$300, and each day of each provision being violated shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION 7: EMERGENCY

The council hereby finds this ordinance necessary for the regulation of RV parking, and necessary to promote the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the city of Madras. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and signature by the mayor.

Passed by the council and approved by the mayor July 23, 1991.