

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 15, TITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE," BY AMENDING SECTION 15-101, TITLED "DEFINITIONS," TO CORRECT THE INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE TO STATE THE DEFINITIONS APPLY WHEN USED IN THIS TITLE AND TO ADD THREE NEW DEFINITIONS: "COMMERCIAL/OVERSIZED VEHICLES," "RECREATIONAL VEHICLES," AND "UTILITY TRAILERS"; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6, TITLED "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING," TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 15-617, TITLED "PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, COMMERCIAL/OVERSIZED VEHICLES AND UTILITY TRAILERS IN MARKED AND UNMARKED ON-STREET PARKING SPACES," TO ADDRESS PARKING CONCERNS.

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances, City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, (City Code) contains provisions for on-street parking but does not currently address parking concerns regarding recreational vehicles, commercial/oversized vehicles, and utility trailers; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend the City Code to address those concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Title 15, titled "Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Parking," Chapter 1, titled "In General," Section 15-101, titled "Definitions," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is hereby amended by correcting the introductory language and by adding three new definitions in alphabetic order and accordingly renumbering all definitions within this section, which introductory language and new definitions shall read as follows:

Sec. 15-101. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, when used in this title, having the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

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- (7) "Commercial/oversized vehicles." Any motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer exceeding twenty-two (22) feet in length and/or eight (8) feet in width that is designed or used to transport commodities, produce, freight, animals, passengers for a fee, or merchandise in the furtherance of any commercial enterprise, including but not limited to any vehicle used to generate income or which has the appearance that it is used for business.
- (31) "Recreational vehicles." Any vehicular-type unit used primarily for recreational purposes including, but not limited to, boats, boat trailers, personal watercraft carriers, personal watercraft trailers, travel trailers, tent trailers, pick-up campers or coaches (designed to be mounted on automotive vehicles), motor coaches, motorized homes, and non-motorized vehicles.
- (55) "Utility trailers." Any wheeled structure, without motive power, designed to be towed by a motor vehicle and which is generally and commonly used to carry and transport personal effects and/or property.

Section 2. Title 15, titled "Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Parking," Chapter 6, titled "Stopping, Standing and Parking," of the Code of Ordinances, City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is hereby amended by creating a new section 15-617, titled "Parking of recreational vehicles, commercial/oversized vehicles and utility trailers in marked and unmarked on-street parking spaces," which new section shall read as follows:

Sec. 15-617. Parking of recreational vehicles, commercial/oversized vehicles and utility trailers in marked and unmarked on-street parking spaces.

It is unlawful for any person to park or store any recreational vehicle, commercial/oversized vehicle, or utility trailer within marked or unmarked on-street parking on any public street. It is also unlawful for the registered owner of a recreational vehicle, commercial/oversized vehicle, or utility trailer to allow another person to park or store such vehicle or trailer within marked or unmarked on-street parking on any public street.

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, an operational recreational vehicle, commercial/oversized vehicle, or utility trailer may be temporarily legally parked or stored within marked or unmarked on-street parking on any public street for a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive days for the purpose of loading, unloading, trip preparation, or minor, routine maintenance and repair. However, at no time shall any un-mounted camper enclosure, personal watercraft carrier, or boat not mounted on a utility trailer be parked or stored within any designated on-street parking space.

Section 3. There are no "grandfathered" rights associated with this ordinance.

Section 4. There shall be a thirty (30) day grace period from the effective date of the ordinance to allow City Staff time to educate the public on the requirements of the ordinance.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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