

**ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT - RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
PARKING AND STORAGE - FINAL READING**

**CITY OF ST. JOSEPH
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A “ZONING ORDINANCE” ART. II, SEC. 2.3; ART. III, SEC. 3.15; AND ART. IV, SEC. 18.2.11.C. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH ORDAINS that Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances is amended in part as follows:

Section 2.3 “Definitions” “Recreational Vehicles” is amended to read as follows:

Recreational vehicle means a vehicle having its own motor power or a vehicle mounted on or towed by another vehicle, and is primarily designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use. It includes a motor home, travel trailer, park model trailer that does not require a special highway movement permit under the Motor Vehicle Code, folding tent trailer mounted on wheels, and a pickup camper.

Section 2.3 “Definitions” “Travel Trailer” is deleted.

Section 3.15 “Temporary buildings and structures” Section 3.15.3 is amended to read as follows:

3.15.3. *Habitation of Accessory Structures and Recreational Vehicles.* No garage, barn, accessory building, basement, or recreational vehicle, whether fixed or portable, shall be used or occupied as a dwelling unit.

Section 18.2.11. “Special Parking Restrictions for Residential Districts” Section C.3. is amended to read as follows:

18.2.11.C.3. The outdoor storage or parking of an airplane, boat, personal watercraft, float, raft, trailer, recreational vehicle, off-road recreational vehicle, and other equipment or vehicles of similar nature is prohibited for a period greater than 48 hours in all residential districts unless it meets the following minimum conditions:

- a. It is located entirely upon a parcel of land which has an inhabited dwelling unit;
- b. It is owned by the property owner, tenant of the inhabited dwelling unit, or the non-paying transient guest of the property owner or tenant of the inhabited dwelling unit;
- c. It is unoccupied;
- d. It is not connected to sanitary sewer facilities;
- e. It does not have a fixed connection to electricity, water or gas;
- f. It is located:
 - i. Within a completely enclosed principal or accessory structure, or
 - ii. In the rear yard on a hard surface in compliance with section 18.4.2.E. and at least

five feet from any side or rear lot line;

- g. It does not encroach on, over, or above any sidewalk or other public vehicular or pedestrian way; and
- h. It is in compliance with all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

All provisions of the Zoning Ordinance not hereby amended remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its final passage.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Sarola, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Tess Ulrey, Commissioner
AYES:	Thomas, Sarola, Fernandez, Ulrey
ABSENT:	Binkley

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BERRIEN)

I, Abby Bishop, the duly qualified and appointed Clerk of the City of St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of action adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held on March 4, 2024 the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this March 4, 2024.





Abby Bishop, City Clerk
City of St. Joseph