

# PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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## Recreational Vehicle Informational Guide

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**Q:** What is a Recreational Vehicle?

**A:** **Recreational Vehicle (RV): A vehicle that is:**

- 1. Built on a single chassis;**
- 2. Four hundred square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;**
- 3. Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and**
- 4. Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling, but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.**

**Q:** Can a Recreational Vehicle be used as a permanent dwelling unit?

**A:** **NO.**

**Q:** Can a Recreational Vehicle be used as a temporarily dwelling unit?

**A:** **Yes, when certain criteria are met.**

- 1. During the construction of a single-family dwelling or the placement of a modular or manufactured home but not for longer than nine months;**
- 2. In the event of an emergency or disaster when a governmental grant/program provides a temporary recreational vehicle;**
- 3. While the damaged/destroyed manufactured, stick-built, or modular home is being replaced due to damage by fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, or the like.**
- 4. A parcel one acre or larger. When located on a parcel that is one acre or larger, the RV may not be located closer than 20 feet to the front lot line, 15 feet to any side lot line, and 30 feet from the rear lot line.**

**Q:** How long is a temporary permit valid for?

**A:** **Most are 180 Days but can be up to Nine Months.**

**Q:** Can a permit for the recreational vehicle be obtained before applying for the principal dwelling unit?

**A:** **NO, the permit for the temp RV must be included with the principal dwelling unit application. Approvals for the permanent dwelling unit must be obtained before the temporary RV can be permitted.**

**Q:** Does a septic approval permit have to be obtained?

**A:** **YES, septic approval from the Environmental Health Department must be obtained before a temp RV is permitted.**

**Q:** Can a recreational vehicle be used as a temporary dwelling unit in a flood zone?

**A:** **YES,**

- 1. Shall be on site for fewer than 180 consecutive days, be fully licensed, and ready for highway use (a recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on it's wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and has no permanently-attached additions); or**
- 2. Shall meet all the requirements for new construction, including anchoring and elevation requirements of the Flood Damage Prevention and Protection Ordinance.**