

# NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARDS

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The Neighborhood Standards Division of Community & Economic Development is responsible for inspecting ordinance violations that cover the exterior, non-structural maintenance of the property.

This brochure explains some common ordinance complaints such as:

- Inoperable and abandoned vehicles
- Vehicles parking on the grass
- RV, trailer and boat storage
- Excessive garbage
- Fencing & dumpster enclosures
- Home Business
- Garage Sales
- Tall grass
- Signs and banners
- Other Zoning Ordinances

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# Recreational Vehicle\Boat & Trailer Storage

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City of Rockford's Zoning Ordinance 40-002F states:

Motor homes\recreational vehicles (RV), campers, and travel trailers up to 30 ft. may be stored in side and rear yards. Side yard storage must be a minimum of 6 ft from the property line. RV's may not be used for residential purposes.

When upon trailers made for the purpose of hauling; boats, snowmobiles, waverunners, jet skis, ATV's and golf carts may be stored in side and rear yards. Side yard storage must be a minimum of 6 ft from the property line.

All other vehicles including utility, car hauling, box type utility commercial or any other trailer whose sole purpose is to haul are prohibited on the premises.

RV's, campers, travel trailers, boats and other vehicles can be a general health hazard if the vehicle is not parked on a paved surface because:

- They contain fluids such as gasoline, propane and raw sewage that, if leaked, may contaminate the environment.
- They can also create a visibility hazard for the police, fire and other drivers.
- They can take away from the beauty of our city.

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## Options for Storing Recreational Vehicles, Boats & Trailers

- Consider adding an additional paved parking surface in the side or rear yards.
- Storing these vehicles at an off-site storage facility.

# Get More Information

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Neighborhood Standards was formed in 1998 by the City of Rockford to offer residents a single point of contact for all environmental issues and complaints.

If you would like to make a complaint or have a question regarding a City Ordinance, contact information is listed below. Our website contains forms for submitting complaints as well as this brochure and more violation information.

All complaint sources are kept confidential. Your name will not be asked nor given to the public. When inspectors respond to a complaint they generally inspect the surrounding neighborhood for other violations as well.

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