



Work Session Meeting Agenda
2 Park Drive South, Great Falls, MT
Gibson Room, Civic Center
July 20, 2021
5:30 PM

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Public participation is welcome in the following ways:

- Attend in person. Please refrain from attending in person if you are not feeling well.
- Provide public comments via email. Comments may be sent via email before 12:00 PM on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, to: commission@greatfallsmt.net. Include the agenda item or agenda item number in the subject line, and include the name of the commenter and either an address or whether the commenter is a city resident. Written communication received by that time will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate City staff and will be so noted in the official record of the meeting.
- Call-in. The public may call in during specific public comment periods at [406-761-4786](tel:406-761-4786). All callers will be in a queued system and are asked to remain on hold and be patient. Calls will be taken in the order in which they are received. Callers will be restricted to customary time limits. We ask for your patience in the event there are technical difficulties.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Public comment on agenda items or any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the City Commission. Please keep your remarks to a maximum of five (5) minutes. Speak into the microphone, and state your name and either your address or whether you are a city resident for the record.)

WORK SESSION ITEMS

1. Large Vehicle Parking Ordinance - Sara Sexe and Jeff Hindoién.

DISCUSSION POTENTIAL UPCOMING WORK SESSION TOPICS

ADJOURNMENT

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UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Work Session -- Tuesday August 3, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Commission Meeting -- Tuesday August 3, 2021 7:00 p.m.

LARGE VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE

CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
JULY 20, 2021

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PURPOSE

- The City of Great Falls (through both elected officials and staff) is again receiving a large number of complaints regarding the long-term parking of large recreational vehicles and trailers in the street in residential areas.
- This issue was again the subject of public comment and expressions of concern at the Commission's June 1st meeting

PURPOSE

- An Advisory Task Force has previously conducted research on this subject and reviewed examples of ordinances, and also noted existing ordinances in Montana:
 - Butte: BSBMC 10.52.070 – Prohibits parking of trailers for more than 48 hours in any consecutive 7 day period
 - Billings: BMCC 24-406 – Prohibits parking of any trailer in a residence district “other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of such vehicles.”

ZONING CHANGES -- 2017

- In 2016, City staff were continuing to discuss the issue of large recreational vehicles being parked in the public ROW.
- At the same time, City staff were also seeing a rise in complaints about large recreational vehicles that were actually **not** parked in the public ROW, but rather were parked on private property -- but on lawns, gravel or other surfaces that did not comply with zoning requirements

ZONING CHANGES -- 2017

ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE -- 2017

- Staff identified certain zoning provisions that were barriers to off-street parking for large recreational vehicles, and made recommendations to the Commission for changes to those provisions:
 - Restrictions on curb cuts and driveways; and
 - Restrictions on surface materials for off-street parking

ZONING CHANGES -- 2017

ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE -- 2017

- In May of 2017, the Commission approved Ordinance No. 3155, making two significant changes to the zoning ordinance to better facilitate off-street parking of large recreational vehicles in residential areas:
 - Expanded driveway width and allowance of gravel / pavers for parking surface (formerly required concrete or asphalt)
 - Expanded parking surface allowed for older alley-loaded residential lots;

PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- **Add NEW PROVISIONS to existing OCCGF Title 10 parking regulations that would:**

- Create a category of vehicle defined as “Recreational Vehicle”:

“ . . . a vehicle primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational camping or travel use that either has its own motor power or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle. The term includes a travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper and motor home. A recreational vehicle does not include a pickup truck with an attached topper.”

PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- **Add NEW PROVISIONS to existing OCCGF Title 10 parking regulations that would:**

- Create a category of vehicle defined as “Utility Trailer”:

“ . . . a non-motorized vehicle designed to be towed by a motor vehicle used to transport (enclosed or un-enclosed) one or more boats, personal watercraft, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-road equipment, construction equipment, live-stock, vehicles, or other goods and materials.”

PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- **Add NEW PROVISIONS to existing OCCGF Title 10 parking regulations that would:**
 - Only allow for the **TEMPORARY** parking of recreational vehicles, utility trailers or vessels in a RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT for the limited purpose of loading and unloading
 - Limit the TEMPORARY parking period to fixed time range – draft language presently refers to **36 hours in any 7 day period**
 - Only allow the TEMPORARY parking **within 200'** of the person's property boundary

PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

- **ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS would generally mirror other Title 10 Parking provisions:**
 - WRITTEN NOTICE affixed to vehicle requiring removal within 24 hours
 - CITATION issued if vehicle not removed
 - FINES to be set by Commission Resolution
 - NON-PAYMENT OF FINES may result in collection agency referral and/or Municipal Court enforcement proceedings
 - IMMOBILIZATION available as an option after second or subsequent CITATION

PROPOSED CODE STRUCTURE

➤ OTHER ENFORCEMENT / STRUCTURE CONSIDERATIONS

- BEGIN with Warning Tickets?
- COMPLAINT DRIVEN – In Order Received Unless Safety Hazard?
- FINE amounts?
- LENGTH of TEMPORARY PERIOD?



QUESTIONS?