

Sec. 18.96.010. - Qualifications and supplementations to districts.

This is the current ordinance

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Major recreational equipment such as boats, boat trailers, travel trailers, pickup campers or coaches, camping buses or converted trucks, and tent trailers, all which do not exceed 20 feet in overall length, may be stored in any district other than the front yard. Further, no such recreational or residential equipment shall be utilized for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes when parked on a residential lot or in any location not approved for such use.

This is a draft ordinance

18.98. Major recreational equipment

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Sec. 18.96.010. - Intent.

To allow residents the opportunity to store certain major recreational equipment on a residential lot while preserving the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city. The major recreational equipment ordinance is provided to promote proper placement of such equipment in areas conducive to the same and to not restrict property use while preserving the rights of all residents within the city.

Sec.18.96.020. - District regulations.

Major recreational equipment such as boats, boat trailers, travel trailers, pickup campers or coaches, camping buses or converted trucks, tent trailers, and enclosed or open utility trailers may be stored in any district other than the front yard other than allowed by *sec.18.96.030.B*. Further, no such recreational or residential equipment shall be

utilized for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes when parked on a residential lot or in any location not approved for such use.

- A) All such equipment shall be owned by the occupant of the residence on which it is stored.
- B) Major recreational equipment shall only be allowed to be hooked to shore power of the residence or business for a period of 48 hrs for the purpose of repairing, cleaning, stocking and charging batteries.

Sec.18.96.030. – Yard Regulations

- A) In all residential districts occupants shall be allowed to properly store up to two (2) such major recreational equipment at a time. (Proper storage is defined in “Exhibit A” of this ordinance.)
- B) Only one (1) pickup with a slide-in camper that does not exceed eight (8) feet in overall height, or a pop-up camper that does not exceed five (5) foot in height and is not longer than twelve (12) foot in overall length, or an open flatbed utility trailer that is not longer than twelve (12) foot in overall length are allowed to be stored in the front of the house and shall not extend beyond the front property line or be allowed to extend over any public sidewalk or right of way.
 - 1) Slide-in campers must be installed on the pickup to be allowed to be stored in the front yards.
 - 2) All equipment that is allowed for storage on a residential lot shall not exceed the height requirement as defined in section 18.96.040

Sec.18.96.040. – Height Regulations

- A) All such major recreational equipment that is properly stored on a residential lot shall not exceed an overall height of fifteen (15) foot and shall be no longer than thirty eight (38) feet overall.

Sec.18.96.050. – Special Event Parking Permit

- A) Permits shall be available from the City of Torrington Police Department at a cost set by City Council Between the hours of 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. M-F
- B) The permit will allow one (1), major recreational equipment to be used to house residents while legally parked on the street and only directly in front of the residence for which the permit is issued for a period of 7 calendar days of any one year starting January 1 and ending December 31 for “*Special Events*” (Properly parked is defined as facing the proper direction.)
- C) A special event permit does not allow the resident to block, impede, or extend over any public right of way as to cause a hazard to motorist or pedestrians.
- D) Special Event Permits shall be permanently placed on the left front corner of the equipment for the entire duration of the dates on the permit.
- E) It shall be determined by the Torrington Police Department if such equipment is causing a traffic or pedestrian hazard. It shall be the reasonability to either remove the hazard or have it moved to a safer location a directed by the police dept.
- F) Permits shall be available from the City of Torrington Police Department at a cost set by City Council Between the hours of 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. M-F

Sec.18.96.060. Seasonal Parking by Permit

- A) The city council recognizes that the strict enforcement of this chapter may place an undue hardship on some residents during the summer season. Therefore, the city council authorizes the city Police Chief or his/her designee of the city to review any requests to park any RV for a seasonal period starting two (2) days before Memorial Day and extending to no later than two (2) after Labor Day by the use of a “Seasonal Parking Permit”.

- B) Such requests will be accompanied by a written request from the owner of the RV identifying the license and VIN of the RV, the reason for the seasonal parking. In no case shall an RV be allowed to be parked on the street and shall be legally parked in the residents lot as stated in this ordinance.
- C) The use of the Seasonal Parking Permit shall not allow a resident to park any more RV's than already allowed by this ordinance.
- D) Permits shall be available from the City of Torrington Police Department at a cost set by City Council Between the hours of 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. M-F

Sec.18.96.070. Violations

- A) Whenever in this Code or in any other ordinance of the city or rule, regulation or order promulgated by any officer or agency of the city under authority vested in him or by law or ordinance, any act is prohibited or is declared to be unlawful; the violation of any such provision of this Code or any such ordinance, rule or regulation shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$750.00 and payment of the cost of prosecution. Each day any violation of this Code or any such ordinance, rule or regulation continues shall constitute a separate offense. In the event that any such violation is designated as a nuisance under the provision of this Code, such nuisance may be summarily abated by the police department.