

§ 27-604. Parking and Storage of Junk and Unregistered Vehicles.

1. Purpose: to prevent the character of residential areas from being harmed by nuisances, hazards and visual blight and to prevent the establishment of junkyards in residential districts.
2. Storage of Unregistered or Commercial or Junk Vehicles.

- A. Within a residential district, no junk vehicle (as defined by Part 2, which includes unregistered vehicles) shall be parked or stored in any way except within an enclosed building.
- B. In a nonresidential district, a maximum of one junk vehicle shall be parked or stored in such a way that the vehicles are visible from a public street. This section shall not apply to a permitted auto sales use, auto service station, junkyard or auto repair garage, provided that the regulations for that use are met.
- C. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

COMMERCIAL TRAILER — A vehicle used for commercial purposes with a length of 20 feet or more (not including the hitch), that is not self-propelled, that is intended to haul materials, vehicles, goods, gases or liquids, and that is intended to be pulled by a tractor (as defined above), and that is not a recreational vehicle.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE — A motor vehicle that is primarily used for business purposes, including, but not limited to, making service calls, transporting equipment used in a business or in accomplishing physical work as part of a business (such as hauling material), and which has a loading capacity of greater than one ton.

TRACTOR — A truck that is primarily intended to pull a trailer, as defined below, and not primarily to carry goods itself.

- D. Exceptions. This section does not apply to the following, provided they are in an operational condition:
 - (1) Municipally owned vehicles.
 - (2) Ambulance, fire and rescue vehicles.
 - (3) Buses used primarily for transporting public or private school children to and from school or transporting persons to or from a place of worship.
 - (4) Recreational vehicles (see definition in Part 2 and regulations in § 27-403).
 - (5) Vehicles operated by the United States Postal Service or a level of government or a municipal authority.
 - (6) Vehicles actively engaged in the construction or repair of streets, curbs, sidewalks or utilities in the immediate area.
 - (7) Vehicles actively engaged in making routine household deliveries or rendering routine household services to a property that is adjacent or on the same lot as the vehicle is parked.

- (8) Equipment and vehicles clearly primarily intended for agricultural use.
- (9) Parking of vehicles that are customarily accessory to a lawful nonconforming principal business use.

E. Storage of Commercial Vehicles in Residential District. The following shall apply within any residential district:

- (1) No commercial vehicle (as defined above) may be parked for more than eight hours in any forty-eight-hour period on private property, except for the following:
 - (a) A maximum of two vehicles are permitted per lot, each with a maximum loading capacity of one ton, which are utilized by residents of the property as a means of transportation between their home and work. This provision shall only allow vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of less than 14,000 pounds.
- (2) The engine of a tractor intended to be part of a tractor-trailer truck shall not be idled for more than 10 minutes on the property between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or be repaired, except for clearly emergency repairs.
- (3) No commercial trailer (as defined above) shall be parked, stored, maintained or kept outside of an enclosed building, except that a trailer of less than six feet in height above the ground and less than 30 feet in length (not including the hitch) may be kept outside if is buffered from view from any dwelling and public street by evergreen trees with a minimum height of five feet or a building wall.