

ZONING INTERPRETATION RECORD

Subject of Interpretation:

Determination of what constitutes occupying a vehicle for "permanent living purposes" as it relates to the parking of vehicles in single-family zoned districts.

Zoning Ordinance Section Number:

Article VII. General Provisions. Section 7.200.1.2

Title of Section:

7.200.1.2 Designated parking in front yards


Cause for Interpretation:

Section 7.200.1.2 states "No vehicle shall be occupied for *permanent living purposes* while stored at a residence." This language does not describe the amount of time a person could occupy a vehicle before they are considered to be using it for "permanent living purposes". Nor is there a definition of "permanent living purposes" in Article III the definitions section of the zoning ordinance.

Interpretation:

Each single-family residential district includes a maximum density which is set forth in the Zoning Code as follows: "There shall be no more than one (1) single-family dwelling unit on any one (1) lot." A single-family dwelling unit is defined as "a building designed for occupancy by one (1) family." In these residential districts, only the main residence can be used as a permanent place of residence. Recreational vehicles, or RVs, are allowed to be stored on a single-family lot, but are not permitted to be used as a permanent place of residence.


For the purpose of interpreting Section 7.200.1.2, occupying a vehicle for "permanent living purposes" shall mean the occupancy of a vehicle for a period of time greater than thirty (30) consecutive days. Guests or family members who are visiting the residents of a single-family dwelling unit may stay temporarily in a vehicle for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days in any 12 month period.



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