

ORDINANCE NO. 18-1815

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR RV OWNERS?

Q&A

Effective June 1, 2019



FEE SCHEDULE:

Initial Fee: \$200

Annual Renewal: \$100

Guest Permit: \$25 per calendar day
(minimum 20 guest passes annually)

Failure to obtain an OV permit
could result in a daily administrative
citation of \$250 and/or possibility
of tow.

Q: How many days can ANY vehicle be parked on the street in the same parking spot before moving it?

A: Once a vehicle is identified by a law enforcement agency, it can only be parked or left unattended for a period of no more than seven-two (72) consecutive hours, subject to parking prohibitions and limitations. The traffic enforcement agency shall remove to a safe place every vehicle which has been parked or left standing upon a public street or alley for 72 or more consecutive hours without being moved under its own motive power more than one (1) block.

Q: What about my RV? Can I park it on a public street or public place in Carson?

A: No, unless your RV displays a valid and current Oversized Vehicle (OV) Parking Permit.

No person shall park or leave standing any oversized vehicle on any public street, highway, alley, or other public way or public place in the City of Carson, except, among others, an oversized vehicle displaying a valid and current Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit issued only for addresses in residential zones.

Q: Where should I park my RV?

A: On your property if it can accommodate your oversized vehicle. Otherwise, you can park it directly in front of your residence BUT only with a valid and current Resident Permit.

The purpose of the Permit is to allow the oversized vehicle to be parked directly in front of the permittee's residence. Oversized vehicles must park directly in front of the property for which the Permit has issued (or on the side of the property if it is a corner lot).

Q: What if I used the available parking space on my property for storage, can I be issued a Permit so I can park my RV on the street instead?

A: No OV Permit will be issued for residential properties that can accommodate the parking of such vehicles on the property itself; prior to the issuance of the Permit, City will inspect the property to ensure on-site parking is not available. If available parking is being used for storage, or if available parking has been improperly converted to living space, no Permit shall be issued.

Q: If I have been issued an OV Parking Permit, can my RV remain parked on the street for 72 or more consecutive hours?

A: Yes, but only if parked directly in front of the Property for which your Permit was issued, subject to parking prohibitions and limitations.

Vehicles displaying a current and valid Resident or Accessibility (Handicap) OV Parking Permit are exempt from this limitation, but shall not be exempt from all other parking prohibitions and limitations, including but not limited to, street cleaning, red zones, preferential parking, and fire hydrants.

Q: What type of vehicle is considered an “oversized vehicle”?

A: “Oversized vehicle” means any vehicle or combination of attached vehicles that exceeds 20 feet in length, 80 inches in width, or 85 inches in height (exclusive of lights, mirrors, antennas, or other legal projections), including, but not limited to, motor homes, recreational vehicles, trailers, boats, truck tractors, decommissioned mail trucks, and fifth-wheel travel trailers. An oversized vehicle does not include pickup trucks or sport utility vehicles that are fewer than 25 feet in length.

Q: Can Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits be issued for addresses in any zoning classification?

A: No. Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits may only be issued for addresses in Residential Zones.

Q: Who can get an annual OV Parking Permit?

A: An annual OV Parking Permit may be issued to a resident of Carson who owns or leases an operable oversized vehicle that is registered at his or her residence.

OV Permits shall only be issued to persons whose primary residence is within the City of Carson, at the address of their primary residence.

Q: Do I have to be the residential property owner to be eligible to apply for an OV Parking Permit?

A: No. A legal tenant of the property can also be an OV Permit applicant.

Q: I have a handicap placard/plate and dependent on my oversized vehicle for my transportation needs. What kind of Parking Permit should I apply for?

A: You can apply for an OV Parking Permit if the oversized vehicle is the only vehicle you own and is required to meet your daily transportation needs. This Permit shall NOT be subject to permit fees but proof of handicap status is needed.

Q: What Parking Permit is required for my out-of-town guests with oversized vehicles so they can park in front of my property?

A: A Guest Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit may be issued to a resident of Carson for an oversized vehicle that is registered outside of Carson. The purpose of the Guest permit is to allow out-of-town guests to park an oversized vehicle directly in front of the property to which the Permit is issued (or on the side of the property if it is a corner lot). Each Guest Permit is valid for one (1) calendar day.

Q: With a Guest Permit issued, can my guests sleep in their oversized vehicle?

A: No. The Carson Municipal Code has made it unlawful for any person to camp in any public area. The Code defines “campsite” as any place where any bedding, sleeping bag or other sleeping matter, or any stove, or other cooking equipment, or fire, is placed, established or maintained in the vehicle or part thereof. Simply put, the City’s Municipal Code renders it unlawful for a person to sleep and camp in his vehicle while parked on City public areas.

Q: How many Guest OV Parking Permits can I obtain in a year?

A: A maximum of 20 Guest Permits can be obtained each calendar year for a particular address.

Q: If I have an existing annual OV Parking Permit for my own RV or oversized vehicle, can I obtain a Permit for my out-of-town guest?

A: No Guest Permits shall be issued for any property for which a current annual Oversized Vehicle Parking Permit already exists.

Q: How many Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits can actively exist for a single property or vehicle?

A: There should only be one active OV Parking Permit existing for a residence or vehicle, whether it be a Resident, Accessibility (handicap), or Guest OV Permit.

Q: Where do I display my OV Parking permit?

A: Oversized Vehicle Parking Permits shall be displayed in the lower driver’s side of the windshield of the vehicle for which the Permit has been issued so that it is clearly visible from the exterior of the vehicle. Failure to properly display the Permit is not a correctable violation and may subject the vehicle to citation and/or towing.

Q: Where do I file a Permit application?

A: Permit applications shall be filed with the Public Safety Department/Code Enforcement on a form provided by the City, accompanied by a Permit fee.

Q: What are the Permit limitations?

(A) Except for any oversized vehicle with a current and valid Accessibility Permit, oversized vehicles shall not be parked within 750 feet of any daycare or school, or within 750 feet of any park where children regularly gather.

(B) No person shall run electrical cords, extension cords, hoses, cables, or other items across, above, or on the parkway or sidewalk from a residential or commercial property to an oversized vehicle parked on a public street or highway.

(C) Oversized vehicles shall not create a public nuisance because of noise, accumulation of trash and debris, improper disposal of human refuse, odor, damage or destruction of property or landscaping, or leaking of fuel or fluids.

(D) No person shall run electrical cords, extension cords, hoses, cables, or other items across, above, or on the parkway or sidewalk from any property to an oversized vehicle parked on a public street or highway.

(E) Oversized vehicles shall not impair traffic visibility, block a street sign or hydrant, or otherwise create a safety hazard.

(F) Oversized vehicles shall not create a disturbance, nuisance, or any condition that is a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare, as determined by the City Manager or the Chief of Police.

(G) Oversized vehicles must be operable and must be kept clean and in good condition.

(H) Oversized vehicles shall not encroach on any private or public property, including but not limited to, sidewalks, parkways, or driveways.



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