

Sec. 117-355. - Residential development off-street parking.

- (a) In any residential district, inside parking of licensed and/or unlicensed motor vehicles and equipment, in any number, commercial or private, shall be permitted.
- (b) In any residential district, outside parking of any motor vehicle(s) and/or recreational equipment is subject to the following conditions:

(1) *Number of items.*

- a. Six items allows for outdoor storage and parking on parcels less than two acres in size.
- b. Eight items allowed for outdoor storage and parking on parcels between two and 4.99 acres in size.
- c. Ten items allowed for outdoor storage and parking on parcels five acres or greater in size.
- d. Items stored or parked separate from other items shall count as one item each; multiple items stored or parked on a trailer, for instance, count as one item. (Example: two snowmobiles and an empty trailer on the ground are three items; two snowmobiles on a trailer are one item).
- e. Items that will count towards the number restriction include, but are not limited to, the following examples: motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers, boats, canoes, snowmobiles, jet-skis, all terrain vehicles, go-carts, motocross bikes, motorcycles, fish houses, and other recreational equipment and self-propelled vehicles.
- f. Exceptions: Items that will not count towards the number restriction include those items typically seen as accessory to a residential use. Examples would be lawnmowers, garden tractors and attachments, bicycles, wheelbarrows, play structures, stepladders, and other items used for routine home and lawn maintenance.
- g. Increase in the number of items will be allowed through an administrative zoning permit at the discretion of the zoning administrator if the applicant can demonstrate a higher number of drivers, topographical issues on the lot or other practical difficulties.

(2) *Location and setbacks.*

- a. On all residential parcels less than two acres in size:
 - 1. Items, including motor vehicles and equipment, stored outdoors shall be stored closer to the principal structure than the lot lines. Items shall be required to meet all other setbacks in the underlying and/or overlay zoning district. Motor vehicles parked or stored in a side or rear yard shall maintain a setback of at least 5 feet from the edge of the parking surface to the lot line(s).
 - 2. Equipment parked or stored in the side yard shall maintain a setback of at least 5 feet from the edge of the parking surface to the lot line(s).
 - 3. Equipment parked or stored in the rear yard shall maintain a setback of at least 5 feet from the lot line(s).
- ~~b. On parcels two acres or greater:~~
 - 1. ~~Motor vehicles stored or parked in a side or rear yard shall maintain a 15-foot setback from the edge of the parking surface to the lot line.~~
 - 2. ~~Equipment stored in the side or rear yard shall maintain a setback of 15 feet from the lot lines.~~

(3) *Surfacing.*

- a. Inside the metropolitan urban service area (MUSA).

1. Currently licensed and operable motor vehicles, the primary purpose of which is for private transportation or recreational use may be parked:
 - (i) In the front yard if on a driveway.
 - (ii) In the side or rear yard provided it is parked on a residential parking surface that consists of either bituminous pavement or concrete.
 2. Equipment, for which the primary purpose is private or personal/recreational use may be parked:
 - (i) In the front yard if on a driveway.
 - (ii) In the side yard on a residential parking surface of either bituminous pavement or concrete.
 - (iii) In the rear yard on an unimproved surface.
- b. Outside the metropolitan urban service area (MUSA).
1. Currently licensed and operable motor vehicles, the primary purpose of which is for private transportation or recreational use may be parked:
 - (i) In the front yard if on a driveway.
 - (ii) In the side or rear yard provided it is parked on a residential parking surface that consists of either bituminous pavement, concrete, or prepared gravel/Class V of at least two inches in depth that is applied to the entire area beneath the motor vehicle and extending 12 inches around the perimeter of the motor vehicle.
 2. Equipment, for which the primary purpose is private or personal/recreational use may be parked:
 - (i) In the front yard if on a driveway.
 - (ii) In the side yard on a residential parking surface of bituminous pavement, concrete, or Class V of at least two inches in depth, that is applied to the entire area beneath the equipment and extending 12 inches around the perimeter of the equipment.
 - (iii) In the rear yard on an unimproved surface.
- c. An alternative surface, such as pervious pavement, may be considered with appropriate base and approval of the zoning administrator.
- (4) Residents shall be allowed to have one unlicensed, inoperable motor vehicle that may be stored outdoors. This motor vehicle shall not be permitted to be stored in the front yard or driveway. This motor vehicle must be stored in the side or rear yard on a prepared surface and must be completely screened from adjacent properties and right of way. This motor vehicle shall still be subject to the city's public nuisance regulations.
 - (5) The material for the prepared parking surface must be at least two inches in depth. It is reiterated that City Code requires the surface to be applied under the entire motor vehicle or equipment and extend 12 inches beyond the perimeter of the motor vehicle or equipment.
 - (6) At no time shall a motor vehicle or equipment be parked such that any portion of the motor vehicle or equipment extends into a sidewalk or trail, as these are considered public right of ways.
- (c) Commercial use motor vehicles and equipment may be parked outside for short-term periods, defined as eight hours or less in one 24-hour period, or for longer periods under the following conditions:
- (1) *Inside the MUSA:*
 - a. Said items shall be screened to a degree of 75 percent at ground level view from the public right-of-way and adjacent properties.

- b. Said items shall be parked only in the side or rear yard of the subject property and said items shall be parked on a residential parking surface that consists of bituminous pavement or concrete.
- c. Commercial use motor vehicles and equipment intended to be parked outside that cannot meet criteria established in subsections (c)(1)a. and b. above, but can provide for alternatives to same, shall be required to obtain an interim use permit or home occupation permit, where applicable.
- d. Commercial use motor vehicles and equipment shall count towards the total number of allowable items that may be stored outside as defined in this section.

(2) *Outside the MUSA:*

- a. Said items shall be screened to a degree of 50 percent at ground level view from the public right-of-way and adjacent properties.
 - b. Said items shall be parked only in the side or rear yard of the subject property and said items shall be parked on a residential parking surface that consists of bituminous pavement, concrete, or Class V with a minimum of a two-inch base.
 - c. Commercial use motor vehicles and equipment intended to be parked outside that cannot meet criteria established in subsection (c)(2)a. and b. above, but can provide for alternatives to same, shall be required to obtain an interim use permit or home occupation permit, where applicable.
 - d. Commercial use motor vehicles and equipment shall count towards the total number of allowable items that may be stored outside as defined in this section.
- (d) Active agricultural motor vehicles and equipment necessary to sustain agricultural uses are allowed and not required to be parked on a prepared surface nor screened.
- (e) Private and/or commercial use motor vehicles and equipment shall not be parked on a parcel unless said personal property is owned or leased by a person residing on the parcel, or owned or leased by the employer of a person residing on the parcel. The Minnesota Department of Motor Vehicles registration records shall be used to determine the owner of registered vehicles and/or equipment and said owner's address.
- (f) The "GF game fair parking overlay district," is established as shown on the official zoning map accompanying this code. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 117-355 to the contrary, game fair parking on residentially zoned property may be permitted in required side and front yards only during the period of the annual "game fair" conducted by Armstrong Kennels.

(Code 1978, § 9.11.08; Ord. No. 73-05, 5-21-1973; Ord. No. 03-30, 9-15-2003; Ord. No. 08-27, § 2(9.11.08), 10-14-2008; Ord. No. 10-02, § 2, 1-26-2010; Ord. No. 12-12, § 2, 8-13-2012)