

ORDINANCE 2026-06

City of Dawson Ordinance to Regulate the Use of RVs

Definitions:

1. The term "RV" will encompass the following classes of recreational vehicles.
 - Class A, B and C motorhomes
 - Travel trailers, pop-up campers, fifth wheel and toy haulers.
2. The term "City" refers to the city of Dawson, Texas.
3. Full-time residence shall be considered a primary-dwelling unit in which the occupant resides at least 183 days a year.

Section I: City Owned Property

1. It shall be unlawful for an individual to park an RV for any length of time greater than 24 hours on city owned property without prior written permission from the City Secretary or his/her designee.

Section II: Private Commercial Property

1. It shall be unlawful for an individual to park an RV for any length of time on commercial property in a manner that disrupts traffic to and from the business.
2. It shall be unlawful for an individual to knowingly abandon an RV on a private business property. The appropriate owner of the RV will be held liable for costs associated with removal and subject to an additional \$1,500 fine.
3. The Dawson City Council approves the designation of any plot of land within city limits which will house more than one RV at any given time.

Section III: Private Residential Property (less than 2 acres)

1. The storage of one RV on private property is acceptable provided:

1A: The RV is stored in a way that is consistent with the International Fire Code standard 315.4 and maintains a minimum distance of 10 feet from the property line.

1B: The RV is in reasonable condition so that it does not constitute a health risk for the property owner or neighbors.

1C: Sewer and power lines are not permanently connected.

2. It shall be unlawful for an individual to have full-time residence in an RV on private, residential property unless the following conditions are met.

2A: The RV is on a tract of land greater than 2 acres **(OR)**

2B: The RV will be placed temporarily on a lot smaller than 2 acres during the construction of a home located within the city limits of Dawson. An allowance of not more than one year will be made for such cases.

3. Temporary use of an RV as accessory dwelling unit shall be allowed for a period not greater than fourteen days in a sixty-day period.

Section IV: Private Residential Property (greater than 2 acres)

The use of a single RV as a full-time residence shall be permitted on lots greater than 2 acres if the following conditions are met.

1. The RV is in reasonable condition and does not constitute a health hazard to occupants or neighboring properties.
2. The RV is stored no closer than 10 feet to the property line.

Section V: Exemptions

The only exemption is the current owners of a single RV used as a full-time residence. [Current, in this case, is the time and date of adoption of this ordinance.]

Section VI: Reserved for future expansion through amendments