



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Danny Barton, Chief of Police

Date: July 14, 2020

Reference: Discussion related to ordinances regulating parking on public roadways.

Introduction: A review of the City's parking ordinances has revealed irregularities in definitions and times related to recreational vehicles and campers in the City of Coppel.

Coppel City Ordinance Sec. 8-3-5 states:

The vehicles named herein which do not have a common meaning or definition shall have the meaning ascribed to them in Article 6675a-1, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes.

*B. Parking prohibited on public streets in residential areas. Except as otherwise provided herein, it shall be unlawful for any person to park on any public street within any residential area of the city, for a period longer than **two hours**, any trailer, boat trailer, stock trailer, **camper trailer**, semitrailer, mobile home, truck tractor or bus.*

Coppel City Ordinance Sec 9-5-1 defines a **"House Trailer"** as *any vehicle used or constructed to permit its use both as a conveyance upon the public streets and occupancy as a dwelling or sleeping place for one (1) or more persons, and shall include both self-propelled and non-self-propelled vehicles so designed or constructed.*

*Sec. 9-2-5 A. - It shall be unlawful to park any house trailer on any public street or in any public park or place for a period in excess of **72 hours**.*

Proposal: An ordinance update is recommended to differentiate the definitions of campers and house trailers. The ordinance update would also require a potential modified period of time that each or all vehicles would be allowed to park on public streets within a residential area the city.

The following communities vary in the time allowed for these types of vehicles to park on public roadways within residential areas:

Carrollton – 2 hours

Lewisville – 4 hours

Flower Mound – 24 hours

Farmers Branch – 24 hours

Allen – 24 hours

Grapevine – 24 hours

Corinth – 48 hours