

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8128 (THE PARKING ORDINANCE); DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock regulates parking through Ordinance No. 8128 (the “Parking Regulations”) adopted on December 22, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Regulations restrict parking of recreational vehicles throughout the City, with additional regulations that may apply in Restricted Parking Districts; and

WHEREAS, minor amendments to the Parking Regulations are necessary for clarity, uniformity, and predictable application of the rules governing the parking of recreational vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the definition of an acceptable parking surface should be clarified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That Section 2.1.10 of Ordinance No. 8128 (the “Parking Regulation”) is hereby amended to state as follows:

**2.1.10 Recreational Vehicles.**

- (A) The owners or keepers of Recreational Vehicles on residential property in the City of North Little Rock are hereby prohibited from allowing any part of such Recreational Vehicle to extend past the property line and onto the city's right-of-way or easement.
- (B) An exception is hereby created to allow Large Recreational Vehicles to be parked in such a manner as to extend past residential property lines onto city rights-of-way or easements for 72 hours prior to and 72 hours following a trip using the Large Recreational Vehicle, to allow for preparation of the vehicle for the trip and unpacking after the trip. This exception ~~only applies to motor homes and recreational vehicles that are stored at off-site locations and~~ shall not be construed to permit interference with traffic on a public street.

*Note: Underline indicated inserted text and ~~strikethrough~~ indicates deleted text.*

SECTION 2: That Section 4.3.1 of Ordinance No. 8128 (the “Parking Regulation”) is hereby amended to state as follows:

**4.3.1 Restrictions.** Restricted Parking Districts may be governed by one or more of the following rules:

- (A) NO PARKING IN FRONT OR SIDE YARDS. In districts implementing this rule, it shall be unlawful for any person to park, store, or keep any vehicle on a front or side yard within the district *unless* the vehicle is parked, stored or kept within a carport, garage, or upon a proper Parking Surface, that connects to the street or roadway.
- ~~(B)~~ NO PARKING COMMERCIAL OR LARGE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. In districts implementing this rule, it shall be unlawful for any person to park, store, or keep any Commercial or Large Recreational Vehicle on any front yard, side yard, or street within the district, except for loading and unloading as provided in Section 2.1.9 and Section 2.1.10(B). ~~As an alternative to this rule, a district may be established with the following rules:~~
  - ~~i. NO PARKING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES. In districts implementing this rule, it shall be unlawful for any person to park, store, or keep any Commercial Vehicle on any front yard, side yard, or street within the district.~~

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SECTION 3: That the definition of Parking Surface found in Section 1.4.1 of Ordinance No. 8128 (the “Parking Regulation”) is hereby amended to state as follows:

*Parking Surface* is any improved surface that is stabilized and provides appropriate dust control and limited permeability including surfaces such as pavers, concrete, asphalt or other similar parking material. When applying this Regulation, gravel or similar aggregate is **not** considered a proper parking surface.

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SECTION 4: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 5: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 6: It is hereby found and determined that there is an immediate need for clarification of the City's parking regulations for equal and fair enforcement; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

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