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ADOPTION INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: APPENDIX B, COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2010, PART 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS, SEC. 4.1. OFF-STREET PARKING, SEC. 4.113. LIMITATIONS (ZONING CASE NO. 13-02-01TXT)

WHEREAS, certain amendments have been suggested to the sections of the Code addressing the off-street parking limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems these amendments appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Appendix B, Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, Part 4. General Provisions, Section 4.1. Off-street parking, Section 4.113. Limitations, Subsections 4.113(2), 4.113(3) and 4.113(6) shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.113. *Limitations*

1. No public parking lot or structure may be used for the servicing, repair, or washing of motor vehicles unless legally permitted to do so by the City of Covington.
2. Parking of unoccupied travel, utility, or boat trailers on residential lot areas is permitted provided they do not constitute a hazard to safe visibility of drivers on adjacent streets. ~~and are parked a minimum of 30 feet from the edge of the nearest vehicular travel lane or in a garage, carport, or rear yard.~~ See Chapter 86, Section 86-3 for general parking regulations.
3. The following restrictions shall apply to the parking or storage of commercial vehicles on property zoned for residential use:
   a. No commercial vehicle shall be parked on any public right-of-way in a residential district, except ~~for vehicles engaged in loading or unloading, or~~ as allowed in Chapter 86, Sections 86-5 and 86-6 or for vehicles in connection with current works being done to the adjacent premises;
   b. No stored or parked commercial vehicle shall be occupied or used for human habitation.
4. Heavy equipment shall be defined to be any vehicle whose weight is in excess of five tons, including but not limited to equipment commonly used in site clearing, road building or construction. Such vehicles include, but are not limited to, the following:
   a. Cranes.
   b. Pan-scrapers.
   c. Bulldozers.
   d. Steamrollers.
   e. Backhoes.
   f. Graders.

g. Water-drilling rigs.
h. Paving machines.
i. Loaders.
j. Trenching machines.
k. Dump trucks.

~~5.~~ Parking and storage of heavy equipment is neither incidental to nor customary in a residential area. Parking and storage of heavy equipment is only allowed:

a. In a zoning district that allows by-right or by-condition for commercial or industrial uses;

b. Where such parking or storage of heavy equipment is incidental to an existing commercial or industrial use; and

c. When such equipment is actively being used for the purpose intended.

~~6.~~ 5. Recreational vehicles.

a. No recreational vehicle or trailer licensed to transport recreational vehicles or equipment shall be parked in the public right-of-way ~~or in the first 30 feet of the front yard driveway of a residential district.~~ unless as permitted in Chapter 86, Sections 86-3 through 86-6.

b. Recreational vehicles may be stored in a residential district within a fully enclosed structure or within the rear or side yard. If stored in the rear or side yard, it must be located at least three feet from any lot line.

c. No recreational vehicle shall be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes in any zoning district, unless within a regulated recreational vehicle park or as permitted in Chapter 86, Section 86-6.

d. All recreational vehicles shall be maintained in mobile condition. No recreational vehicle shall be parked or stored in such a manner as to create a dangerous or unsafe condition on the lot where parked or stored.

e. This section does not apply to recreational vehicles offered for sale in the approved outdoor sales and display area of a recreational vehicle dealership.

6. Buses. See Chapter 86, Section 86-7.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other sections of Appendix B, Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, shall remain the same and in full force.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Coner, seconded by Callahan.

YEAS: 6 **NAYS:** ~~0~~

ABSTAIN: ~~0~~ **ABSENT:** 1 (Wright)

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2013.

R. S. Sam O'Keefe

R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Presented to the Mayor this 17th day of April, 2013, at 10:45 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 17th day of April, 2013.

MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on the 17th day of April, 2013, at 2:50 o'clock P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL