



Meeting: Village Board
Meeting Date: 06/24/13
Agenda Item: # 5d

Mission Statement
Delivering quality services in a courteous, cost-effective and efficient manner.

VILLAGE BOARD STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: Burt R. McIntyre, President, and Village Board members
REPORT FROM: Ed Janke, Executive Director of Public Safety
AGENDA ITEM: Review and take action on Ordinance 2013-08 regarding a proposed amendment to Sec. 34-215. - Parking vehicles in residential areas.
ACTION REQUESTED: Ordinance Resolution Motion Receive/File

POLICY ISSUE

Should the Village Board approve changing the parking regulations in residential areas to prohibit off road parking to hard surfaces only?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Parking regulations, specifically off road parking regulations, are contained within Ch. 50 of village ordinance. Chapter 50 refers to zoning.

Language referencing parking in the zoning ordinance.

Sec. 50-1179. - Surfacing.

Off-street parking, drive and loading areas shall be surfaced in accordance with the following regulations:

(4)Residential zones. With the exception of the rural estate (R-5) zoning district, driveways and parking spaces in all residential zones shall be paved with asphalt, concrete, paving bricks or an equivalent hard-surface material. This regulation shall include and apply to parking spaces used for the open storage of wheeled vehicles as defined in [section 50-903](#). For the purpose of this section, compacted gravel or crushed stone that is a minimum of four inches in thickness shall be considered an equivalent hard-surface material.

Sec. 50-903. - Vehicle parking and storage. (a) The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Wheeled vehicle means any motor vehicle, off-road vehicle, ATV, equipment trailer, utility trailer, travel trailer, camper or similar wheeled device which is self-propelled or intended to be or towed behind a vehicle.

(b)Wheeled vehicles may be parked or stored in the open upon any front, side or corner side yard on any lot in any residential zoning district. Parking spaces for such vehicles and driveways serving parking spaces shall be surfaced in accordance with the regulations set forth in [section 50-1179](#). Parking spaces for such vehicles shall also comply with the yard regulations set forth in [section 50-905](#)

This ordinance places enforcement of parking adjacent residential structures, i.e. on the grass with the zoning department. An ordinance amendment would allow law enforcement to issue parking tickets for these violations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY VILLAGE BOARD

Village staff recommends that the Village Board approve Ordinance 2013-08.

If the Village Board agrees with this action, the following motion could be used, ***“Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-08, amending the current ordinance regarding concealed weapons to be consistent with state law and prohibiting concealed carry with the Village Hall and Public Safety complex and otherwise.”***

POLICY ALTERNATIVE(S)

The Village Board could take the following actions:

- Approve Ordinance 2013-08 as written
- Approve the ordinance in part by changing the language to allow parking on other surfaces.
- Request additional information

Attachments

I Draft Village of Howard Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-08

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATION SECTIONS 34-215 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN DOES ORDAIN THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADDED TO SECTION 34 215, PARKING VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS:

Sec. 34-215. - Parking vehicles in residential areas.

(a)

Truck parking. No truck over a one ton truck including vehicles licensed to carry over 10,000 pounds to be operated on highways, streets or roadways in the state, and no tractor-trailer requiring a license to be operated on the highways, streets or roadways in the state shall be parked on any street, or stored or parked in an R-1, R-2, R-3 or R-4 district, except when loading, unloading or rendering a service or in case of an emergency. On-call emergency state public service vehicles are exempt from this section.

(b)

School buses. School buses shall be parked on a driveway in a residential district provided they do not block the right-of-way.

(c)

~~*Recreational vehicles.* Recreation vehicles and recreational trailers and boats may be parked in a residential district upon the owner's property, provided they do not block the right-of-way.~~

(c)

Off-Street Parking Standards. The following standards shall apply to off-street parking in the R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 zoning districts. The village prohibits vehicle parking or storage in any yard on grass, unimproved areas or areas without a hard surface. Vehicle parking or storage of any wheeled vehicle, including recreational trailers and boats on the owner's property, shall be on a hard surface as described in in section 50-1179. Vehicles shall not block the right of way.

Approved this 24th day of June, 2013.

Burt R. McIntyre, Village President

Christopher Haltom, Village Clerk

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