

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION

CASTLE ROCK ROW PARKING REGULATIONS

JULY 16, 2024



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BACKGROUND

- In response to citizen comments regarding trailer parking in the right of way (ROW), Town Council updated Municipal Code provisions in June 2023
- Changes in 2023 included updating certain vehicle type definitions, establishing a 72-hour time limit for recreational vehicle and abandoned vehicles in the ROW and required that a vehicle be moved at least 1,000 feet from its original location in order to avoid violation
- The Town continues to receive resident feedback regarding ROW parking and Castle Rock Police has experienced enforcement challenges with regulations established in 2023
- Staff is seeking further discussion/direction regarding large vehicle and recreational vehicle regulations

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CURRENT CODE REQUIREMENTS

Vehicle Type	Code Provisions
<u>Large Vehicle</u> GVW ≥10,000 lbs. Trailer, Utility trailer, Semitrailer, Truck tractor, Farm tractor	No parking in public ROW in residential areas.
<u>Recreational Vehicle</u> Includes any motor home, camper coach, camper trailer, trailer coach, watercraft, snowmobile, off-highway vehicle, and other similar recreational equipment	No parking in public ROW in residential area for longer than 72 hours in a week. Vehicle must be moved outside of a 1,000-foot radius from its original location to avoid violation.
<u>Abandoned Vehicle</u> ANY vehicle type that is left standing in public right of way or public parking lot <i>Expanded definition available in Municipal Code Chapter 10.20.010</i>	No parking in public ROW or public parking lot for longer than 72 hours. Vehicle must be moved outside of a 1,000-foot radius from its original location to avoid violation.

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CRPD ENFORCEMENT

- Castle Rock residents can report parking violations by calling the CRPD non-emergency line (303-663-6100) or using the “Report a Concern” feature at CRgov.com
- When reported, CRPD will contact the vehicle owner, notify them of potential violation and educate about Town parking requirements – vehicles may be cited or towed as allowed by Town Code
- Reported issues will be handled when an officer is available, but may be delayed if handling other higher priority calls

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POTENTIAL CHANGES

Should Council wish to make changes to existing code, changes can include:

- Modifying the time limit allowed to park in the ROW
 - Town of Parker and Centennial limit large vehicle parking to 48 hours, Aurora and Monument limit to 24 hours, and Wheatridge allows up to 72 hours (only if tow vehicle is attached) and Jefferson County allows up to 72 hours within a seven-day period
- Modifying the distance required to move after meeting time limit
 - Other entities do not include a minimum distance
 - In Parker, it is unlawful to move a vehicle “to a new location...in an attempt to circumvent or evade” restrictions, and Aurora states that “it shall not be a defense...that the recreational vehicle has been moved to a different location within the public right-of-way”
- Amend definitions of vehicle types
 - For example, include empty boat trailers, clarify whether having a recreational vehicle on a utility trailer constitutes a recreational vehicle, etc.
- Shift CRPD policing priorities to focus more on vehicle parking in the ROW – would result in less time spent on other police work

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- Staff recommendations include:
 - Remove provision allowing owner to move vehicles 1,000 feet
 - Add a prohibition stating that it is unlawful to move the vehicle/trailer in order to circumvent or evade ROW parking requirements
 - Amending vehicle type definitions to aide enforcement activities
- Should Council want to make ROW parking changes, an ordinance will be prepared as directed and will be presented at a future Town Council meeting



QUESTIONS?



POTENTIAL MOTION

"I move to direct staff to prepare and Ordinance to revise ROW parking regulations to include _____"