

SPECIAL VEHICLE STORAGE

CITY OF PLANO BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Special Vehicle Storage (ZC 2008-73; Ordinance No. 2009-1-7)

Section 16.800.4 Special Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance

A. A special vehicle is defined as:

- i. A trailer of any length designed to be towed on public streets or
- ii. Any self-propelled vehicle which exceeds 22 feet in length. Self-propelled vehicle length shall be measured to include any overhang of the vehicle an/or any item, apparatus, or attachment affixed to the vehicle.

B. All special vehicles must conform to the following:

- i. No special vehicle may be stored on required off-street parking.
- ii. No part of a special vehicle may extend over a public easement or right-of-way.
- iii. No special vehicle stored on a residential lot may be used for housekeeping, living, or sleeping quarters.
- iv. If required, federal and state licensing and registration must be current.
- v. All special vehicles must be maintained in an operable condition.
- vi. Stored vehicles must be secured with wheel stops or maintained so as not to present a safety problem to the neighborhoods in which they are located.
- vii. Surfaces used for special vehicle storage in residential districts must conform to the following requirements: (*ZC 2018-018; Ord. No. 2018-11-7*)
 - a. Special vehicles stored in the front yard must be stored on a paved surface. Special vehicles stored in the side or rear yards must be stored on a paved surface or on gravel. A gravel surface must not be used to store special vehicles in the front yard.
 - b. The storage area surface for special vehicle storage must be contiguous with and be an extension of the driveway, and the area of the surface improvement must not be less than the full dimensions of the special vehicle.
- viii. Special vehicles must be stored behind the front building line in the side or rear yard unless the lot is served by a driveway from a public street and which is its only point of vehicular access, or the lot does not have access to a standard alley (ten-foot wide paved alley).
- ix. Special vehicles stored in the side yard or rear yard behind the front building line must be screened from view from side streets but not alleys. In addition, these special vehicles must be screened in the front if brought onto the lot from the rear. (See Article 20.)
- x. Where permissible in Sec. 16.800.4B.viii, only one special vehicle may be stored in the front yard, and the special length must be oriented perpendicular to the front property line.

C. Special vehicle permit Requirements:

- i. The storage in the front yard of any special vehicle exceeding 22 feet in length, including trailers, shall require a permit issued by the city certifying that the special vehicle will be stored in compliance with this ordinance.
- ii. For the purpose of this section, trailer length shall be measured to include trailer connections, any overhang of the trailer or any item, apparatus, or attachment carried on or affixed to the trailer.
- iii. To obtain a permit, the applicant must submit a plan of the lot illustrating how the vehicle will be stored. The permit shall specify the special vehicle to be stored and the owner of the lot. The permit is only valid for the vehicle and owner specified. Permits may be revoked if the vehicle is not stored in accordance with this ordinance.

Please contact your Homeowner's association for additional requirements from Deed Restrictions and covenants.