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Subject:

RE: Proposed RV parking rules

Categories: UCRS CODE / FILE NUMBER: 12-8060-20-8500

Dear Mr. Schwenning:

Just to clarify:

1) Travel trailers or boats can be parked on the driveway of a single family residence without having to be screened.

2) If they are not parked on the driveway, then they have to screened.

3) The 1.8 m high landscape screen in the front yard would be along the property line not along the street side.

4) The 2.0 m high fence in the side yard and rear yard is already typically built on these property lines for most single family residences.

5) The \$10,000 fine is based on a successful summary conviction (i.e., court action).

Holger Burke, MCIP

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FYI

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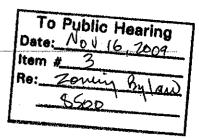
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Proposed rules for RV parking

I have read this article in The Richmond Review paper dated Thursday, October 22, 2009

The proposed bylaw will ban the parking of RV's and boats from yards unless they are surrounded by trees, shrubs, or fencing.

Under the bylaw travel trailers and boats can be stored in on "onsite parking space" on residential lots. But if parked in a front yard, they must be screened by "an opaque landscape screen of trees or shrubs at



least 1.8 meters high. If parked in a back or side yard, the vehicles must be screened by a two-meter high solid fence. Under the current proposal, the city could seek a fine of up to \$10,000 in court, plus costs. The new bylaw also restricts parking in yards or setbacks, unless landscaping or screening hides vehicles for the roadway.

This new proposed regulation in my opinion is ERODING the rights of property owners.

Does the City really need to regulate the parking of RV's, vans or boats on private property?

A property owner needs to cover up or put a screen around equipment that is used for personal use? (This is private property)

If a private property owner that disagrees with the City's bylaw they will be fined up to \$10,000. I don't think so.

The city is now asking home owners that own RV equipment, to spend many dollars just to hide it from the public eye? I don't think so.

Parking the RV equipment on the street is a better solution? I don't think so.

I would ask Council NOT endorse the RV parking bylaw and tell staff to remove it from the zoning bylaw.

Thank you, Douglas Schwenning

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