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Use of Campers/Recreational Vehicles in Oneida County

The Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance allows for placement of a camping unit or recreational vehicle (RV) pursuant to Article 3, Section 9.32(F) and 9.33(F) of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance, as follows:

9.32 ZONING PERMIT REQUIREMENT

F. A zoning permit shall be obtained before:

An RV is used as a dwelling for more than five (5) consecutive days unless exempt under 9.33(F) below.

1. The placement of an RV, camping trailer, motor home or park model on a parcel must comply with applicable setbacks, the minimum lot area and dimensional requirements for uses and zoning districts in Appendix A.
2. Obtain a sanitary permit for a private on-site wastewater treatment system if the RV is provided a connection to potable water and/or electric, regardless of whether the RV will be used for 5 days or less.
3. Obtain a non-plumbing sanitary system permit if not connected to water and/or electric.

9.33 EXCEPTIONS TO ZONING PERMIT REQUIREMENT

F. Recreational Vehicle

The placement of a recreational vehicle, camping trailer, motor home or park model on a parcel shall comply with applicable setbacks, the minimum lot area and dimensional requirements for uses and zoning districts in Appendix A if used as a dwelling, unless the recreational vehicle is being used in conformity with section 9.33(F)(3).

A zoning permit shall not be required and the dimensional requirements for uses and zoning districts in Appendix A do not apply for the placement of one recreational vehicle on a parcel, provided any of the following apply:

1. The RV is used for 5 consecutive days or less. A permit is recommended, in case the Ordinance changes.
2. The RV is stored on the property, is not hooked up to electricity or water and is not being used as a dwelling or for storage.
3. The RV or camping tent is used on the owner's property for a period not to exceed two years while a permanent dwelling is under construction, provided that a zoning permit has been granted for the dwelling unit under construction and a notation was placed on the application for permit that a recreational vehicle is going to be used. Provisions of 13.24 of the Oneida County Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Ordinance (POWTS) applies.
4. The recreational vehicle is placed in a campground or recreational vehicle park in accordance with section 9.53 of this ordinance.

Other Considerations

- If an RV is used for 5 consecutive days or less, and is not connected to electric, no permit is required.
- If an RV is connected to electric, and has water provided (well or otherwise), a POWTS system is required for wastewater generation.

Definitions:

1. **Recreational Vehicle (RV):** A mobile home when fully expanded contains 400 square feet or less of living space, built on a permanent chassis and designed to be towed on a highway by a motor vehicle; equipped and used, or intended to be used, primarily for temporary human habitation or recreational living quarters, and includes plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems. An RV includes a motor home, park model, truck camper, travel trailer and camping trailer.
2. **Camping Trailer:** A vehicle with a collapsible or folding structure designed for human habitation and towed on a highway by a motor vehicle, not to exceed 320 square feet.

Zoning Permit Applications and forms can be obtained through the Oneida County web site at www.co.oneida.wi.us/departments/pz/public-documents/

NOTE:

1. Check with the respective town for additional requirements or restrictions on campers.
2. The use of tents for camping is allowed for a length of stay of five consecutive days or less, without the need for a permit. If tent camping will occur each year, it is recommended to obtain a privy permit.
3. "Stored" implies, and includes but is not limited to: awnings or other appurtenances not erected, no waste container available (under the unit or otherwise), no electrical wires or water hoses visible, and located in a manner that is not conducive to being used easily, without set up.
4. RV in this policy implies a recreational vehicle, camping unit, tent, motor home, or park model.