

ORDINANCE NO. 802
Replacing Ordinance No. 104
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK MILLS,
MINNESOTA, REGULATING THE USE & STORAGE OF LARGE
VEHICLES/TRAILERS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

I. FINDINGS & PURPOSE

A) Findings

The Council finds that the presence in residential neighborhoods of excessively large motor vehicles and certain motor vehicles that by their design, type, or characteristics, have a detrimental and blighting impact upon the residential quality and character of such neighborhoods. The council also finds that these vehicles intrude upon the aesthetics and visual peace and quiet of a residential neighborhood, that they can impair the free flow of traffic on residential streets and by their size are detrimental to residential traffic safety, that they often create excessive noise for such surroundings, that their presence tends to encourage uses that are inappropriate in residential areas, and that their presence therefore is likely to have a negative impact upon residential property values. For similar reasons, the Council finds that the parking and storage of, as well as maintenance/repair work done to large vehicles and trailers also has a detrimental and blighting impact upon residential areas.

The council also finds that large motor vehicles have a negative impact on the useful life of city streets.

B) Purpose

Therefore, the purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit or restrict in residential districts, the parking or storage of vehicles and trailers that by virtue of their excessive size or by virtue of their design, type, or characteristics, are incompatible with such districts, and to thereby reduce the blighting and negative impacts of such vehicles and trailers in those districts.

II. RESTRICTIONS

A) Parking

It is unlawful to park a semi-trailer, semi-tractor, or combination thereof, or any vehicle, trailer or combination thereof with a gross weight over 19K GVW that is designed, used, or maintained for towing other motor vehicles, livestock, or equipment, upon any street, alley, road right of way, parking lot, , or upon any public property which is within an area zoned as a residential district, for any amount of time.

1) Exceptions

- a) Aforementioned vehicles are exempt from the restrictions only for the purpose of loading or unloading the same, within a short and reasonable amount of time.

- b) Regularly scheduled delivery service vehicles (i.e. Schwans, UPS, etc), City vehicles, refuse disposal vehicles, vehicles designed for moving or delivery vans (provided these vehicles are engaged in the process of moving or delivering) emergency vehicles, and school buses are exempt from these restrictions, provided they do not occupy residential space for more than a short and reasonable amount of time.
- c) Recreational vehicles who have obtained a temporary permit for extended parking from city office.
- d) Large motor vehicles that are parked on private property may not disturb the neighbors' use or enjoyment of neighboring lots.

III. **OTHER**

- A) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.
- B) All ordinances heretofore in force and effect and inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed to the extent that they are altered by this ordinance.
- C) The presence of any vehicle on any street when standing or parked in violation of this ordinance is prima facie evidence that the registered owner of the vehicle committed or authorized the commission of the violation.
- D) **TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PARKING.** It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle, trailer, or combination thereof or to permit such vehicle, trailer, or combination thereof to stand on a street for a period of time longer than twenty-four hours.

IV. **PENALTIES**

- A) Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished with a fine as identified in the city's fee schedule.

B) Any attempt to conceal violations of this ordinance will not be tolerated.

V. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE**

A) This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of New York Mills this 9th day of July, 2024

CITY OF NEW YORK MILLS, MINNESOTA

Marsha Maki
Mayor
(Date)

ATTEST:

Julie Roberts
City Clerk
(DATE)