

Heavy commercial equipment

shall not be parked, kept or stored in residentially zoned areas, on residential property in other zones or on sites that have not been permitted, improved and approved for such use.

Heavy commercial equipment means any free-standing piece of equipment with a gross vehicle weight of 15,000 pounds (as defined by the manufacturer) or greater that is used typically for the purpose of earth moving or construction related activities and that is typically transported to a job site by a vehicle. The term shall include, but is not limited to earth movers, front loaders, excavators, graders, dump trucks, pavers and cement trucks. The term shall include equipment that is motorized, non-motorized or self-propelled. The term shall exclude heavy commercial equipment that is participating in an ongoing, permitted land development activity.



Gravel is NOT an approved surface for parking or storing vehicles.



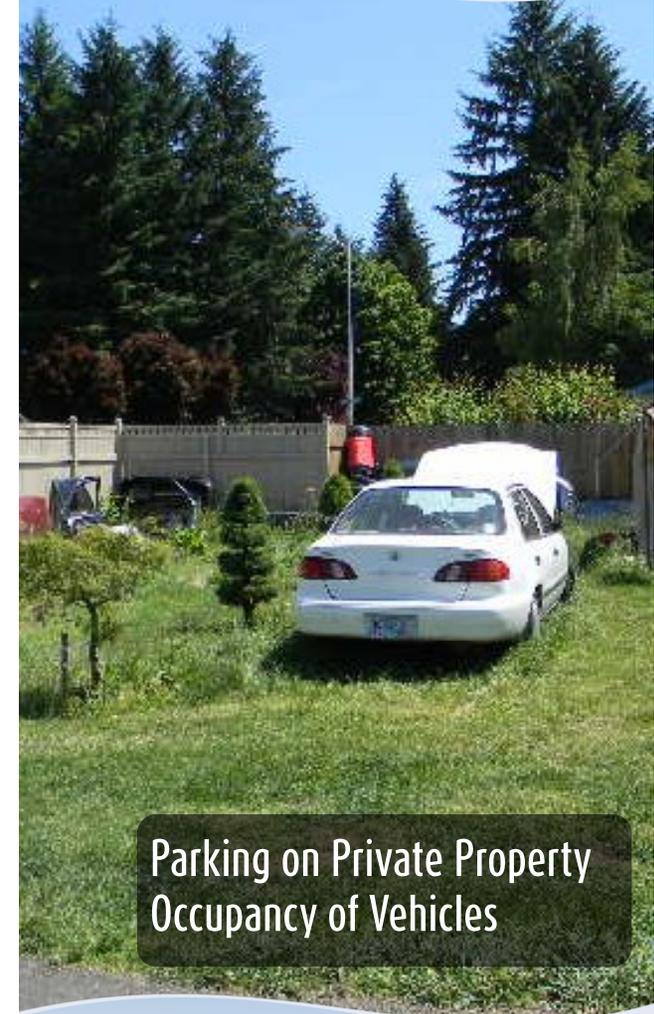
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Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. daily

Vancouver's Minimum Property Maintenance Code



Parking on Private Property
Occupancy of Vehicles

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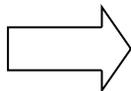
Vancouver Municipal Code 17.14.290 limits parking of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and trailers.

Motor vehicles shall be parked on improved, all-weather surfaces.

Recreational vehicles, boats and trailers shall be parked, kept or stored on an improved all-weather surface and shall not be parked, kept or stored in required front yard setbacks except for a driveway.

Truck tractors and semi trailers as defined in RCW 46.04.655 and RCW 46.04.530 shall not be parked, kept or stored in residentially zoned areas, on residential property in other zones or on sites that have not been permitted, improved and approved for such use.

Vancouver Municipal Code 20.945.040 addresses general design standards for surface parking areas. Areas used for the parking or storage or maneuvering of any vehicle shall be improved with asphalt, concrete or other permanent surface approved by the Planning Official. Contact [Planning](#) at 360-487-7803 for submittal requirements for the approval of alternative paving materials.



Vancouver Municipal Code 17.14.300 limits occupancy of recreational vehicles and marine craft.

Recreational vehicles shall be fully self-contained. No occupancy shall be allowed for greater than fourteen (14) days in any calendar year for any motor home, travel trailer, camper or other recreational vehicle on any premises.

Occupancy of a recreational vehicle is allowed when the vehicle is located in a manufactured home park or RV park where permitted recreational vehicle spaces are provided and where such occupancy does not violate any other city, state or federal regulation.

Marine craft shall not be occupied by any person or persons on any premise except when such craft is located in an approved marina/moorage approved for residential occupancy.



How to File a Complaint

Fill out an online complaint form:
www.cityofvancouver.us/codeenforcement

Call the Code Compliance Hotline:
(360) 487-7810

What Happens When a Complaint is Received?

Typically, a City inspector will visit the property to verify the complaint. If violations are confirmed, typically the City will then send a letter to the property owner or resident describing the complaint and requesting corrective action be taken.

Recipients of a code violation letter will:

- have an opportunity to discuss the situation with City staff, and
- will be given a specific and reasonable amount of time to correct the violation.

If no corrective action is taken, the City may issue a **Notice of Civil Violation and Order** to the property owner and/or resident. This may result in monetary fines and may be appealed to a City-appointed Hearings Examiner.

If the violation is not corrected within the time allowed, the City may charge the violator with a misdemeanor in District Court, and seek penalties and remedies