



# Codes and Ordinances Governing Your City

## Storage of RVs, Boats, ATV, and Trailers

### Where Can I Store My Recreational Vehicles?

RVs, Boats, ATVs, and Trailers should be stored to the side or back of your home or in an enclosed area (garage, behind a fenced area). Only one of such item can be stored between your home and any street. Storing multiple items between your home and the street is prohibited. If you don't have enough room on your property to properly store these items, we suggest renting a storage facility.

### Where Can't I Store My Recreations Vehicles?

Storing more than 1 RV or Boat or ATV or Trailer (1 vehicle total) between a home and any street is prohibited. Storing any of these items in the city owned road right-of-way or street is prohibited. The street right-of-way is generally 9 feet behind the curb or up to 20 feet behind the edge of asphalt in the older areas of the city (call the city to find out for sure on your lot). Also storing these items are prohibited on a vacant lot or parcel unless in an approved accessory structure.

### Why is it a Problem to Store Multiple Items in my Front Yard?

There are two reasons for this; one is safety and the other aesthetics. The city has rules only allowing fences in the front of a home to be 3 feet high, keeping trees and bushes trimmed to allow for cars to maneuver corners, and all homes are required to have at least a 2 car garage. You're required to landscape your yard. All this is to encourage keeping neighborhoods inviting and open. It also allows vehicles to see cars backing out of driveways, children playing in yards, and a clearer line of sight down a street.

### What if I don't Move my Vehicles

The city has nuisance laws that allow the city to fine you up to \$50 a day if a nuisance is not abated. Also, the city could remove it and bill you for the costs if the problem gets out of hand. We will do everything we can to work with you to not get to this action.

### So What Are All The Rules?

You can view the complete city code at the city office or go to the city website at [www.elkridgecity.org](http://www.elkridgecity.org) look under Quick Links and City Code:

City Code 4-2-1-30-31 Nuisance Code