

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VISALIA AMENDING SECTION 10.16.050 OF THE VISALIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING USE OF STREETS FOR STORAGE PROHIBITED

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VISALIA

SECTION 1. Consistent with its control over municipal affairs as a charter city and the powers vested in the City of Visalia through the California Constitution, the City of Visalia is authorized to secure and promote the public health, comfort, safety, and welfare of its citizenry. The City of Council of the City of Visalia hereby makes the followings findings:

- A. Storage of personal vehicles (cars & trucks), recreational vehicles, travel trailers, mobile homes, unattached trailers, boats trailers, and camper trailers affect quality of life in residential districts by reducing the number of parking spaces along streets, and large vehicles parked along streets narrow driving areas, and impact visibility along streets for other drivers and pedestrians.
- B. The current code does not elaborate the distance said vehicles/trailers should be moved. Due to the ambiguity of this requirement, owners can simply move their vehicle/trailer a couple of feet to come into compliance with the current code provision.
- C. In order to make the limitations on the storage of such vehicles more effective the City Council hereby determines that it is necessary to set a specific distance that personal vehicles (cars & trucks) should be moved if stored or parked for a consecutive 72-hour period on a public street.
- D. In addition, the City Council hereby determines that a specific number of days should be set for recreational vehicles, travel trailers, mobile homes, unattached trailers, boats trailers, and camper trailers to be stored or parked on the street in order for street parking spaces to be available for personal vehicles and to reduce the impacts of large vehicles parked on streets.

SECTION 2. The Visalia City Council hereby approves the following revision to Visalia Municipal Code Chapter 10.16.050, which regulates use of streets for storage of vehicles, recreational vehicles, travel trailers, mobile homes, unattached trailers, boats trailers, and camper trailers, in residential zones within the City of Visalia, as specified by underline & italics for additions and ~~strikeout~~ for deletions:

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- A. No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle shall park such vehicle upon any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two (72) hours or move and re-park such vehicle on any street or alley within 1000 feet of the original parking site.
- B. No person shall park or stand or permit to park any recreational vehicles or temporary recreational vehicles, travel trailers, mobile homes, unattached trailers, boat trailers, and camper trailers on any street or alley for more than six days in any twelve (12) month period.
- C. Recreational vehicles, temporary recreational vehicles, travel trailers, mobile homes, unattached trailer, boat trailers, and camper trailers may be parked or stored with no time limits on a paved surface, on any side or rear yard of a property, and not impede the right of way.

SECTION 3. The City Council intends this Ordinance to supplement, not contradict applicable state law and this Ordinance shall be construed in light of that intent.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstances, is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivision, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of the Ordinance, or its application to any other person or circumstance. The City Council of the City of Visalia hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases hereof be declared invalid or unenforceable.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its adoption.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk Shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted as required by law.