

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WESTPORT MASSACHUSETTS

ARTICLE XV

MOBILE HOME/RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REGULATIONS

BY-LAW REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND USE OF HOUSE, MOBILE HOME/RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

DEFINITIONS

A Trailer and/or Mobile Home and or Trailer Coach shall be hereafter referred to as a Mobile Home and shall mean any vehicle or object on wheels and having no motive power of its own, but which is drawn by, or used in connection with, a motor vehicle, and so designed and constructed, or reconstructed or added to by means of accessories as to permit use and occupancy thereof for human habitation, whether resting on wheels, jacks, or other foundations.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

A Recreational Vehicle is a vehicle or vehicle attachment, which is designed for sleeping or living quarters for one or more persons, with or without utilities, flush toilets, or bath facilities, is used for recreational purposes, and includes among other items, a travel trailer, a pick-up camper, a tent trailer, a beach buggy, and a motor home.

1501. No Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle located upon any land in the Town of Westport shall be occupied for living, business, or any other purpose; and no Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle shall be placed upon land for storage purposes except when authorized by a written permit from the Board of Selectmen.

Such permit shall be issued only:

1501.1 After written application has been filed with the Board of Selectmen.

1501.2 After a notice shall be published by the Board of Selectmen in a local newspaper at least three (3) days prior to the public hearing.

1501.3 After the applicant for the permit shall give written notice to the abutter or abutters of the property on which the permit is applied for by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, at least three (3) days prior to the hearing on said permit.

- 1501.4** After the Board of Selectmen holds a public hearing, they shall then act upon the application.
- 1501.5** Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle parks are hereby prohibited in the Town of Westport. For the purpose of this By-Law, a Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle park as defined in accordance with General Law, Chapter 140, Section 32F.
- 1501.6** Not more than one Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle shall be placed on one lot of land as defined by the By-Laws of the Town.
- 1501.7** No Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle shall be placed on a lot with any other dwelling.
- 1501.8** Selectmen shall make their decision on the issuance of a Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle permit with regard for the promotion of health, safety, convenience, morals, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Westport.
- 1501.9** All trailer permits issued will expire annually on June 30th.

1502. No permit for business or other purposes shall be issued for a period of more than one year from and after the date of such hearing. No permit for living purposes shall be issued for a period of more than six (6) months in any single year except:

- 1502.1** A permit may be issued to an applicant for a period not to exceed eighteen (18) months (with no extensions or renewals) while the applicant is in the process of constructing a house.
- 1502.2** A permit may be issued without a public hearing for any reason for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle shall be removed from the land after expiration of any permit issued under this By-Law.
- 1502.3** Each Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle shall be removed from the premises within 72 hours of the expiration of the time period as specified on the permit. Failure to do so will constitute a violation for each day such Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle remains upon the premises.
- 1502.4** A permit issued for a period of one (1) year may be automatically renewed for the next annual or yearly period upon application of the holder thereof during the sixty (60) day period immediately preceding the expiration thereof. Any permit issued for six (6) months, or less period of time, may be automatically renewed in

the following calendar year for the renewal of the six (6) month period upon application of the holder thereof during the sixty (60) day period prior to the commencement of the six (6) month period.

- 1503.** That for the purposes of this By-Law, each Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle shall be regarded as a single-family dwelling, and the parcel upon which the same is placed must conform to all area regulations pertaining to lot sizes and in every case shall be installed, maintained and used subject to the regulations promulgated by the Board of Health.
- 1504.** Permits granted for the storage of Mobile Homes/ Recreational Vehicles need not comply with Sections 1501.6, 1501.7, and 1503.
- 1505.** Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the Board of Selectmen may issue a temporary permit to such applicant, pending public hearing and action by such Board, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.
- 1506.** The parking, without further use, of a recreational vehicle owned by a person residing in the Town at his/her place of residence shall not require a permit under these regulations.
- 1507. PENALTY**
- Any person who shall violate the provisions of these By-Laws as set forth in Article VII, VIII, XV, and XVI shall be subject to a penalty of (\$50.00) dollars for each offense. Each day the violation continues shall be considered as a separate offense.