



VEHICLE PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

The City of West Covina allows personal vehicles to be parked in designated driveways of single-family homes. However, the West Covina Municipal Code (Sec. 26-392) regulates the size, number, and location of parked vehicles in residential zones to preserve the appearance of neighborhoods and reinforce community standards. These regulations apply to all residential zones. This guide explains the regulations, including what type of recreational vehicles are allowed, and when applications are required.

What is **NOT** allowed?

- ◇ It is unlawful to park or store any commercial vehicles, trailers, or other related equipment.
- ◇ Public sidewalks and paved areas of a public parkway are not considered allowed parking areas.
- ◇ Unmounted campers and camper shells placed on the ground are prohibited in the front yard or unscreened side yard.

What **IS** allowed?

In addition to a permitted garage or carport, regulations allow a resident to park on:

- ◇ Allowed paved areas of the front yard
- ◇ Allowed paved areas of the unscreened street side yard
- ◇ Paved areas of the interior side, street side, or rear yards which are fully screened by solid six-foot fences or walls or view-obscuring landscaping (except within five (5) feet of the rear property line).

The regulations allow a resident to park one motor home or accessory recreational vehicle in the front yard on the driveway under the following conditions:

- ◇ The vehicle must be parked on a paved area (or side pad) allowed by the Municipal Code.
- ◇ The vehicle must not block access to the garage.
- ◇ The vehicle must be maintained in good condition.
- ◇ Utility trailers are prohibited from parking in the front yards of houses (utility trailers longer than sixteen (16) feet in length are considered commercial vehicles).

What is allowed by **PERMIT**?

The regulations allow for a resident to apply for a permit (called an Administrative Use Permit or AUP) to park recreational vehicles in the front yard. This permit may be approved if there is no other space on the property to park the vehicle. Vehicles that are small enough to fit in a garage, side yard or rear yard must be stored in one of those areas. The [following page](#) indicates what may be allowed through the submittal of an AUP.



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Motor Homes and Campers

All motor homes and campers require an AUP.

1. If located on the Side Pad:

- a. All regular AUP findings must be made.

2. If located on the Driveway:

- a. All regular AUP findings must be made.
- b. With added finding that side pad to accommodate requested vehicle cannot be feasibly provided given size, configuration, slope, or existing physical improvements on the lot.

Recreational Equipment and Trailers

All recreational equipment and trailers require an AUP.

1. If located on the Side Pad:

- a. All regular AUP findings must be made.
- b. With added finding that side pad to accommodate requested vehicle cannot be feasibly provided given size, configuration, slope, or existing physical improvements on the lot.

2. If located on the Driveway:

- a. All regular AUP findings must be made.
- b. With added finding that side pad to accommodate requested vehicle cannot be feasibly provided given size, configuration, slope, or existing physical improvements on the lot.
- c. With added finding that suitable area does not exist within the garage, carport, or side or rear yard (with access) for parking and storage of required vehicles.



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What is Required to Apply for an Administrative Use Permit (AUP)?

AUP's require the submittal of an application, fee, plot plan, and radius map with mailing labels of all property owners and residents within 300-foot radius of the property. Upon submittal, the Planning Department reviews the application. If the submittal is determined to be complete, a public notice is mailed to those individuals within 300 feet of the property. This mailing requires a 10-day public review period in which the neighbors may wish to talk with staff or view the submitted application. Following the public review period, the Community Development Director will render a decision. The process will take four to eight weeks (unless an appeal is filed, in which case it will take longer).

To obtain applications or for more information, contact:

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