

TOWN OF LAGRANGE
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE
Ordinance # 20260121

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of LaGrange and its citizens that the Town proceed in a manner which protects public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Recreational Vehicles are not permanently connected to utilities, are not anchored, are not intended for long-term residential use, are not generally designed to accommodate the traffic of permanent residents, and their use for long term residential purposes constitutes a risk to the health, safety and general welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and enforcement of minimum housing and property maintenance standards is necessary to preserve and promote the private and public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of LaGrange, Monroe County, Wisconsin, that:

1. Definitions.

- (a) "Recreational Vehicle" means a vehicle which is designed for use as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, which either has its own mode of power, or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle. Recreational Vehicles include travel trailers, camping trailers, truck campers, motor homes, private motor coaches, van conversions and fifth-wheel trailers.
- (b) "Recreational Vehicle Park" means a parcel of real estate licensed and used for the parking of Recreational Vehicles occupied or intended to be occupied for dwelling purposes, which is compliant with the ordinances of the Town of LaGrange applicable thereto.
- (c) "Residence" means the place of permanent or customary and usual residence of a person that is both fixed in location and of durable permanent construction suitable for year-round use and occupancy and duly constructed in accordance with all municipal and state laws and regulations.

2. Prohibition Against Use of a Recreational Vehicle as Residence; Regulation of Use as Temporary Residence.

(a) No person shall use or occupy a Recreational Vehicle as a residence within the Town of LaGrange.

(b) No person may use or occupy a Recreational Vehicle for temporary use and occupancy except as provided in Paragraph 3 below. Exceptions can be made with Town Board of Supervisors' approval due to emergency conditions.

3. Requirements for Temporary Use and Occupancy of a Recreational Vehicle.

a) Permit. A Town permit shall be required for any use of a Recreational Vehicle outside of a designated campground for cumulative stays of greater than 24 days in any consecutive 365-day period or for a one-time stay in any consecutive 365-day period for greater than 10 days. A permit application shall be filed with the Town Clerk using the prescribed Town application form.

b) Permit Requirements. Temporarily occupied Recreational Vehicles must comply with the following provisions:

i. Sanitation:

- The Recreational Vehicle must be connected to a waste disposal system or be regularly transported to an approved waste dump site where black and gray water tanks can be emptied when those tanks are full. In all cases of connections to an on-site waste disposal system, the system and connections must be approved and permitted by the Monroe County Sanitation and Zoning Department. Additionally, smaller holding systems like transfer tanks or portable toilets require a service agreement from a qualified waste pumping provider.
- Pursuant to Wisconsin Administrative Code SPS 383.32, external vessels (rolling containers, barrels, pits, buckets, "tank totes," "sewage totes," and "blue boys," for example) used for sewage transportation are prohibited except in Recreational Vehicle Parks. No black or gray water shall be deposited upon the ground or into lakes, rivers, ponds, streams, or wetlands.

ii. Licensing and Equipment Requirements:

- All Recreational Vehicles must be maintained in legal road-worthy condition and shall be licensed as required by Wisconsin.
- The wheels or similar devices for transportation of any Recreational Vehicle shall not be removed, except for repairs lasting no more than ten (10) days.

- A Recreational Vehicle shall not be permanently attached to the ground or to another vehicle or any accessory structure in any manner which would prevent the immediate removal and transport of the Recreational Vehicle.

iii. Fire Number: A fire number application must be filed and issued and the number posted before the Recreational Vehicle is in place.

iv. Driveway: Driveways must comply with the servicing road's municipality's driveway requirements.

v. Setbacks and Lot Area Requirements: Recreational Vehicle locations must meet the setback and lot area requirements of the zoning district in which the real estate is located.

vi. Garbage/Trash: Accommodations for proper disposal of all garbage/trash generated on the site must be arranged.

vii. Access: Town officials have the right to access private land during reasonable daylight hours to inspect permit compliance.

4. The landowner where the Recreational Vehicle is located shall have responsibility for compliance with this Ordinance and shall be liable for all violations occurring on the landowner's property. The owner of the Recreational Vehicle shall also be jointly responsible for compliance with this Ordinance and subject to the penalties set forth herein.

5. Violations.

- a) The use of any Recreational Vehicle in violation of this Ordinance shall result in the issuance by the Town of a notice directed to the owner of the Recreational Vehicle, if ascertainable, and to the property owner upon which it is situated, informing that person or persons of the requirement to immediately cease and desist from using the Recreational Vehicle without a proper permit or in violation of the ordinance.
- b) The Recreational Vehicle and the property owner shall have 14 days beginning with the date of issuance of the initial cease and desist notice to vacate the Recreational Vehicle. Failure to comply shall result in a second notice notifying

the Recreational Vehicle and/or property owner of the violation of this Ordinance and the associated penalties, as provided below.

- c) Continued failure to comply will result in a notice to the Recreational Vehicle and/or property owner, identifying the violation and assessing the penalties as provided below in Paragraph 5.

5. Penalties.

- (a) Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) An initial offense for violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.00 per offense.
- (c) A second and each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$200.00, up to \$500.00 per offense.
- (d) Any permit issued by the Town for use of the Recreational Vehicle shall be revoked and shall be the basis for refusal of the issuance of future requested permits.

6. Civil Enforcement. In addition to, and without waiver of any monetary penalties, this Ordinance may be enforced by a civil suit for injunctive relief filed by the Town. Failure of the Recreational Vehicle or property owner to pay all penalties by October 1 shall result in those penalties being added to the property owner's annual property tax bill.

7. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (a) This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication.
- (b) If any section, subsection, provision or clause of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, voidable or invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Town Board of Supervisors in adopting this Ordinance that the unconstitutionality or invalidity of one part of this Ordinance shall only make that part inoperative, and sever it from the Ordinance, and shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance.

(c) Repealing Clause. That all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

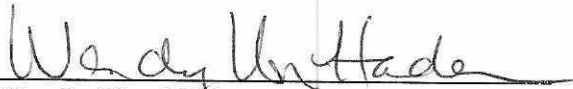
(d) This Ordinance was adopted at a meeting posted and held in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes.

This ordinance was introduced and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of LaGrange on this 21st day of January, 2026.

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Brendan Smith
Chairman, Town of LaGrange

ATTEST:

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Wendy Von Haden
Clerk, Town of LaGrange