

Prohibited Vehicles & Equipment in Residential Zoning Districts

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Salinas Zoning Regulations limit the type, size and length of time that certain vehicles and equipment may be parked or stored in residential zoning districts. These regulations apply to homeowners, renters and people who may drive certain types of vehicles for either personal or business uses.

Which Vehicles & Equipment are Affected?

Vehicles prohibited in residential districts include any truck tractor, semi-trailer, independent trailer, walk-in van, walk in truck, panel truck, tow truck, any open bed or flat bed pickup, any utility box mounted on a vehicle chassis or pickup truck, any vehicle designed to provide food or equipment sales or transport, any vehicle equipped with power attachments or tools, any vehicle which exceeds a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of five tons, and any school bus or passenger carrying vehicle which exceeds 16 persons in capacity or 21 feet in length.

Equipment prohibited in residential districts includes any special mobile equipment not used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and which is only incidentally operated or moved over a highway, including, but not limited to ditch-digging apparatus, asphalt spreaders, bituminous mixers, bucket loaders, tractors other than truck-tractors, leveling graders, finishing machines, motor graders, road rollers, scarifiers, earth moving carryalls, scrapers, power shovels, draglines, self-propelled cranes, and earth-moving equipment.

Any inoperable or dismantled vehicle or any vehicle or equipment which is not legally registered to operate on a public street is not allowed in residential zoning districts.

Where can Prohibited Vehicles & Equipment be Parked or Stored?

Generally, prohibited vehicles and equipment, and inoperable vehicles and equipment cannot be parked or stored in residential zoning districts. Some commercial and industrial zoning districts allow parking and storage.

Are there any Exceptions?

Yes. These include:

- *Equipment, inoperable vehicles and equipment, and prohibited vehicles may be parked or stored on a public street or on a residential lot for up to 24 hours during a 7 day period.*
- *One prohibited vehicle may park on a rear or side yard provided it does not exceed gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of five tons or 20 feet in length and is screened from adjoining lots and the street by a solid fence or wall 6 feet high.*
- *One prohibited vehicle not exceeding a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of five tons which is owned and operated by a water, gas, electric or telephone public utility and used for emergency service to prevent injury or hazard to the general public may be parked on any lot in a residential zoning district.*

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- *One tow truck with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 to 19,500 pounds, and used for emergency service to prevent injury or hazard to the general public may be parked on any lot in a residential zoning district. (Such tow trucks must be registered with a city, county or state agency to provide emergency towing services)*

Are there penalties for violating these regulations?

Yes. Anyone responsible for violation of vehicle and equipment parking regulations may be guilty of a misdemeanor or an infraction. Each person convicted may be deemed guilty of a separate offense for every day in which the violation is committed.

How to Obtain More Information

Call Community Development Department at 758-7206.

Refer to *Section 37-50.190* of the Salinas Zoning Code for regulations on prohibited vehicles & equipment.

Related Information Bulletins

Information Bulletin	Description
16	Recreational Vehicle Storage in Residential Zoning Districts.