



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2017

TO: Members of the Planning Commission and Interim Administrator Mayer

FROM: Cynthia Smith Strack, Community Development Director

RE: Item 8.3 Discussion: Draft Ordinance 18-03, An Ordinance Amending Section 1107.08 of the City Code Pertaining to Outside Storage.

REQUEST: Discussion Ordinance 18-03.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City Council has directed staff to conduct a public information campaign regarding common nuisances, including outdoor storage and parking. At the January meeting the Planning Commission discussed potential language to clarify existing code standards pertaining to outdoor storage and parking. Staff was directed to draft language for consideration at the February meeting.

For discussion, please find attached draft Ordinance 18-03, An Ordinance Amending Section 1107.08 of the City Code Pertaining to Outside Storage.

The draft code amendment clarifies what types of items may be stored outdoors, the volume of said items, and standards for parking areas.

Following review, if appropriate, the Planning Commission may call for a public hearing on Ordinance 18-03 for the March 12, 2018 meeting.

ACTION

The PC is to have discussion on draft ordinance 18-03. The PC may call for a public hearing on the draft for the March 12th meeting.

CITY OF BELLE PLAINE
ORDINANCE 18-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1107.08 OF THE CITY CODE
PERTAINING TO OUTSIDE STORAGE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLE PLAINE ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 1107.08, Subd. 1 is hereby amended as follows:

1. All outside storage of materials and equipment for residential uses shall be stored within a building ~~or fully screened so as not to be visible from adjoining properties~~, except for the following:

A. Clothes line pole and wire.

~~B. Not more than two (2) recreational vehicles and equipment.~~ Recreational vehicles subject to the following:

1. Recreational vehicles are defined as:

a. Any self-propelled vehicle and any vehicle propelled, drawn, towed or carried by a self-propelled vehicle, which is designed to be used for temporary living quarters while engaged in recreational or vacation activities.

b. Any trailer intended and generally used for transporting personal property or recreational vehicles such as watercraft and snowmobiles.

c. Any snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, any type of watercraft whether motorized or not, and similar items.

d. Any hobby vehicle, defined as passenger automobiles with antique or collector license plates, specialized off-road and racing vehicles, and similar vehicles which are not primarily used for day to day transportation needs.

2. No more than three (3) recreational vehicles may be stored outside on a property at one time. If a boat, snowmobile, ATV, or other vehicle is stored on a trailer, the trailers and vehicle(s) may be counted as one vehicle.

3. Parking of recreational vehicles shall:

A. Be on and over an improved surface consisting of bituminous, concrete, a minimum of four (4) inches of compacted gravel, or landscape pavers.

B. Maintain a minimum five (5) foot setback from any property line.

4. Recreational vehicles may not be used for open storage of junk, miscellaneous debris, vegetative or food matter, rubbish or other types of personal property.

5. Camping vehicles and motor homes may not be occupied while parked on a property.

6. Recreational vehicles must be owned by the owner or tenant of the property.

7. Recreational vehicles must be operable, clean, and well-kept with a current license.

C. Construction and landscaping material ~~currently being used on the premises~~ and equipment that is used or intended to be used on the property in a period no longer than three months or in connection with a current, valid building permit on the property.

D. On and off-street parking of currently registered and operable **and insured** passenger vehicles and trucks not exceed a gross **vehicle** weight **rating** of nine thousand (9,000) pounds.

E. Lawn furniture, cooking equipment, and other items to be used in conjunction with normal outdoor residential activities on the property and ~~or furniture used and constructed explicitly for outdoor use provided they are owned by the owner or tenant of the property.~~

F. Rear or side yard exterior storage of firewood for the purpose of consumption only by the person or tenant ~~persons~~ on whose property it is stored.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication in the official newspaper of the City.

Passed and duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Belle Plaine this ___ day of _____, 2018.

BY: _____
Christopher G. Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn Meyer, Interim City Administrator

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