



CITY OF HARKER HEIGHTS, TEXAS

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Vehicle parked on lawn

Residential Parking Regulations: What's Changed

Why is the City adopting an Ordinance to prohibit parking on landscaping?

The City frequently receives complaints from residents about vehicles being parked on lawns. In response to these concerns, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to prevent the parking of vehicles and trailers on unimproved surfaces in residential areas.



Permittable parking improvement limits

How much of my property can I improve for parking?

A maximum of 50% of the required front and side yard may be improved to allow parking of vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles, campers, and trailers. Additionally, 25% of the rear yard may be improved for parking. You may call the City's Planning Department at (254) 953-5647 to find out more information about your specific property and contact the Bell County Health Department for approval if you have a septic system on your property.



RV and trailers parked on lawn

When does the Ordinance go into effect?

The Ordinance will go into effect on **October 1, 2021**.

What if my existing driveway or parking area does not comply with the Ordinance?

Gravel parking areas that were installed prior to the Ordinance adoption on September 6, 2020, will not be subject to the new restrictions. If the City is able to verify that your parking areas or driveway were installed prior the Ordinance taking effect, it will be considered legal non-conforming or "Grandfathered" by our Zoning Code. This includes gravel or dirt driveways that were installed prior to the new Ordinance adoption.



Heavy vehicle parked at residence

What are the other significant changes?

Heavy vehicles, redefined as vehicles which **exceed 20 feet in length, 8 feet in width, or 10 feet in height**, are prohibited from parking on residential property. Currently, these types of vehicles are prohibited from parking on public streets. This provision is in response to resident complaints regarding the loading of equipment into commercial vehicles, the size of these vehicles, noise, safety, and the visual impact on the neighborhood.

Please visit www.harkerheights.gov for more information

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