

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Jones and Members of the Board

FROM: Karen Proctor, Town Administrator
Randi Gallivan, Town Clerk

DATE: June 6, 2019

RE: Code Enforcement- Vehicles

BACKGROUND:

Code section 7-1-10 of the Foxfield Municipal code states “*Vehicle* means a machine propelled by power other than human power designed to travel along the ground, in the air or through water by use of wheels, treads, runners, slides, wings or hulls and to transport persons or property, to pull non-self-propelled vehicles or machinery, and includes, but is not limited to: automobile, airplane, boat, bus, truck, trailer, motorcycle, motor home, recreational vehicle, camper, truck trailer, implements of husbandry, mobile machinery and self-propelled construction equipment. For the purposes of this Section, the term vehicle includes implements of husbandry.”

Code section 7-1-20 (7)(a)(3)(b) prohibits the outdoor storage or accumulation of: “Tools, equipment, inventory and other supplies utilized in the operation of a business or more than one (1) vehicle used in the operation of a business, whether such business is a home occupation being conducted in accordance with the zoning regulations contained in Chapter 16 of this Code, or is conducted off-site.”

Code section 7-1-20 (7)(a)(3)(f) prohibits “the parking or storage of more than five (5) vehicles.”

Code section 7-1-20 (7)(a)(3)(g) prohibits the parking or storage of commercial or industrial vehicles.

Code section 7-1-20 (7)(a)(3)(h) prohibits “The parking or storage of any vehicle with a gross weight greater than thirty-six thousand (36,000) pounds, recreational vehicles excluded.”

DISCUSSION:

The Town receives several complaints regarding the number and types of vehicles being stored outdoors. Following are some questions for discussion:

Are trailers considered vehicles as defined above? Does a boat on a trailer count as one vehicle or two?

What determines whether a vehicle is a commercial or industrial vehicle?