

**CITY OF BRIDGMAN  
COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-197**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5.03, GENERAL STANDARDS, OF THE ZONING  
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGMAN**

Motion made by Council person Catania and seconded by Council person Rose.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5.03, "GENERAL STANDARDS", of the Zoning  
Ordinance of the City of Bridgman,**

**The City of Bridgman ordains:**

**Section 1 --** Section 5.03 of the City of Bridgman Zoning Ordinance is deleted, with the following inserted in its place and stead:

**5.03 GENERAL STANDARDS The regulations of this section apply to all off-street parking and parking landscape areas:**

A. Use of off-street parking facilities accessory to residential uses shall be used solely for the parking of noncommercial passenger vehicles owned by occupants of the dwelling. Under no circumstances shall required parking facilities, accessory to residential structures, be used for the storage of commercial vehicles.

B. Residential Parking. Parking on any residential lot shall be limited to the parking of the following vehicles:

1. Passenger motor vehicles which do not accommodate more than nine passengers;
2. Motorcycles;
3. Snowmobiles;
4. Trucks not exceeding two tons in capacity;
5. Recreational units such as a recreational vehicle, boat, riding lawn mower, ATV, covered utility trailer, or other motorized unit. A recreational unit parked or stored upon an established driveway shall be subject to the following limitations:
  - a. No portion of a recreational unit shall obstruct a public sidewalk.
  - b. No more than one recreational unit shall be permitted to be parked or stored upon any established driveway at one time. For purposes of this limitation, recreational units used in conjunction with one another, such as a boat mounted on a boat trailer, shall be considered as one unit.
  - c. Recreational vehicle must be licensed. An unlicensed recreational vehicle may only remain on an established driveway for a period of four weeks.
  - d. Parking or storage of recreational units shall be limited to residentially developed sites (properties or lots with at least one dwelling unit). Parking or storage shall be limited to recreational units owned by any of the occupants of such residence, however, family members may park their recreational unit for up to 72 hours.
  - e. All recreational units parked or stored outside of an enclosed building shall be kept in a state of proper repair and shall be secured to prevent unauthorized entry or use.
  - f. No recreational unit shall at any time be used for living or storage.

6. Recreational unit(s) may be stored in the side yard under the following conditions:

a. Provided there is a minimum space of three feet clearance from the dwelling, a minimum space of one foot clearance from the property line of the adjoining property and provide a minimum space of three feet clearance from neighbors dwelling.

b. Recreational unit(s) must be located on an established driveway with a finished surface of asphalt, concrete, pavers, permeable pavers, grass pavers or another similar durable surface, or on a nonconforming, established driveway or parking space as defined by this Ordinance, however such pavement, asphalt or previously stated material shall not obstruct the required drainage on site. An apron shall not exceed 50 feet in length or 10 feet in width.

c. In those cases where an apron currently exists it shall meet all requirements of this article.

d. Prior to construction or expansion of a storage or parking apron, a permit shall be obtained from the Building Official. A permit application shall show the location, size, shape, design, and surface material of the driveway or parking space and the name, address, telephone number, and licensing information of the person performing the work. If the application complies with this section, then the Building Official shall issue a permit for the construction and use of such driveway or parking space.

e. A driveway or parking space shall be made accessible to the public street by an asphalt, concrete, or driveway constructed of pavers.

f. Neither a driveway nor a parking space shall be placed directly between a residential structure and the street right-of-way, or in the front corner on a corner lot, except for a driveway to a vehicle entrance of a garage attached to the residential structure. Additional driveway or parking area such as expanded driveway width, parking for recreational vehicles and turnaround accommodations may be constructed in residential yards only when located 25 feet or more from a street right-of-way (see graphic).

C. No person shall park or store any recreational unit upon any public property located in a residential area, including public streets, rights-of-way, sidewalks and/or in planting areas between sidewalks and curb lines.

D. Trucks exceeding two tons in capacity shall be limited to the parking of those vehicles for deliveries, service calls, and other short duration parking.

E. A required off-street parking space shall measure at least nine (9') feet in width by at least eighteen (18') feet in length, exclusive of drive aisles or access drives.

F. Off-Street parking shall be separated at least five (5) feet from buildings in order to allow for sidewalk, landscaping and other plantings between the building and parking lot.

G. Aisle widths shall be at least the following:

a. Perpendicular parking: 20 feet

b. Angle parking with two-way travel: 16 feet

c. Angle parking with one-way travel: 12 feet

H. Parking shall not be permitted within any parkway, or area between the back of curb and sidewalk.

I. Parking lots shall be properly maintained and of concrete, asphalt or pervious paving.

J. All parking lot lighting shall comply with Article VII, General Provisions, Section 7.18. Parking lot lighting shall be dark sky compliant and shall not exceed fifteen (15') feet in total height.

**Section 2 – Severability.** If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion of this ordinance, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 3 – Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 4 – Effective Date.** A summary of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of record as provided by law, and this ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after publication.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Jim Catania, Rick Fuller, Bob Liskey, Georgia Gipson, Vince Rose, Hannah Anderson

Nays: None

Absent: Ken High

Abstain: None

**ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Allyson Holm, duly appointed Clerk in and for the City of Bridgman, Berrien County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and exact copy of a Ordinance adopted by the City Council during its regular meeting, held April 2, 2018, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk