
City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Sec. 24-36. Parking of recreational vehicle, commercial vehicle/trailer, personal trailer, and semi-truck restrictions.

(a) Definitions.

Recreational vehicle means any of the following:

Camping trailer (pop-up camper) means a folding structure mounted on wheels and designed for recreation, camping, travel, and vacation use and does not require a special highway movement permit to be towed on a street or highway.

Motor home means a vehicle that has its own motive power that is used to provide temporary living quarters for recreation, camping, travel, vacation, or seasonal use and does not require a special highway movement permit to be driven on a street or highway.

Sport trailer means a vehicle drawn by another motor vehicle for the purpose of transporting a watercraft, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or other sport vehicle over a street or highway and does not require a special highway movement permit to be towed on a street or highway.

Travel trailer means a vehicle used as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel purposes; drawn by another motor vehicle; and does not require a special highway movement permit to be towed on a street or highway. The term includes, but is not limited to, trailer coaches and fifth wheels.

Commercial equipment means any machinery, parts, accessories, construction equipment or other equipment used primarily in the course of conducting a trade or business.

Commercial vehicle/trailer means any self-propelled vehicle or towed trailer used for the purpose of delivering goods or services, wares or merchandise, or carrying commercial equipment.

Personal trailer means any trailer, other than a commercial vehicle/trailer, used for the purpose of carrying personal items or possessions.

Semi-trailer means a freight trailer that, when attached, is supported at its forward end by the fifth-wheel device of the semi-truck.

Semi-truck (semi) means the motorized truck that tows a semi-trailer.

Alley means any dedicated public right of way affording a secondary means of access to abutting property and not intended for general traffic circulation.

Highway or Street means a public thoroughfare which affords the principal means of access to abutting property and, for the purposes of this Ordinance, includes the entire width of the right of way dedicated for such purpose.

(b) Parking of recreational vehicles and personal trailers restricted. Recreational vehicles and personal trailers shall not be parked on a public alley or parking lot. Recreational vehicles and personal trailers may be parked on a street or highway within the city when all the following requirements are satisfied:

- (1) A recreational vehicle or personal trailer must be parked on the street or highway in an area legal for parking of vehicles.
- (2) A recreational vehicle or personal trailer may not be parked on a street or highway longer twenty-four (24) consecutive hours without a permit.

Parking permits may be applied for at the city clerk's office. The application shall include such information as is requested by the city clerk. Permit fees shall be set by resolution of the city commission. No permit will be authorized for parking within an alley.

Permits shall not be issued consecutively. A minimum of three (3) full days must fall between authorized permits. No issued permit may allow a vehicle to be parked in violation of parking restrictions in state laws, city ordinances or the rules set forth in this section.

If approved, the permit shall allow a recreational vehicle or personal trailer to be parked on a street or highway in the city for a maximum of seventy-two (72) continuous hours. A total of four (4) 72-hour permits may be issued per recreational vehicle or personal trailer per calendar year.

The permit shall include the date and time it was authorized by the city clerk's office. The permit shall expire seventy-two (72) hours after it has been issued. A copy of the permit shall be filed by the clerk with the police department.

The permit shall be displayed so that it is visible from outside the vehicle on the street side.

- (3) At no time shall any "slide-out" component of a recreational vehicle or personal trailer be extended while parked.
 - (4) At no time shall any generator, compressor, or other motors be operating while the recreational vehicle or personal trailer is parked.
 - (5) At no time shall a recreational vehicle or personal trailer be parked in a manner that would encroach upon a sidewalk or crosswalk.
 - (6) At no time shall a recreational vehicle or personal trailer be parked within ten (10) feet of the entrance of any driveway not belonging to the registered owner of the recreational vehicle or personal trailer.
 - (7) At no time shall any hose, cable or other attachment be extended to or from a recreational vehicle over or upon any public sidewalk.
- (c) Parking of commercial equipment, commercial vehicle/trailer, semi-trailer, or semi-truck restricted:
No person shall park any Commercial equipment, commercial vehicle/trailer, semi-trailer, or semi-truck on any public alley, parking lot, street, or highway, within the city, except that the parking of a commercial vehicle, trailer, or equipment shall be allowed during the performance of a service on the adjacent or underlying property. The exception is permitted only during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the time when the actual service is being performed, or if the vehicle, trailer or equipment is necessary during other hours for warning of conditions for motor vehicle safety.
- (d) This section does not apply to parking authorized by special order of the city.
- (e) For the purposes of this section, the registered owner of a recreational vehicle, commercial vehicle or trailer, personal trailer, or a semi-truck or trailer parked in violation of this section is presumed to be the responsible party for any violation. All offenses and fines for parking shall be as presently established or as changed from time to time by resolution of the city commission as set forth in section 24-56. Each day that the violation occurs shall be considered a separate violation. The vehicle will be subject to impoundment at the owner's expense.
- (f) This section does not replace or modify winter parking restrictions.