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City of Goleta Planning Commission Workshop

Comment on: Draft New Zoning Ordinance Review, RV/Trailer Parking

Members of the City of Goleta Planning Commission and others,

My wife and I are residents in the City of Goleta and we have lived here in this same location for approximately 40 years. We are RV vehicle owners and we park our RV in our driveway. We have been RV owners, off and on for the entire time that we have lived in Goleta. And we would like to continue to keep our RV vehicle parked in our driveway. The zoning changes that you are considering might prohibit this.

There are, in the City of Goleta, some particularly egregious examples of uses a property's front and/or side yard space by the home owners (or possibly renters). These home owners (or renters) are storing RV camping trailers, RV motorhomes, boat & boat trailers, storage containers (of the ocean cargo type), off-road vehicles, and often multiple copies of these items in the "set back" spaces. I know of at least one example near my neighborhood. They are an eyesore and they could degrade the property value in that location.

My RV vehicle on my property is NOT like these. My RV vehicle occupies one of three parking spaces on the paved driveway surface that was part of the original construction of the house. I try diligently to prevent my RV vehicle from being an eyesore (unless, of course, your personal view is that any RV vehicle is an eyesore). My vehicle is not derelict and I use for camping almost monthly.

Yes, the egregious examples of use of the front/side setbacks on a property should be control and regulated. But, PLEASE, do NOT solve this problem by banning all recreational vehicles from being parked on private property. I believe that it would be possible to develop zoning ordinances could address the problem issues without effectively banning all RV parking.

Please try to work out a reasonable set of zoning regulations that will accommodate RV parking on the home owner property.

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