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From: Gary Vandeman <vangary@vangary.com>
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Subject: RV parking in Residential zones

I object to the proliferation of massive RV's in my Residential neighborhood. We need to stop, and reverse, this trend.

I am opposed to the storage of these "Recreation" vehicles in Residential neighborhoods.

I suspect that the only people in favor of them are the owners themselves. Non-owners have different levels of acceptance. Most of us will not complain because we want to get along with them. Many will even hold their tongues and sign petitions in support of what they really do not want. After all, we are all neighbors, right?

Residents that want to store RVs need to find a community that is built to support them. They should not expect the neighbors to tolerate boisterous behavior, blighted homes, or Mobile Homes that intrude on the existing character of my Residential Zoned neighborhood.

I object to the growing number of "Recreational" vehicles being stored on Residential properties for a variety of reasons:

By virtue of their amenities, they are actually mobile homes.

Size/mass overwhelm the residential homes. The change the character of the neighborhood.

They become ancillary dwellings.

They reduce the number of available street parking spaces because the RV The number of paved spaces available for frequently used vehicles, per residence, should not be less than zoning requires.

Infrequently used vehicles/devices/structures must be stored offsite.

Many were moved onto the property to avoid the Goleta street parking ordinances.

If they are larger than a full size car, they should not be allowed.

I would wish for an ordinance that permits smaller vehicles to be stored on the property. Temporary is difficult to define, but small boat trailers, removed Pick-up sized campers, Utility Trailers, and tent trailers should be permitted.

These communities were constructed, by building codes, with garages, and with driveways for accessing the garages. The driveways allowed space for additional parking. But families have come to use the garages for storage or extra living space, just as attics and basements have been used in other parts of the country. We have come to rely on the driveways as primary parking. This is not likely to change as we "consumers" continue to consume, bringing home ever more stuff.

This is similar to the battle that the SB harbor had with houseboats.

Actual vessels were deprived of a berth by the presence of what any reasonable person would call a house. The meanings of words are twisted to fit the situation.

Thank you for your consideration, and for recognizing the problem.

-Gary Vandeman

