

# History of Proposed Parking Code – How Did We Get Here?

Pinellas County consistently receives complaints from citizens about boats, RVs and cars parked in front yards of unincorporated neighborhoods.

Citizens have voiced concerns about the appearance of their communities and maintaining property values.

Local cities have parking codes and regulations similar to the proposed ordinance.

The county historically has periodically updated existing codes.

Pinellas County is no longer rural but has become highly urbanized. We live in the most densely populated county in the state.

The Board of County Commissioners formed a citizen task force in 2003 to review county code enforcement issues.

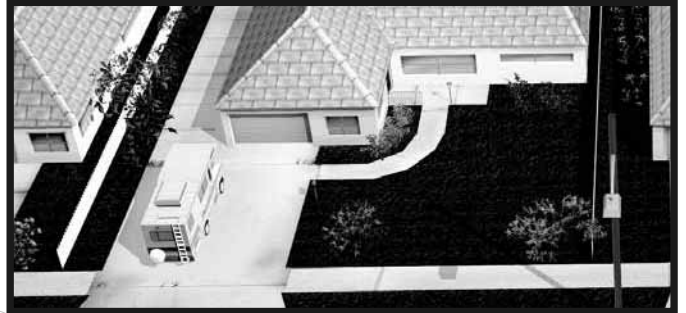
- Commissioners appointed 14 citizens to the task force.
- The task force members represented many different types of communities in Pinellas County.
- The task force met from September 2003 to February 2004 and presented recommendations to the County Commission in February 2004.
- Regulation of RV, boat and vehicle parking in unincorporated residential areas is one of the task force's recommendations to County Commissioners.
- County staff prepared a proposed parking ordinance based on the citizen task force recommendations.

Commissioners requested that community meetings be conducted to gather citizen input on the proposed code.

The Voice Your Choice Community Connection meeting YOU are now attending and the feedback you provide will help commissioners make an informed decision.

# Keep Current Code: No Changes in Regulations

- RVs up to 35 feet may be stored in unincorporated residential areas.



- Boats of any size may be stored in unincorporated residential areas.



- There is no restriction on parking locations for boats, RVs or cars in residential areas. Parking is allowed in driveways, and in front, rear or side yards.



- No visual screening, such as fences, trees or hedges, is required to obstruct the view of vehicles.



# Proposed Code

- RVs and boats (including trailer) up to 38 feet could be stored in unincorporated residential areas (single-family, duplex, triplex), limited to the side or rear yard, and would require a manufactured or durable parking surface.



- RV and boat parking would be prohibited on the roads or road shoulders in unincorporated residential areas.



- All car parking would be prohibited in the yard area, except in the driveway. One extra parking space would be allowed, provided that it is parallel and adjacent to the driveway on a manufactured or durable surface.



- Parking cars in the street is permitted, provided it is not a posted no-parking zone.



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