

Additional Information

Applications for Special Temporary Use Permit can be found on the County's Zoning Department webpage at:

<https://www.columbiacountyfla.com/ZoningDepartment.asp>

Section 4.2.18 of the Land Development Regulations ("LDRs") can be found at:

https://library.municode.com/fl/columbia_county/codes/land_development_regulations?nodeId=PTILADERE_ART4ZORE_S4.2SUDIRE

Section 14.10.2 of the LDRs can be found at:

https://library.municode.com/fl/columbia_county/codes/land_development_regulations?nodeId=PTILADERE_ART14PECOMA_S14.10SPPETEUS

Section 14.10.2(5) Requirements:

- 1) Property must be Zoned Agriculture or Environmentally Sensitive Area,
- 2) Applicant must demonstrate a permanent residence in another location,
- 3) Meet setbacks requirements for the zone district the property is located in,
- 4) Shall be hooked up to electrical service, potable water, and sanitary sewer,
- 5) Upon expiration of the permit, the RV shall be removed from the subject property for a minimum of 180-consecutive days; and,
- 6) Special Temporary Use Permit for RV can only be renewed after one-year from the issuance date of the prior RV permit.

Columbia County Guide to Recreational Vehicles



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Facts & Questions Recreational Vehicles



What is a Recreational Vehicle?

A Recreational Vehicle ("RV") is defined Chapter 380.01(1)(b)(1)-(8), Florida Statutes as: "... unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, which either has its own motive power or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle." The definition also includes travel trailers. Camping trailer, truck camper, motor home, private motor coach, van conversions, park trailer, and fifth-wheel trailer.

Can I Live in a RV on my Property?

Per Section 14.10.2 of the LDRs, there are two circumstance in which you can live temporarily in a RV on your property. In no case can you live in a RV on your property without a Special Temporary Use Permit.

- 1) You may dwell in a RV for up to 180 -consecutive days, if you meet the criteria in established in Section 14.10.2(10) of the LDRs.
- 2) You may dwell in a RV for up to 12-consecutive months during active construction while you are building your house. See Section 14.10.2(5) of the LDRs.

Parking, Storage, & Use of Major Recreational Equipment

Per Section 4.2.18 of the LDRs, Major recreational equipment is hereby defined as including boats and boat trailers, recreational vehicles (see article 2 Definitions), houseboats, and the like, and cases or boxes used for transporting recreational equipment, whether occupied by such equipment or not. No major recreational equipment shall be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes when parked or stored on a lot in a residential district, or in any other location not approved for such use. In any zoning districts allowing single family residences, major recreational equipment may be parked or stored in a rear or side yard, but not in a required front yard; provided that a principal residential dwelling exists on the lot. Such equipment may be parked anywhere on residential premises for a period not to exceed 24 hours during loading and unloading.

Frequently Asked Questions

I own property in Columbia County, can I stay in my RV on my property during the weekends? Yes, but under the following two circumstances:

- 1) The subject property is zoned Agriculture or Environmentally Sensitive Area; and,
- 2) the RV must be removed from the property after each weekend. Otherwise, a 6-month RV permit must be obtained.

I have family coming into town, can they stay in their RV on my property? No, and this circumstance is not eligible for a temporary RV permit.

Can I live in a RV on my property? No, RVs are only permissible under the two circumstance indicated in Section 14.10.2 of the LDRs.

Where can I live in a RV in the County? The only places permitted for dwelling in an RV in the County are RV Campgrounds. However, RV Campgrounds are subject to [Chapter 513, F.S.](#)