

# SPECIAL VEHICLE STORAGE

## CITY OF PLANO BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

### *Section 3-1108 Special Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance*

## Special Vehicle Storage (ZC 2008-73; Ordinance No. 2009-7-7)

### **a. A special vehicle is defined as:**

- i. A trailer of any length designed to be towed on public streets or
- ii. Any self-propelled vehicle which exceeds 22 feet in length. Self-propelled vehicle length shall be measured to include any overhang of the vehicle an/or any item, apparatus, or attachment affixed to the vehicle.

### **b. All special vehicles must conform to the following:**

- i. No special vehicle may be stored on required off-street parking.
- ii. No part of a special vehicle may extend over a public easement or right-of-way.
- iii. No special vehicle stored on a residential lot may be used for housekeeping, living, or sleeping quarters.
- iv. If required, federal and state licensing and registration must be current.
- v. All special vehicles must be maintained in an operable condition.
- vi. Stored vehicles must be secured with wheel stops or maintained so as not to present a safety problem to the neighborhoods in which they are located.
- vii. All special vehicles must be stored on an improved driveway or improved parking surface such as concrete, asphalt, paving stones, or brick. Gravel or crushed rock may be used in the side and rear yards but not in the front yard. The parking surface must be contiguous with and be an extension of the driveway, and the area of the parking surface should not be less the full dimensions of the special vehicle.
- viii. Special vehicles must be stored behind the front building line in the side or rear yard unless the lot is served by a driveway from a public street and which is its only point of vehicular access, or the lot does not have access to a standard alley (ten-foot wide paved alley).
- ix. Special vehicles stored in the side yard or rear yard behind the front building line must be screened from view from side streets but not alleys. In addition, these special vehicles must be screened in the front if brought onto the lot from the rear. (See Section '3.1000 Screening, Fence, and Wall Regulations'.)
- x. Where permissible in (viii) above, only one special vehicle may be stored in the front yard, and the special length must be oriented perpendicular to the front property line.

### **c. Special vehicle permit Requirements:**

- i. The storage in the front yard of any special vehicle exceeding 22 feet in length, including trailers, shall require a permit issued by the city certifying that the special vehicle will be stored in compliance with this ordinance.

**Please contact your Homeowner's association for additional requirements from Deed Restrictions and covenants.**

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