

# CITY OF MEXICO BEACH

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLE USE DURING CONSTRUCTION POLICY

With the passage of Ordinance 778 eliminating the use of recreational vehicles during construction the following guidance is mandatory for all city employees to follow in regard to an authorized property owner placing a recreational vehicle or camper on their property during construction or rebuilding of a home lost during Hurricane Michael. This policy may be supplemented by the City Administrator to meet specific individual need, but no modification can conflict with the requirements herein.

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### DEFINITIONS

'Recreational Vehicles'- Herein-after identified as RV's, shall be defined as a powered or non-powered wheeled vehicle containing or accompanied by toilet facilities, and/or cooking facilities, and shall include travel trailers, motor homes, mobile campers and "pop up" campers.

'Authorized Property Owner'– The owner of the property immediately before Hurricane Michael and is still the existing owner who lost a primary or secondary home during Hurricane Michael.

'Occupy' – Sleeping overnight in or occupying a recreational vehicle, as defined herein in any location or at any site longer than 12 hours.

'City' - means the City of Mexico Beach, Florida

'Vertical Construction' – Refers to the vertical construction of a property excluding land clearing, foundation installation, and in ground plumbing or electrical.

'Permit' – Identified as a record kept at City Hall that authorizes a RV to be occupied while construction is taking place on a property. It will also be a placard that must be displayed on the RV and be placed in plain sight from the street.

'Substantial Progress' – This will be referred to as continual, documented construction progress. This will be at the sole discretion of the City of Mexico Beach.

## Permitting

The party applying for an RV permit must prove they were the property owner prior to Hurricane Michael and are rebuilding or repairing a primary or secondary home lost due to the storm. Once vertical construction has begun a RV permit will be issued by the City. The permitted RV will be allowed to remain at the property until October 31, 2022, as long as substantial progress in construction and work activity is maintained. Documentation and determination of construction progress will be solely the City's responsibility and discretion. Campers are allowed on the property for the sole purpose of owner/family rebuild, not for contractors.

## Permits Fee Collection

If the authorized property owner is deemed eligible a permit will be issued at the cost of \$250.00 per month. This charge will be invoiced to the property owner and is due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Failure to pay by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month will result in the permit being null and void. In this case, the RV must be removed from the property immediately.

## Property Owners Responsibility

It will be the property owner's responsibility to keep the RV and surrounding area neat and clean. The RV must be connected to the city water and sewer system and pay monthly rates for such or be self-contained and shall not be connected or dumped in the city except to a sewer or licensed dumping station adequate for the disposal. The property owner will notify the city of any issues regarding construction progress.

## Effective Date

Permits will be issued immediately following the verification of the authorized property owner, vertical construction requirements and approval from the City Administrator. Permits will be issued until Friday, April 29, 2022.

## Termination Date

As long as all other criteria list above is maintained, the permit will be valid until a certificate of occupancy has been issued or the date of Monday, October 31, 2022, whichever comes first. If at any time the city deems there is not substantial progress in construction, the permit will be null and void. There will be no extensions for RV permits past the October 31, 2022. All RV's must be removed immediately upon the completion of the permit or if for any reason the permit becomes null and void.

\*The City Administrator reserves the right to modify this policy as deemed necessary