

Village of Palmyra

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Committee/Board:	
Topic:	Revision of Ordinance 9.24 Extended Habitation of RV
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Date of Committee Action (if required):	
Date of Village Board Action (if required):	03-02-2026

Information

Subject: Requesting re-wording of ordinance 9.24 Extended Habitation of a Recreational vehicle to include other motor vehicles and trailers and to delineate between private and public property.

Background Information/Rationale: Our agency has had complaints off and on for years of subjects staying overnight in their vehicles (cars) in several areas of the Village, both on private property and public property. The current wording of the above referenced ordinance prohibits "occupying or using as a residence any motor home, camper, camping trailer or other RV for 7 consecutive days or more". The current wording does not cover regular motor vehicles, cars, trucks etc nor does it make any mention of whether there is a difference if its private property or public parking (lots, on street parking etc).

Ordinance 9.26 Park regulations states "All Village parks are closed to the public from 10pm to 6am" but its not clear if vehicles are allowed to be there during that time. Several parks have designated parking areas that for years, we have directed residents to park in during the winter if they do not have off street parking available at their residence.

In the past 2 years the number of complaints being received by residents regarding subjects living in their vehicles in a village park parking lot has increased dramatically and we have received approx. 6 complaints this month. Residents are indicating that they do not feel safe being outside their residence and feel that they are being stalked and their residence is being "cased".

The proposed rewording of the ordinance still allows for someone to stay overnight for up to 6 consecutive nights on PRIVATE property (with the owners consent) but prohibits such activity completely on VILLAGE property (village streets, parks, parking lots etc). The proposed re-wording has already been reviewed by the Village attorney and drafted into an ordinance in the proper format

Key Issues for Consideration:

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Fiscal Impact (If any): Minimal cost to implement. Possible cost for signage.

Requested Action by Committee/Board: We request that the Village Board approve the revised ordinance as proposed.